



# COUNCIL NEWS

## University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 21 October 2024

### Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including:

- graduation ceremonies, including the awarding of Honorary Doctorates to Ms Louisa Rose, the Hon John Basten KC, and Mr Simon Hackett;
- the Visit by the Governor-General, Her Excellency the Honourable Sam Mostyn AC to the Waite Campus;
- the 25th anniversary celebration of the Don Dunstan Foundation; and
- the visit by the Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

### Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on:

- the University's positive financial position;
- staff engagement on Adelaide University;
- the Wirrltu Yarlu graduation event;
- staff receiving Advance HE fellowships, ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards and other awards,
- research partnerships with industry partners on artificial intelligence;
- research grants received; and
- the University's Open Day and other University events.

### Other Reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board, including various program reviews, the Publications Strategy and the Research Talent Attraction and Retention Strategy;
- the Finance Committee including the 2024 Q3 Forecast, the 2025 Budget Outlook the merger budget update, and endowment fund reports;
- the People and Culture Committee including regular reports in relation to the Integrity Unit, HR advisory, workplace relations and gender equality;
- the Risk Committee including enterprise and merger risk updates, internal audit reviews of complaints management and psychosocial safety risk management, sexual misconduct risk framework and reporting, and the Health, Safety and Wellbeing performance report for Q2 2024; and
- the Integration Management Office on merger progress and budget expenditure.

### Other items

Council received and discussed:

- a presentation from the Acting Executive Dean of Sciences, Engineering and Technology; and
- Safer Campus Community initiatives.

Council considered and approved other matters including:

- revised terms of reference for the Finance Committee;

- the award of honorary doctorates to two recipients;
- the revised ambition of targets within the Sustainability Strategy;
- the Alumni Council Transition Plan;
- the appointment of Mr Laurence Halabut to the People and Culture Committee for a two-year term; and
- approval of Rules for:
  - the James Barrans Scholarship; and
  - the Jean Bishop Reid Research Fund.