Communique

University Council Meeting C266, 3 September 2026

The University of Canberra Council met for its fourth ordinary meeting of 2026 on Thursday, 3 September 2026.

Strategic matters included:

- Consideration of opportunities associated with a potential unification of the University of Canberra and the Canberra Institute of Technology to establish a dual-sector institution. Council discussed the importance of a partnership-based approach that respects the distinct identity and contribution of vocational education and training.
- Consideration of the annual internal review of Council performance, including the importance of maintaining a strategic focus, strengthening agenda planning and incorporating appropriate sector benchmarking into Council reporting.

Vice-Chancellor's Report included:

- The University's re-registration as a higher education provider and further information requested by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.
- Progress on the University–ACT Government Joint Statement of Intent and Civic Partnership.
- Progress on the consolidation of statutes made under the University of Canberra Act 1989.
- International engagement in India and Bhutan, including recognition of the 15-year partnership with the Royal Institute of Management (Bhutan).

Financial matters included:

- Year-End Forecast.
- Planning for the 2027 Budget, including uncertainty associated with the Mission-Based Compact, Commonwealth-supported place allocations, international student visa outcomes, capital planning and potential property transactions

Governance and Compliance matters included:

- Approval of a revised delegations framework covering academic, administrative, financial and people delegations, together with a revised Delegations of Authority Policy and new Delegations of Authority Procedure.
- Retention of independent academic governance oversight for the approval of academic and research procedures, with Academic Board authorised to exercise or appropriately sub-delegate this authority.
- Approval of revised Admission Rules, Academic Progress Rules and Courses of Study Rules, together with an amendment to the rules governing elections of staff and student members to Council and Academic Board.
- Approval of amendments to the Audit and Risk Management Committee Charter.

- Approval of the revised Gender-Based Violence Committee Charter and the appointment of new staff and student representative members.

Academic matters discussed included:

- Review of Early Childhood Education Programs.
- Development of the University's approach to academic risk.

Student experience matters reported included:

The Student Report raised concerns regarding communication with students about change management following the announcement of the proposed faculty restructure. Council noted the concerns and discussed further student engagement and information about the rationale and process for the proposed changes.

Chancellor's Report:

The Chancellor updated Council on activities since last Council meeting .

Cybersecurity matters included:

Council participated in a cybersecurity simulation exercise delivered by members of the University's Information Technology and Cybersecurity team and external cybersecurity advisers.

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

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Council Resolutions C266, 3 September 2026

RESOLUTION C266/6	The Council resolved to confirm as a true and accurate record the Unconfirmed Minutes of C264 held on 23 May 2026, and the Draft Minutes of C265 Special held on 19 August 2026.
RESOLUTION C266/7	The Council resolved to adopt the resolutions of all items not starred in the C266 Agenda of 3 September 2026.
RESOLUTION C266/8	The Council resolved to accept the Vice-Chancellor's Report.
RESOLUTION C266/9	The Council resolved to note the Financial Year Forecast #2.
RESOLUTION C266/10	The Council resolved to note the update on budget progress.
RESOLUTION C266/11	Council resolved to approve: a) The proposed Academic, Administrative, Financial and People delegations, including the proposed consequential revisions to policies, procedures, frameworks and charters arising from these changes, except for the proposed delegation change

	relating to the approval of academic and research procedures, which will remain with the Academic Quality and Standards Committee (AQSC) and the University Research Committee (URC) rather than being delegated to the relevant custodian. b) The proposed Delegations of Authority Policy and new Delegations of Authority Procedure; and, c) The consequential amendment to the Policy Framework to provide that academic and research procedures are reviewed and approved in accordance with the Delegations of Authority, rather than by the relevant custodian.
RESOLUTION C266/12	Council resolved to approve the Admission Rules.
RESOLUTION C266/13	Council resolved to approve the revised Academic Progress Rules.
RESOLUTION C266/14	Council resolved to approve the revised Courses of Study Rules.
RESOLUTION C266/15	Council resolved to approve the proposed amendment.
RESOLUTION C266/16	Council resolved to approve the ARMC Charter as amended.
RESOLUTION C266/17	Council resolved to approve: a) The revised Gender-based Violence Committee Charter; b) The appointment of Mr Ethan Althofer as a staff representative Member; and, c) The appointment of Ms Javeria Aamer and Ms Erin Kelly as student representative Members.
RESOLUTION C266/18	The Council resolved to accept the Chancellor's Report.
RESOLUTION C266/19	The Council resolved to accept the Student Report.
RESOLUTION C266/20	Council resolved to: a) Accept the updated Academic Board Report b) Note the changes to the Academic Governance Review Purpose, Scope and Terms of Reference c) Note the Review of Early childhood Education Programs Report; and d) Note the confirmed Academic Board minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2026.
RESOLUTION C266/21	The Council resolved to: a) Note the Draft Minutes of the ARMC meeting held on 4 August 2026. b) Accept the report Policies Reserved for Council Approval.
RESOLUTION C266/22	The Council resolved to note the: a) The Chair of GBVC Report. b) Unconfirmed Minutes of the GBVC meeting held on 22 July 2026.
RESOLUTION C266/23	The Council resolved to note: a) Draft Minutes of FC2026/4 held on 5 August 2026. b) June 2026 Financial Management Reports. c) Report on Exercise of Financial Delegations.
RESOLUTION C266/24	The Council resolved to note the Draft Minutes PDC2026/3 held on 6 August 2026.
RESOLUTION C266/25	The Council resolved to note the IT&C update.
RESOLUTION C266/26	The Council resolved to ratify the affixing of the University Seal to the following document, as recorded in the University Seal Register