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 9 February 2007.

The Chancellor welcomed Professor Tony Hulbert to his first Council meeting.

**Business Arising**
The University has been deemed fully compliant with the Federal Government's *National Governance Protocols* and with the *Higher Education Workplace Relations Requirements* by the Department of Education Science and Training for 2006.

**Vice-Chancellor’s Report**
*Welcome ceremony for Graduate Medical School*
The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, AC, CVO, welcomed the first medical students to the University of Wollongong’s new Graduate School of Medicine (GSM) in a special ceremony at the University on Monday, 29 January. The inaugural GSM Lecture was presented by University of Sheffield Medical School Director of Teaching Professor Nigel Bax, who been a key consultant to the GSM as it established its curriculum. During the ceremony the Chancellor conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Science on Professor Bashir in recognition of her distinguished career in medicine and medical education.

*Funding success for Nursing at the Shoalhaven Campus*
Late last year, the University was awarded $2.5 million from the Commonwealth Government's Capital Development Pool funding. The money will be used towards the construction of a new 1200m² building at the Shoalhaven Campus in order to introduce a nursing program to the campus.

**Teaching and Learning**
- The University had an outstanding result in the Federal Government’s Learning and Teaching Performance Fund for 2007. UOW was awarded $5.4 million in additional funding, after featuring in the top tier A1 Band in the categories of Humanities, Arts and Education (in which it was ranked No.1); Science, Computing, Engineering, Architecture and Agriculture; and Business, Law and Economics. UOW and the Australian National University in Canberra were the only two institutions to be ranked in Band A1 in three of the four categories.
- In one of only three pilot projects awarded nationally by the Carrick Institute, UOW will take a leadership role in a Carrick Institute IT initiative. The pilot project will address the challenges associated with managing educational change in the broad ICT discipline at the tertiary level and is being led by Professor Joe Chicharo and Associate Professor Fazel Naghdy in the Faculty of Informatics.

**Research**
- In late November, the Minister for Education, Julie Bishop announced funding awards for the National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS). This fund will support major infrastructure and technical capabilities across Australia. At UOW, our combined strength in Fabrication Engineering, including superconducting and nano materials, will receive $1 million from NCRIS as well as additional funds from NSW State Government. The research teams in ISEM are led by Professor Dou, and in IPRI, by Professor Wallace.
- Professor David Steel has been successful in obtaining over $900,000 in funding from the DEST Collaboration & Structural Reform Fund. Our strength in statistics has helped attract a new pure mathematics group from the University of Newcastle led by Professor Iain Raeburn, one of the best mathematicians in the country and a highly cited researcher. He also holds several ARC Discovery grants and is a member of the ARC College of Experts.
- Professor Lee Astheimer has been appointed as the AVCC’s representative on the Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching (ANZCCART). The appointment is for a two year period.
• Associate Professor Beverly Walker of the Dept of Psychology and Illawarra Institute of Mental Health is the first author for an article published in the 2007 Annual Review of Psychology. The article, titled “The Elaboration of Personal Construct Psychology”, was written with Professor David Winter at the University of Hertfordshire, UK. This is a considerable honour as publication is by invitation only. In the past 25 years only four other Australians have had articles in this journal, which, with an impact factor of 9.8, is the highest ranking mainstream psychology journal.

• The University’s first spin-off company, Enikos, has received significant venture capital funding allowing it to develop software technology with enormous potential in the news and entertainment sectors. Enikos has closed a pre seed round of financing led by Allen & Buckeridge Emerging Technology Fund (A&B ETF). Two other multimedia start-up ventures are progressing well in terms of investment.

Staffing
Mr Chris Edmondson, Director of ITS and the Strategic Planning Unit is retiring from the University in April after nearly 10 years service. Chris has made a significant and valued contribution to the University, particularly in the field of IT, where the University is now positioned very favourably.

Business from the Audit Management and Review Committee
Council received the minutes of the 24 November 2006 Audit Committee Meeting. For further information about the Audit Management and Review Committee:

Business from the Administrative Committee
Council received the minutes of the 20 December 2006 Administrative Committee Meeting. For further information about the Administrative Committee:

Capital Management Plan 2007-11
The Capital Management Plan (CMP) for 2007-11 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 University’s 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/

Occupational Health & Safety
The December 2006 Occupational Health and Safety Report and the 2006 Annual Summary was noted by Council. For further information on OH&S: http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/

Policy Approval
Revised Delegations of Authority Policy
Following a review of the Delegations of Authority Policy, Council approved the revised Policy, which can be found online at:
[link]

Reports from Controlled Entities
Start of year reports and business plans were received from each of the University’s controlled entities. Further information about the ITC: http://www.itc.com.au/
Further information about the UniCentre: http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/

The next University Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 20 April 2007.