The following matters, which may be of interest to the staff and students of the University, were considered by the University Council at its meeting of 13 October 2006.

Vice-Chancellor’s Report

Changes to VP(I) Role
Senior executive responsibilities for international activities are being rearranged. Jim Langridge will now concentrate on the Illawarra Technology Corporation including UOWD and WUC and will retain a role within the University, continuing to provide invaluable advice in the Senior Executive, as Vice-Principal (Overseas Operations).

Professor John Patterson and Professor Rob Castle will take joint responsibility within the senior executive for the University of Wollongong’s own international activities. Professor Patterson will take on marketing and recruitment and will be responsible for UniAdvice and Professor Castle will be responsible for study abroad, exchange, alumni relations and community development. Professor Castle’s representative role will lead to his position being renamed as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International).

UOW Makes Times Higher Education Supplement’s Top 200 rankings
The University has been listed in the Times Higher Education Supplement Top 200 World University Rankings at 196. A publication on the rankings will be issued by the Times for the first time which will have a wide distribution and influence. The Vice-Chancellor noted that, while UOW had entered the top 200, five other Australian universities who were in the top 200 have dropped out this year.


ARC Grant Outcomes
The Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), the Research and Innovation Division and, most of all, UOW researchers on a successful ARC grant funding round that puts the University in the first division in terms of research reputation. He noted that the latest grants will bring in around $10 million of funding. UOW is placed ninth in terms of ARC funding and the position rises to sixth overall if size is taken into account.


Medical School Update
Interviews for the first cohort of students for the Graduate School of Medicine have taken place with the process being commended by those involved. The University is now in the fortunate position of needing to select 72 students from a field of twice that number.

The commencement of the Graduate Medical School in 2007 will include operations at the Shoalhaven Campus, where there will be an annual intake of 24 medical students. The Medical School has galvanised interest in nursing in the region, and hospitals within the southern sector of the South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Area Health Service (SESIAHS) support the commencement of a nursing program at Shoalhaven. Consequently, a funding application for $4.4 million from the Commonwealth Government’s Capital Development Pool Programme has been made to construct a new 1200m² building at the Shoalhaven Campus for the provision of a nursing program to the campus.

Scorecard Grant
The Commonwealth Government has announced funding of almost $700,000 to the University to develop a computerised management package to track its overall performance at a glance, across all its key areas such as teaching, research, finance, staffing and general operational matters.

Student Central serves 100,000th student
Student Central served its 100,000th student on 5 October. The Vice-Chancellor paid tribute the work of the Student Central staff and the Academic Registrar.

Research Achievements of UOW staff
The Vice-Chancellor advised of the following recent research successes:

- Professor Simon Ville from School of Economics and Information Systems has been elected as a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science.
- Professor Warwick Funnell of the School of Accounting and Finance has been honoured by the American Academy of Accounting Historians with its Hourglass Award; the most prestigious award conferred by the Academy and the highest international research honour in the field of accounting history.
- Dianne Jolley and four PhD students from UOW's Department of Chemistry are members of a CSIRO team studying contaminated sediments that has won a 2006 Eureka Prize for outstanding research.
- Dr Andrew Sense, of the School of Management and Marketing, has received a Highly Commended Award in the Human Resource Development category of the Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards 2006. [EFMD stands for the European Foundation for Management Development].
- Behzad Fatahi, a PhD student and teaching academic in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Wollongong has been awarded first prize at the Young Geotechnical Professional's Night for his research.

Community Engagement Grants
The University-Community Engagement Projects were announced at a ceremony held at the University on 22 September. The Community Engagement Grants Scheme provides funding for University staff and students to encourage and support collaborative University-community projects, which have mutually beneficial outcomes, for example, under the scheme Mr Glen Moore will be able to provide disadvantaged children with free access to UOW's Science Centre and Planetarium.


Business from Council Committees
Administrative Committee
Council received the minutes of the 26 September 2006 Administrative Committee Meeting. For further information about the Administrative Committee: http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/admin.html

Audit, Management and Review Committee
Council received the minutes of the 18 August 2006 Audit Committee Meeting and a verbal report from the chair of the Committee. For further information about the Audit Committee: http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/auditmanagement.html

University Budget 2007
The Director, Financial Services, gave a presentation on the University Budget for 2007 which was approved by the Council.

Occupational Health & Safety
The September Occupational Health and Safety Report was noted by Council. For further information on OH&S: http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/

Production of Marketing and Use of University Brand Policy
The Production of Marketing and Use of University Brand Policy was approved by Council. The policy can be accessed online at: http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/ProductionOfMaterial.pdf

Quality Improvement Plan Progress Report
Council noted the report on UOW quality improvements in response to the AUQA Audit recommendations. For more information about quality at UOW: http://www.uow.edu.au/planquality/

Council meeting dates for 2007
Council approved the following meeting dates for 2007:
• 9 February
• 20 April
• 6 July
• 17 August
• 12 October
• 23 November

Reports from Controlled Entities
Third quarter progress reports were received from the UniCentre, URAC, and Enikos Pty Ltd.
Further information about the UniCentre: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/

Creation of new controlled Entity: Radiation Detection Technologies Pty Ltd
Council approved the creation of a new controlled entity to commercialise real time dosimetry technology for brachytherapy treatment of tumours, in particular prostate brachytherapy, developed by Professor Anatoly Rozenfeld, Director of UOW’s Centre for Medical Radiation Physics.

Reports from Student Associations
Reports on activities from the Wollongong University Postgraduate Association (WUPA) and the Wollongong Undergraduate Student Association (WUSA) were received.

The next University Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 24 November 2006.