



## Council Bulletin

### October 2023

The sixth meeting of the University of Southern Queensland Eleventh Council was held on Monday 9 October 2023 at the Toowoomba Campus. Chancellor, [Mr John Dornbusch](#) is the Chair of Council.

A full list of current Council members can be found on the [UniSQ Council](#) webpage.

#### Honorary Awards

An Honorary Awards ceremony was held on Thursday 12 October 2023. On behalf of Council, the Chancellor announced the following awards:

- Robert Atkinson AO APM - Doctor of the University
- Air Marshal (Rtd) Geoff Brown AO - Doctor of the University
- Professor Patrick Murray AM - Professor Emeritus
- Professor Alfio Parisi – Professor Emeritus
- Paul Antonio - Fellow of the University
- Athol Kerridge - Fellow of the University

#### Reports to Council and Resolutions Passed

Council received the following reports at the 9 October 2023 meeting:

- **Chancellor's Report**  
The Chancellor provided an update on events and meetings attended since the last meeting of Council in August 2023.
- **Vice-Chancellor's Report**  
Vice-Chancellor Professor Geraldine Mackenzie provided an update on activities and issues since the August 2023 Council meeting.
- **Elected Student Member Report**  
Council's Elected Student Member Olivia Beard presented a report detailing activities occurring within the UniSQ Student Senate to support the University's [Students as Partners](#) initiative.
- **Academic Board Report**  
Chair of the Academic Board, Associate Professor Fernando Padró provided a report from the Academic Board meeting held on 19 September 2023. Items included:
  - Recommendation to add the Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) as an ex officio member of Academic Board - approved.

- Academic Quality Assurance of Third-Party Arrangements Report.
  - Academic Integrity Report for Semester 1-3, 2022.
  - Academic Board Self-Assessment Survey results.
  - Education Committee Self-Assessment Survey results.
  - Research Committee Self-Assessment Survey results.
- **Finance and Facilities Committee Report**  
Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee Chris Bazley presented a report from the meeting held 14 September 2023. Items included:
    - August 2023 Finance Flash Report.
    - 2024 Annual Plan and Budget Development Report.
    - Union Institute of Language Quarter 2 Report.
    - Queensland College of Wine Tourism Annual Report.
    - University Student Endowment Fund Report.
    - Monthly Financial Report - 31 July 2023 including Quarter 2 Budget Review - approved.
- **Audit and Risk Committee Report**  
Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee Brett Delaney presented a report from the meeting held 14 September 2023. Items included:
    - Risk Management Report to 18 August 2023.
    - Annual Safety and Wellbeing Report July 2022 to June 2023.
    - TEQSA Re-Registration Program of Work update.
- **Chancellor's Committee Report**  
Chair of the Chancellor's Committee and Chancellor, John Dornbusch provided a report from the 14 September meeting. Items included:
    - Policy and Procedure Status Report.
    - Recommendation to approve proposed updates to the Charter of University Governance - approved.
    - Statement of Compliance and progress update relating to the Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities.
- **Council Sub-committee Terms of Reference**  
Council reviewed and approved updates to the Terms of Reference for the following:
    - Finance and Facilities Committee.
    - Audit and Risk Committee.
    - Chancellor's Committee.
    - Remuneration Sub-committee.
 Updated versions are published on the [UniSQ Council](#) webpage.
- **Research and Innovation Division Annual Report**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor John Bell, presented the Research and Innovation Division Annual Report and provided updates on progress towards the high-level research goals identified in the [Research Plan 2021-2025](#).
- **Student Load Report**

Provost Professor Karen Nelson presented the Student Load Report including the high-level Load Optimisation Strategy and action plan and the 2024 student load and income estimates.

- **TEQSA Re-registration Update**

Provost Professor Karen Nelson presented an update to Council on the activities and progress regarding the [Universities TEQSA 2024 Program](#).

## Next Meeting

The final meeting of Council for 2023 will be held on **Monday, 4 December 2023** at UniSQ Brisbane.

The final Council Sub-committee meetings for 2023 are as follows:

Audit and Risk Committee	Thursday 9 November 2023
Finance and Facilities Committee	Thursday 9 November 2023
Chancellor's Committee	Thursday 9 November 2023
Honorary Awards Committee	Thursday 9 November 2023
Academic Board	Tuesday 14 November 2023

## Contact

Council Bulletins are available to the UniSQ community following each Council meeting and provide a summary of key decisions made throughout the year. Council Bulletins are available on the UniSQ Council webpage:

<https://www.unisq.edu.au/about-unisq/governance-leadership/governance/council>

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