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Council Meeting 15 October 2026 - Report of Outcomes

The University Council met on 15 October 2026 at the Bedford Park 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 fourth 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, transition from SAHMRI and the upcoming staff awards.

Key Matters Discussed

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

- an update on the Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan;
- stakeholder engagement and philanthropy;
- a presentation on the AI Accelerator Partnership with Google;
- gender-based violence reporting; and
- a presentation on marketing and student enrollments.

Matters approved

Council approved:

- the 2027 Draft Budget and Five Year Plan
- the approach for completing financing for the Flinders HealthCare Centre
- new University performance metrics aligned with Agenda 2035
- a significant contract for an enterprise IT system
- the University's Whole-of-organisation Gender-based Violence prevention and response plan
- an anti-racism consultation and implementation plan
- minor amendments to the Policy Framework

Governance

Council noted the upcoming elections for staff representatives on Council.

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 3 December 2026.

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

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