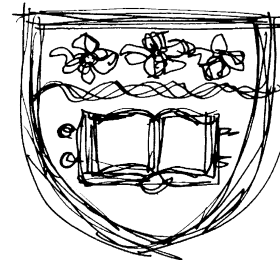


**University of Wollongong  
COUNCIL SUMMARY**

**217<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting: 3 December 2010**



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*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 3 December 2010.*

### **Council Membership**

The Chancellor thanked outgoing Council academic staff member Penney McFarlane for her service to Council and congratulated Ms Kim Callaway for being re-elected to Council for a three year term as a non academic staff member. The newly appointed academic staff member to Council is Mr Ron Perrin who will take up his appointment in 2011. Details of Council membership are available on the University Council website:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/council/UOW000322.html>

### **Vice-Chancellor's Report**

The Vice-Chancellor reported as follows:

- The University's application for funding for the hospital and medical precinct proposal under the Health and Hospitals Fund was submitted to the Department of Health and Ageing in Canberra.
- Domestic enrolments for 2011 are strong, particularly the demand from NSW school leavers where UOW has increased its market share. As expected and previously advised, UOW is experiencing a decrease in international student enrolments like other institutions in the sector as a result of the changes to migration policy and other factors affecting overseas demand.
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) advised that the Mission-Based Compacts will be three year agreements that show how each university's mission contributes to the Government's goals for higher education, and also include details of major higher education and research funding and Performance Funding targets. Higher Education Performance Funding is a key component of the teaching and learning section of Compacts. Universities will be allocated Performance Funding on the basis of meeting targets as part of the Compact and set against a framework of performance indicators. The timetable for the Compacts has been delayed slightly by DEEWR.
- The Deputy Vice Principal (Finance & IT) advised Council on the recent visit by Analysts from the Standard and Poor's Credit Rating and that UOW had maintained its AA/Stable rating.
- The Vice-Principal Administration (VPA) advised that the Wollongong City Council (WCC) has made it public that UOW is the preferred organisation for the sale or lease of Glennifer Brae. Together with the Director, Buildings and Grounds, the VPA attended a public meeting where UOW's proposed long term plans for the site were put forward including restoration plans for the Manor House and then at a later stage, a creative arts centre. Negotiations are about to commence with WCC on the proposed terms and conditions for the sale or lease of Glennifer Brae and then there will be a subsequent public consultation phase by WCC. For further information refer to:

<http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW091626.html>

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) reported on the recent successes with the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) grants. The DVC (A) advised that the University has been recently successful in obtaining four ALTC grants worth \$700,000 and continues to sit at fourth place nationally in terms of success over the last five years.
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) reported on UOW's international activities advising that as expected, onshore international enrolments for 2011 across the sector have dropped. The roll-out of the INTI Laureate is on track for next year with UOW's Professor Barry Harper having a strong presence in Kuala Lumpur. UOW is also rolling out a similar model for INTI in Penang.
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) reported on recent successes with the ARC advising that the University has again achieved outstanding success in the ARC Discovery Grants and Linkage Grant Schemes. UOW was awarded a total of \$10.6M with Professor Sara Dolnicar being awarded \$1.46M, the single highest amount awarded to any of the overall grant proposals. Under the National Health and Medical Research Council Project Grants (NHMRC), UOW was awarded a total of \$2.26M in funding for five grants. This is an 80% increase from last year. Four UOW researchers were also successful under the ARC Future Fellowships Scheme – a total of \$2.8M.
- The University is nearing completion with its general staff enterprise bargaining. The proposed General Staff Agreement is supported by the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU) but is opposed by the National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU). The agreement has been put to a vote of general staff in accordance with the Fair Work Act. The ballot opened on Tuesday 30 November 2010 and closes on Monday 6 December 2010.
- Mr Keith Phipps, a Fellow of the University, former University Council member and foundation chair of the Alumni Association passed away in November. Keith made a considerable contribution to the University over many years and this commitment was matched by his community service. The University extends its sympathy to the Phipps family.
- Mr Peter Whitall, Chief Executive Officer of Pike River Mine in New Zealand is a graduate of the University of Wollongong and has a Bachelor of Mining Engineering and a Masters of Business Administration.

### **Innovation Campus Oversight Committee**

Council received the November 2010 progress report on the developments at the Innovation Campus. For further information regarding the Innovation Campus:

<http://www.innovationcampus.com.au/>

### **Business from the Academic Senate and Policy approvals**

The 2010 Annual Report to Council from the Chair of Academic Senate was received. For more information about the Academic Senate:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/academicssenate/index.html>

Council approved the following new and revised policies:

- Academic Advice to Students Policy (effective Autumn Session 2011)
- Digital Submission of Higher Degree Research Theses (effective immediately)
- Student Charter (effective Autumn Session 2011)
- Student Awards and Prizes Policy (effective immediately)
- International Alliances Policy (effective immediately)
- Code of Practice – Teaching and Assessment (effective Autumn Session 2011)

For further details regarding the policies, refer to the Policy Directory:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/policy/index.html>

Council also noted the listing of awards and degrees of the University for 2011.

For further information regarding the courses on offer refer to the:

2011 Undergraduate Handbook - <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2011/index.html>

2011 Postgraduate Handbook - <http://www.uow.edu.au/handbook/yr2011/pg/index.html>

### **Business from the Administrative Committee**

Council received the minutes (unratified) of the 2 November 2010 Administrative Committee Meeting. For further information about the Administrative Committee:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/governance/committees/council/UOW000319.html>

### **Faculty Presentation**

Council noted the faculty presentation provided by Professor Wenche Ommundsen, Dean of the Faculty of Arts. For further information regarding the Faculty of Arts, refer to:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/arts/index.html>

### **Preparations for AUQA Audit 2011**

Council noted the preparations for the AUQA Audit 2011 and the draft UOW AUQA Performance Portfolio. For more information regarding the upcoming AUQA Audit or planning and quality at UOW refer to: <http://www.uow.edu.au/planquality/index.html>

### **Environment Management Plan 2010-2013**

Council approved the 2010-2013 Environment Management Plan.

For further information regarding the Plan refer to

<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/environment/emp/index.html>

### **Occupational Health & Safety**

The Director, Human Resources advised that the second annual UOW Workplace Health and Safety awards was held in October with Mr Barry Formosa, Vice President of Safety, Health, Environment and Community for BHP Billiton, attending as a special guest. The awards are to formally recognise the significant achievements from staff and students involved in the implementation of occupational health and safety initiatives.

The October 2010 Occupational Health and Safety Report was noted by Council. For further information on OH&S refer to: <http://staff.uow.edu.au/ohs/>

### **Reports from UOW Student Associations**

Council received the unratified minutes of the Student Representative Forum held on 29 October 2010. Council also approved the revised WUPA Constitution and WUPA Regulations Governing Elections.

For more information on Student Representation:

Student Representative Forum: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/representation/index.html>

WUSA: <http://wusa.uow.edu.au/>

WUPA: <http://www.uow.edu.au/wupa/>

Student Advocacy Officer: <http://www.uow.edu.au/student/advocacy/index.html>

### **Reports from Controlled Entities**

Council received the end of year progress reports from the University's controlled entities. For further information:

ITC Group of Companies: <http://www.itc.com.au>

UniCentre: <http://unicentre.uow.edu.au/index.htm>

URAC: <http://www.urac.com.au/>

### **Appointment of Director of UniCentre Ltd**

Council approved the nomination of Mr Dean Young as a UOW Council appointed member of the Wollongong UniCentre Ltd effective 5 December 2010.

*The next meeting of Council is scheduled for 4 February 2011.*