



Council Bulletin July 2026

Message from the Chancellor

Dear colleagues,

Council held its third meeting of the year in June at our Ipswich campus, which provided a great opportunity for Council members to see the progress on construction of the new Health building. Prior to the afternoon Council meeting, the Vice-Chancellor and President hosted the annual half-day joint workshop for Vice-Chancellor's Executive and Council members, where we discussed strategic matters including UniSQ culture and points of pride, building a regional health and wellbeing ecosystem for the Western Corridor, and key projects currently underway as part of the iLAUNCH program. I also provided an update on Council's progress with implementing the eight principles of the Federal Government's Expert Council on University Governance, confirming our ongoing commitment to the intent of the principles and the requirements of the Higher Education Standards Framework. In particular, I drew attention to:

- Council's stewardship role, with a focus on managing assets with an eye on sustainability, not short-term profit.
- The role Council plays in the University's social impact, and upholding values which extend beyond the balance sheet.
- Council's commitment to defining and modelling a positive organisational culture through its actions, decisions, commitment to expected behaviours, and prioritisation of safety.
- The cruciality of academic governance which is robust, reinforcing Academic Board's role in maintaining academic quality, safeguarding academic integrity, and providing strategic advice to Council.
- Council's focus on remuneration, performance, and accountability, noting the need to ensure a balance between attracting high-calibre staff and meeting public accountability standards.
- The importance of Council's reflection on its own performance, and in particular the ongoing commitment to an inclusive Council culture where diverse voices can be heard and challenged constructively.
- How effective Council communication with stakeholders is crucial to ensuring transparency, trust and accountability in our University.

With regard to the final point above, on behalf of Council I am always keen to hear your suggestions about how we might be able to improve our communication with staff. Please feel free to contact me via email to chancellor@unisq.edu.au if you have any ideas you'd like to share.

Kind regards,

John

Dr John McVeigh, Chancellor

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the Council of the University of Southern Queensland was held on the Ipswich Campus H301, and via Zoom, on **Monday 22 June 2026**, commencing at 12.30 pm AEST. Current Council member information is available on the [12th Council Membership](#) website.

STRATEGIC PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Student Guild Annual Report (2025)

The Executive Chair of the UniSQ Student Guild Emeritus Professor Jane Summers presented the report to Council, highlighting growth in student services, clubs, and engagement initiatives across campuses. The Report is published on the [UniSQ Student Guild Website](#).

TEQSA Re-registration Status and Readiness Update

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education) Professor Glen Coleman presented the TEQSA re-registration status and readiness update. The update highlighted the establishment of governance structures to support continuous assurance and alignment with the [Higher Education Standards Framework 2021 \(HESF\)](#) and the implementation of the TEQSA RE-Registration Readiness Roadmap 2026-2031.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

Chancellor's Update

Council received and noted the Chancellor's update, including an update on community engagement activities.

Vice-Chancellor and President's Report

The Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Paul Mazerolle reported on key institutional developments, including responses to national policy matters, organisational stabilisation, staff engagement, regional initiatives, infrastructure investment, and delivery of strategic priorities. The Vice-Chancellor and President's Report informs Council on the development, overall operations and attainments of the University as required by the UniSQ Governance Charter, which can be found on the [UniSQ Council website](#).

Academic Board Report

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

- Academic Board Report to Council June 2026
- Academic Board Meeting Minutes 26 June 2026

Finance and Facilities Committee Report

Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Amanda Kenafake presented the Finance and Facilities Report to Council. Items received included:

- Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes 21 May 2026
- Finance Flash Report – May 2026
- Monthly Financial Report as at 30 April 2026, including the Quarter 1 Review and 2026 forecast
- Union Institute of Language – Springfield Campus Pty Ltd Quarter 1 Report
- University Student Endowment Fund as at 31 March 2026
- Consultancy and Contractor Expenditure Briefing Paper

Audit and Risk Committee Report

On behalf of Audit and Risk Committee Chair Brett Delaney, Amanda Kenafake presented the Audit and Risk Committee Report to Council. Items received included:

- Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 21 May 2026
- Risk Management Report
- 2025 Modern Slavery Statement
- Health Safety Wellbeing Quarter 1 Report
- Workplace Relation Report

- Cybersecurity Quarter 1 2026 Report

Chancellor's Committee Report

Chancellor's Committee Chair and Chancellor Dr John McVeigh presented the Chancellor's Committee Report to Council. Items received included:

- Chancellor's Committee Meeting Minutes 21 May 2026
- Senior Executive Remuneration Arrangements Briefing Paper

Governance Framework

The University Secretary Julie Shinnars presented the following items for Council consideration:

- Amendments to Guidelines for the Conduct of Meetings of Council and Committees
- Council Renewal and Succession Plan
- Amendments to UniSQ Governance Charter
- Chancellor and Council Member Role Statements
- Action Plan to Address Recommendations Arising from Expert Council on University Governance Principles – as at 12 June 2026
- Council Delegations Schedule Update

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

Council resolved to **approve** the following items:

- 2025 Modern Slavery Statement - now published on the [UniSQ Modern Slavery website](#)
- New Council Renewal and Succession Plan - [now published on the UniSQ Council website](#)
- Amendments to UniSQ Governance Charter - [now published on the UniSQ Council website](#)
- New Chancellor and Council Member Role Statements - [now published on the UniSQ Council website](#)
- Updated Council Delegations Schedule - now published in the [UniSQ Policy and Procedure Library](#)

The 2026 University Meeting Schedule is available on the [Council and Committee Terms of Reference](#) webpage. Guidelines for the Conduct of Council and Committee Meetings require agenda papers to be distributed at least seven days prior to the meeting. For further information please contact the [Governance Secretary](#).

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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