



COUNCIL NEWS

University of Adelaide Council meeting held on Monday 2 December 2024

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor reported on recent events she attended including:

- the University's Golden Jubilee, 150th Gala Ball, Julia Gillard Lecture, Celebration of Learning and Teaching, and Distinguished Alumni Awards; and
- the graduation ceremony for Medicine and the valedictory ceremony for Veterinary Medicine.

The Chancellor congratulated the University's recent graduates who received the Rhodes Scholarship and the John Monash Scholarships.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor and President

The Vice-Chancellor reported on the University's progress in the seven Pillar Plans for the Future Making 2024-2025 Strategic Plan:

- a stronger culture;
- financial sustainability;
- global world of ideas;
- magnet for talent;
- research that shapes the future;
- 21st century education; and
- beating heart of Adelaide.

Other Reports

Council considered reports from:

- the Academic Board, including its annual report to Council and various

- program reviews;
- the Finance Committee including controlled entity reporting, the 2024 year to date financial result, the merger budget update, the 2025 budget and business plan, and endowment fund reports;
- the People and Culture Committee including regular reports in relation to the Integrity Unit, HR advisory, workplace relations, gender equality, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan and merger matters;
- the Risk Committee including regular reports on enterprise, merger, cyber security risks, the internal audit review of the International Agreements and Arrangements – Foreign Arrangement Scheme, controlled entity annual risk reports, and the health, safety and wellbeing report;
- the Integration Management Office on merger progress; and
- YouX (Adelaide University Union) on its 2024 financial statements, half year financial statements and the 2025 budget.

Other items

Council received and discussed the annual presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement). Council congratulated the DVC (EE) and her team for the successful 150th celebrations.

Council considered and approved:

- updated terms of reference for the Academic Board, Finance Committee, People and Culture Committee; Risk Committee, Special Degrees Committee and Convenors' Committee;

- the University's and its controlled entities' 2025 budgets and business plans;
- changes to the strategic asset allocation for the University's endowment fund;
- instruments of delegations in relation to the extension of the managed services agreement with CompNow Pty Ltd and financial expenditure authorities for merger costs;
- the one-year extension of EY's appointment as the University's internal auditor;
- an update to the delegations framework due to staff transfers to Adelaide University;
- amendments to YouX's rule concerning the payment of honoraria to student representatives;
- the re-appointment of Ms Samantha Hellams to the Risk Committee, Ms Victoria Flygare to the Finance Committee and Professor Melissa Nursey-Bray to the Special Degrees Committee, each for a two-year term;
- an updated Governance Statement;
- the award of an honorary doctorate to one recipient; and
- Rules for:
 - the H.K. Fry Memorial Prize;
 - the Sewell Myers Research Bequest;
 - the John Mortlock Medical Bequest;
 - the Guli Magarey Prize for Singing;
 - the Dr Ruby Davy Prize for Composition;
 - the William Gardner Prize in Surgery; and
 - the Professor Donald Brook Cheek Fund in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.