

Council Meeting Summary

Meeting C199, 10 May 2019

The following matters were considered by the University Council at its meeting on 10 May 2019.

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor welcomed incoming Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Geoff Crisp, to his first Council meeting. The Council also noted the appointment of new Council member, Ms Patricia Kelly PSM, who will attend her first meeting in June.

The Chancellor briefed the Council on the recent University Chancellor's Council meetings and the upcoming external review of the Council's performance. The Council ratified the Chancellor's out of session approval to confer student awards at the March graduation ceremonies.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor advised the Council on a number of matters, including the following:

- student enrolments;
- partnership arrangements and strategic engagements, including the recent visit to India;
- the new [Incident Reporting tool](#);
- senior appointments and executive recruitment, including the appointment of Professor Wendy Lacey as the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Business, Government and Law;
- communications and the external review of the Contingent Continuing Assistant Professor program; and
- updates and project reports from the Academic, People and Diversity, and Finance and Infrastructure portfolios.

University Performance

The Council undertook its annual review and assessment of the University's performance against the approved Key Performance Indicators for the period 1 January to 31 December 2018.

Finance

The Financial Performance Report as at 31 March 2019 was presented to the Council and accepted. The Council also received and noted the first Full-Year Forecast for 2019 and standing reports on the exercise of financial delegations and the University's cash and debt position.

The Council received an update on the recent media reports relating to financial position of the University of Canberra College (UCC) and noted that The Canberra Times has since issued a revised statement to correct the inaccuracies originally reported. The Finance Committee will consider the matter at its meeting on 12 June for reporting to the June Council meeting.

Campus Community Master Plan

The Campus Community Project is an exciting University initiative which aims to deliver a diverse and vibrant community within the University's Bruce Campus and is a key element of the University's Campus Development program. The Project will deliver residential, commercial and retail development which will be integrated with the Campus and staged over the next fifteen to twenty years; transforming the character of the Campus.

The Council received a verbal update on progress made since the December 2018 meeting of the Council, where the Council endorsed the Precinct Operations and Financial Plan (**POFP**) and Campus Community Master Plan for 'Development Area A' subject to the satisfactory resolution of, or compliance with, a number of conditions and follow-up actions. The Council will receive a further update at its meeting in June.

Enterprise Bargaining

The Council received an update on the Enterprise Bargaining negotiations and noted that a new University of Canberra Enterprise Agreement 2019–2022 (**EA**) is available for staff consideration and will be open to a vote from 15 - 16 May 2019. Further information can be found on the [MyUC Staff Portal](#).

Governance and Policy

Review of Council Committee Structure

Following approval of the revised committee structure at Council meeting C197, the Council received and approved the following committee charters effective 10 May 2019:

- Nominations and Senior Appointments Committee (**NSAC**) Charter*;
- Audit and Risk Management Committee (**ARMC**) Charter;
- Legislation Committee Charter; and
- Planning and Development Committee (**PDC**) Charter.

* The Council abolished the Honorary Degrees Committee (**HDC**) and combined its functions with NSAC.

The committee charters and membership are published on the Council [website](#).

The Council also approved the following documents:

- [University of Canberra \(Honorary Degrees\) Rules 2019](#)
Amendments were made to remove reference to the Honorary Degrees Committee (now abolished) and to reflect current practice and organisational structure.
- University of Canberra (University Seal) Statute 2019
Amendments were made to clarify the use and execution of the seal and to modernise the University's business practices in a manner similar to the provisions of the Corporations Act. The Statute will come into effect upon authorisation by the ACT Government Executive.
- UC Student Representative Council Rules
Amendments were made to clarify the duties of Student Leaders and to include provisions for the resignation and removal of members. The Rules will be updated in the Policy Database in the coming week.

Reports to Council

The Council considered the following items:

- Work Health and Safety Performance Management Report;
- Major Risk Update Report;
- Workforce Profile Report;
- Campus Development Report; and
- 2018 Investment Committee Report.

The Council also received the following annual reports and presentations:

- Faculty of Science and Technology presented by Professor McLaughlin;
- Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leadership and Strategy presented by Professor Radoll; and
- Student Welfare, Wellbeing and Safety presented by Mr Pearsall and Dr Weekes.

Academic Board

The Council accepted the Academic Board Report and minutes of the 3 April 2019 meeting, and noted the matters determined under the Chair's delegation.

Committee Business

The Council received the following reports from the Committee Chairs:

- Nominations and Senior Appointments Committee Report, including minutes of the 8 April meeting;
- Audit and Risk Management Committee Report, including minutes of the 17 March meeting;
- Finance Committee Report, including minutes of the 18 April meeting; and
- Planning and Development Committee Report, including minutes of the 26 March meeting.

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The Council also met on 5 April 2019 to review and approve the Audited Financial Statements and Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Friday 28 June 2019. Further information about the Council and its committees is available on the [website](#). Please contact governance@canberra.edu.au with any queries.