UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

Communique

University Council Meeting C267, 8 October 2026

The University of Canberra Council met for a special meeting on Thursday, 8 October 2026 to consider the University's proposed faculty model and associated academic governance changes.

Faculty model change:

- Council considered the strategic rationale for moving to a two-faculty model, including reducing duplication, strengthening interdisciplinary teaching and research, improving organisational agility and leadership capability, and supporting the University's long-term sustainability.
- Council expressed strong support for the proposed model and emphasised the importance of clear communication with staff and students, careful management of transition risks, continuity of critical operations, and effective student representation under the new structure.
- Council requested that implementation outcomes be monitored against the stated objectives and that a formal review be undertaken after an appropriate implementation period.
- Council noted that faculty implementation briefings were underway and that the implementation plan would be released to staff on 14 October 2026 for consultation on implementation arrangements and logistics.

Academic matters discussed included:

- Council received an update from the Chair, Academic Board on the governance changes required to support the new faculty structure, including work on Faculty Board charters, committee structures and broader academic governance arrangements.
- Further details of the academic governance arrangements will be presented to the next Council meeting for consideration.

The resolutions passed during the open session of the meeting follow.

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Council Resolutions C267, 8 October 2026

RESOLUTION C267/1	The Council resolved to: 1. Note the consultation undertaken on the proposed two-faculty model and the feedback received. 2. Note the University's consideration of that feedback and the resulting amendments and clarifications to the proposal. 3. Note the verbal advice of Academic Board and the Joint Finance Committee and Audit and Risk Management Committee. 4. Approve the revised proposed University-wide organisational structure comprising two Faculties, as set out at Attachment C. 5. Authorise the Vice-Chancellor to proceed with implementation of the approved structure, including consultation on and finalisation of the Implementation Plan in accordance with applicable University obligations.
RESOLUTION C267/2	The Council resolved to note: 1. Subject to Council approval of the proposed two-faculty model, the disestablishment of the following Faculty Boards with effect at the end of 31 December 2026: a. Faculty of Business, Government and Law Board; b. Faculty of Arts and Design Board; c. Faculty of Education Board; d. Faculty of Health Board; and e. Faculty of Science and Technology Board; and 2. Subject to Council approval of the proposed two-faculty model, the establishment of the following Faculty Boards with effect from 1 January 2027: a. Faculty of Humanities, Technology and Design Board, or another faculty name approved by the Vice-Chancellor; and b. Faculty of Science and Health Board, or another faculty name approved by the Vice-Chancellor.