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 20 April 2007.

The Chancellor congratulated the following Council members:
- Mr Bernie Huang, who is to receive one of the Chinese Government’s 2006 Awards for Outstanding Self-financed Students Abroad.
- Professor Tony Hulbert, on being awarded the Clarke Medal for distinguished work in the Natural Sciences.
- The Hon David Campbell MLA, on his new role as NSW Minister for Police.

Vice-Chancellor’s Report
- The University has now signed a lease with Accenture to set up a facility on the main campus. The University has assisted Accenture with recruiting 30 staff, mainly UOW graduates. Accenture has advised that the recruitment exercise was significantly more successful than any other recent graduate campaign they have conducted.
- Enrolment numbers are up for domestic students and look positive for a bid for increased student places in 2008. New international enrolments were up.
- The University has been successful in receiving funding under the Federal Government’s Voluntary Student Unionism Transition fund. The Government has provided $4.6 million (with UOW to contribute $2 million) for a 3,000 seat multi-purpose indoor sports facility to be built at the main campus. Under the Federal Government’s Support for Small Businesses on Regional University Campuses Program, UOW received $405,000 for a medical services hub for its main Wollongong campus as well as funding towards a restaurant/café at its Shoalhaven Campus in Nowra.
- The Easy Access Upgrade at North Wollongong Railway Station has been completed, resulting in improvements to access and security and providing significant benefits to both the broader community and those who utilize the railway system to access the University’s Wollongong Campus. The upgrade has already contributed to the increased patronage of the North Wollongong Railway Station/Campus Shuttle Bus, provided by the University.
- The University and its largest subsidiary, Illawarra Technology Corporation (ITC), have both earned an Employer of Choice for Women citation from the Federal Government’s Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency.
- Prominent Illawarra pathologist and business leader Dr Stephen Andersen has taken over as Chairman of University of Wollongong’s Alumni Development Group (ADG). Council expressed its thanks to Dr Peter Robertson, who has chaired the group over the past four years and prior to that chaired the Alumni Association from 2000-2002.

Research Achievements
- A new centre of excellence, the Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), aimed at helping make Australia a world leader in oceans governance and maritime security in the Asia Pacific Region, officially began operating on 1 March.
- The Australian Academy of Science has announced that Professor Gordon Wallace will join an elite group of scientists in the country to be awarded a Fellowship of the Academy.
- The University of Cambridge has recognised the contribution made by the published research of UOW academic, Professor Colin Woodroffe, (Earth and Environmental Sciences) by the awarding of a Doctor of Science.
- Professor Julie Steele has been elected president-elect of the International Society of Biomechanics. The two-year term will be followed by two years as president of the main international professional association for the 5,000 academics and professionals working in the field of biomechanics around the world.

Business from the Audit Management and Review Committee
Council received the minutes of the 9 February and 30 March Audit Committee Meetings. For further information about the Audit Management and Review Committee: http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/council/UOW000269.html
Business from the Administrative Committee
Council received the minutes of the 6 March 2007 Administrative Committee Meeting. For further information about the Administrative Committee:

2006 University Financial Statements
The Director, Financial Services gave a presentation to Council on the 2006 Financial Statements, noting that the statements cover the University of Wollongong Group which includes its controlled entities. In 2006 the University registered a positive operating result of $25 million. Both URAC and UniCentre achieved surpluses in 2006 putting them in a good position to deal with the loss of revenue caused by voluntary student unionism in 2007.

The Chair of the Audit Management & Review Committee advised that the Committee had considered the financial statements and was confident that the University was able to service its debts as they fell due. He commended the financial statements to Council. Council approved the 2006 financial statements.

Triennial Risk Assessment
Council received a confidential presentation on the 2006 Triennial Risk Assessment by the external consultants from Deloitte who produced the report. The report will form the basis of UOW’s internal audit activities over the next three years. For more information on the Audit Management & Review committee that monitors risk at UOW:

Occupational Health & Safety
The February 2007 Occupational Health and Safety Report was noted by Council. For further information on OH&S: http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/

Innovation Campus Report
Council received a progress report on developments at the Innovation Campus. For more information about the innovation campus: http://www.innovationcampus.com.au/

Strategic Planning Progress Report and Core Function Plans
Council noted the progress report on the 2008-2010 strategic plan and discussed the core function plan reviews and 2007 planning priorities. For more information on planning:
http://www.uow.edu.au/planquality/

2006 Library Annual Report
The University Library’s 2006 Annual Report was received by Council. To view the report online:

Reports from Student Associations
Council received reports from the Wollongong Undergraduate Association (WUSA) and the Wollongong University Postgraduate Association (WUPA). Council also approved amendments to the WUPA Constitution.

The next University Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Friday, 6 July 2007 at the Shoalhaven Campus.