University of Wollongong
COUNCIL SUMMARY

188th Council Meeting: 10 February 2006

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 10 February 2006.

Council Membership
Six ministerial appointments to the University Council have been made by the NSW Minister for Education and Training. Ms Sue Browbank, The Hon David Campbell MLA, Mr George Edgar, Mr Kerry Kyriakoudes and Mr Joe Scimone were reappointed and Mr Noel Cornish, President of Australian and New Zealand Industrial Markets at BlueScope Steel, was a new appointment to Council. The Chancellor welcomed Mr Cornish to Council and also welcomed the new undergraduate student member, Mr John Adams.

Ms Sue Chapman was appointed Deputy Chancellor for a two year term. Council congratulated Ms Chapman and expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Deputy Chancellor, Mr George Edgar, for his outstanding service to the University as Deputy Chancellor for the past eight years. Profiles of all Council members, including the new Deputy Chancellor are available on the University website at: http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/profiles.html

Business Arising
The University has been deemed fully compliant with the Federal Government’s National Governance Protocols by the Department of Education Science and Training.

The NSW Minister for Education and Training approved the University’s purchase of Keiraview Accommodation late last year. The contract has now been settled and the University is in full possession of the building with 2006 student residents currently moving in. Further information: http://media.uow.edu.au/releases/2006/0118b.html

Vice-Chancellor's Report
New Federal Education Minister
Ms Julie Bishop was appointed Federal Minister for Education, Science and Training on 27 January 2006 after more than two years as Minister for Ageing.

Voluntary Student Unionism
On 9 December 2005 the Federal Government’s Voluntary Student Unionism (VSU) legislation was passed by the Senate. The VSU legislation comes into effect from July 2006. From that date students can no longer be charged compulsory service fees unless they are directly associated with their academic studies. While students already enrolled for 2006 will pay a compulsory service charge, those students enrolling to commence in July 2006 or after will not be required to pay.

Teaching and Learning Fund
At the end of last year, the University was awarded $5.108 million in funding for ranking among the top five higher education providers in the country for teaching performance. The grant follows The Australian’s front page announcement in August 2005 that UOW had beaten the nation’s most prestigious higher learning institutions in a ranking of the nation’s 38 publicly funded universities. Further information: http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2005/1130a/index.html

Preliminary Enrolment Report
Preliminary enrolment figures are positive and the University should be able to meet its projected targets. There is an international and national trend away from informatics which is reflected at UOW however, enrolments in Education and Engineering are up on last year and the University is in a strong position domestically.
Internationally, preliminary figures show a slight decrease in numbers which could be expected after the record numbers last year. Again, the national downturn in informatics enrolments is mirrored at the University although enrolment numbers in other disciplines have increased.

**Awards and Achievements**

- Prof Margaret Sheil, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) has been elected Chair of the AVCC’s Research Group.
- Prof Allan Chivas from the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences (Faculty of Science) has been appointed as a member of the ARC College of Experts from January 2006 to December 2008.
- The most-cited Australian scholar in Marketing from 1988 to the current day, Prof John Rossiter, from the University of Wollongong's School of Management and Marketing, has been made a Fellow of the Academy of Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy (ANZMAC). The Fellowships recognise members of ANZMAC who have shown outstanding leadership in research, marketing education and discipline development within their institutions and the Academy. Further information: [http://media.uow.edu.au/releases/2005/1219a.html](http://media.uow.edu.au/releases/2005/1219a.html)
- Associate Professor Roger Lewis from the Faculty of Engineering has been recognised as one of the state's most outstanding teachers. Professor Lewis was one of nine NSW academics to receive a Quality Teaching Award at a ceremony at Government House in December 2005. The Australian College of Educators and Minister for Education Quality Teaching Awards are presented annually. Further information: [http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2005/1206a/index.html](http://media.uow.edu.au/news/2005/1206a/index.html)
- In December 2005, the Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) announced the AINSE Awards for 2006. Under these Awards, 16 applications from UOW researchers were successful with grants totalling $203,365. This represents a 100% success rate for the University. Of the approved grants UOW received the highest total dollar value of any of the 32 universities that submitted applications.

**Business from Council Committees**

**Audit Management and Review Committee**

Council received the minutes of the 25 November 2005 Audit Management and Review Committee meeting. For further information on the Audit Management and Review Committee: [http://staff.uow.edu.au/audit-review/committee.html](http://staff.uow.edu.au/audit-review/committee.html)

**Capital Management Plan 2006-10**

The Capital Management Plan (CMP) for 2006-10 was presented to Council. The plan outlines the strategic development of University buildings and infrastructure, flagging the major upgrades and building construction projects the University is undertaking as well as monitoring the Universities use and management of resources. For more information on the Capital Development of the University see the Buildings and Grounds web pages at: [http://www.uow.edu.au/buildings/](http://www.uow.edu.au/buildings/)

**Occupational Health & Safety**

The annual Occupational Health and Safety Report for 2005 was noted by Council. For further information on OH&S: [http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/](http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/)

**General Staff Career Development Policies**

Council approved the following amended general staff career development policies with immediate effect:

- Development Program Assistance (General Staff):
- Supplementary Funding for Training and Development (General Staff):
- Study Allowance (General Staff):
Innovation Campus
The Innovation Campus Progress Report was presented to Council. For further information on the Innovation Campus: http://www.innovationcampus.com.au/

Reports from Controlled Entities
Start of year reports and business plans were received from the controlled entities of the University: ITC, UniCentre, URAC and Enikos Pty Ltd.
Further information about the UniCentre: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/

The next University Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 21 April 2006.