

Chancellor's Update and Council Bulletin - June 2025

A message from the Chancellor

Dear colleagues,

Further to my previous update wherein I advised that the process of recruitment to the position of Vice-Chancellor and President was underway, I am pleased to advise that the position has been advertised today, marking a key milestone in identifying a visionary leader who will guide our University into the future.

This is a pivotal moment for our institution. The Vice-Chancellor and President plays a central role in shaping our academic mission, fostering innovation, and strengthening our engagement with local, national, and international communities. Council is committed to a thorough and inclusive search process that reflects the values and aspirations of our University.

The search will be led by Alun Parry of Boyden Australia. Details of the opportunity, including contact details for Alun are available via this [website](#).

I encourage all members of our community to share the opportunity widely and to engage with the process as it unfolds. Further updates will be provided as we progress through the stages of recruitment.

The June Council meeting was held at our beautiful Ipswich campus, with Council members participating in a tour of the campus which included the Strength and Conditioning Performance Lab, the UniSQ Clinics, Paramedicine facilities, Nursing Labs, and Anatomage Tables. My thanks to all involved in the tour, including Nathan Jones, Dr Chris Gaviglio, Professor Marion Gray, Lisa Topp, Dr Dennis Walker, Associate Professor Linda Ng, Jake Robinson, Professor Ben Tan, and Professor Glen Coleman.

Details of the June Council meeting are included in the Bulletin below. If you have any questions about the Bulletin, or any other Council-related matters, please feel free to contact me via email to chancellor@unisq.edu.au.

Kind regards

John

Dr John McVeigh
Chancellor

Council Information

The third University of Southern Queensland Council meeting of 2025 was held on Monday 16 June at UniSQ Ipswich campus.

Strategic Presentations and Reports

- **Student Guild Council Representative Report**

The Council Representative on UniSQ Student Guild Board Annual Report was provided by Council representative Helen Nolan.

- **UniSQ Student Guild Annual Report**

UniSQ Student Guild Board Chair Emeritus Professor Jane Summers presented the 2024 UniSQ Student Guild Annual Report.

- **Horizon 3 Future Strategy**

Vice-Chancellor Professor Karen Nelson presented the Horizon 3 – Future Strategy outlining the progress and development of the new University vision and Statement of Strategic Ambition.

- **Risk Appetite Statements**

Acting Director Internal Audit Kris Isles presented the updated University Risk Appetite Statements reflecting outcomes from the April Council and Vice-Chancellor's Executive Enterprise Risk Framework Workshop. Council resolved to approve this updated Statements.

Reports to Council

The following reports were received at the 16 June 2025 Council meeting:

Chancellor's Report

I presented an update on events and meetings attended since the last meeting of Council in April 2025.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

A detailed report on the University's activities and achievements to the 2 June 2025 was presented by Vice-Chancellor Professor Karen Nelson.

Academic Board Report

Academic Board Chair Professor Alexander Kist presented the Academic Board Report to Council April 2025. Items received included:

- Confirmed Academic Board Meeting Minutes 8 April 2025
- Research Integrity Annual Report 2024

Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Chris Bazley presented the Finance and Facilities Report to Council from the 15 May 2025 meeting. Items received included:

- Unconfirmed Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes 15 May 2025
- Finance Flash Report 31 May 2025
- Union Institute of Language Springfield Campus Pty Ltd Quarter 1 2025 Report
- Monthly Financial Report to 31 March 2025

Audit and Risk Committee Report

Audit and Risk Committee Acting Chair Kylee Valentine presented the Audit and Risk Committee Report to Council from the 15 May 2025 meeting. Items received included:

- Unconfirmed Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 15 May 2025
- UniSQ Health Safety and Wellbeing Quarterly Report
- Cyber Security Quarterly Report
- University of Southern Queensland 2024 Modern Slavery Statement. Council resolved to approve this statement.

Chancellor's Committee Report

I presented the Chancellor's Committee Report to Council from the 15 May 2025 meeting. Items received included:

- Unconfirmed Chancellor's Committee Meeting Minutes 15 May 2025
- Measuring our Progress 2024 Report on Performance

Honorary Awards Committee Report

I presented the Honorary Awards Committee Report to Council from the 15 May 2025 meeting for Council to note.

Appointed Members of the 12th Council

Council considered and endorsed five nominees for consideration by the Qld Minister for Education the Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP. I will provide an update regarding these appointments once they have been considered by the Minister.

Board Minutes and the Use of Artificial Intelligence

The Director (Governance) and University Secretary Julie Shinnars presented the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) and Governance Institute of Australia (GIA) Joint Statement on Effective Board Minutes and the Use of AI, and the AICD Directors Guide to AI Governance.

Statement of Regulatory Expectations: Compliance with Workplace Obligations

Vice-Chancellor Professor Karen Nelson presented the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency's (TEQSA's) new Statement of Regulatory Expectations: Compliance with workplace obligations.

2025 Call for Agenda Papers

Approved briefing documents must be submitted by close of business on the date the agenda closes to the [Executive Officer \(Council\)](#). Guidelines for the Conduct of Council and Committee Meetings require agenda papers to be distributed at least seven days prior to the meeting. The standing orders of Council permit the tabling of papers only in exceptional circumstances. The 2025 University Meeting Schedule is available on the [Council and Committee Terms of Reference](#) webpage.

Council Bulletins

Information about Council, including Council Bulletins can be accessed on the University of Southern Queensland Council webpage: <https://www.unisq.edu.au/about-unisq/governance-leadership/governance/council>

Council Members

The Chancellor Hon Dr John McVeigh is the Chair of Council. UniSQ Eleventh Council member information is available on the [University of Southern Queensland Council](#) webpage.

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways where the University is located. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



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