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Council Meeting 21 May 2026 - Report of Outcomes

The University Council met on 21 May 2026 at the Flinders City Campus. This report provides an overview of decisions and matters discussed at the meeting:

Report from the Chancellor

The Chancellor acknowledged Country and welcomed members to the second Council meeting for 2026.

Report from the Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor updated Council on activities occurring at the University since the last meeting, including stakeholder engagement, significant growth in student load, and senior leadership appointments.

Presentation

Council received a presentation from Luke Sheehy, CEO of Universities Australia on sector-wide challenges and reform priorities.

Key Matters Discussed

Council received and discussed reports on a variety of matters, including:

- the quarterly financial report and forecast;
- the quarterly WHS report;
- sexual harassment and sexual assault reporting, prevention and response initiatives;
- enrolment growth and student demand trends;

- student complaints, research and academic integrity reports; and
- strategic and capital project initiatives.

Matters approved

Council approved the University's draft Annual Report for 2025, its Annual Financial Statements for 2025, its Modern Slavery Statement for 2025, a significant commercial contract, and amendments to several policies.

Governance

Council received the Council Scorecard, noting positive performance trends across most metrics. Council also discussed the governance implications of major strategic projects, and the University's responses to new legislative and regulatory requirements, including gender equity targets and workplace compliance obligations.

Standing Items

Council received updates from the Chairs of Academic Senate, the Audit & Risk Committee, the Executive Committee, the Finance & Investment Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20 August 2026.

Further Information can be found on the University's website <https://www.flinders.edu.au/about/governance>

This report is intended to communicate key outcomes from the meeting, not to be an official record of the meeting.