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Council Meeting 20 August 2026 - Report of Outcomes

The University Council met on 20 August 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 third Council meeting for 2026.

Appointment of Council and Committee Members

Council resolved to re-appoint Leanne Liddle as a Council member and Deputy Chancellor for a further two year term. It also re-appointed Damien Walker to Council for a further four-year term, including a further two-year term as Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee. Sharon Wilson was re-appointed as a Council member for a further two-year term and David Powell was appointed as interim Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee. Council noted an open recruitment process is underway for additional vacant positions, with applications recently closed.

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 engagement with senior leadership regarding delivery of Agenda 2035.

Key Matters Discussed

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

- the quarterly financial report and forecast;
- the quarterly WHS report;
- the outcomes of the recent Your Voice survey;
- the Flinders HealthCare Centre;
- evaluative reports on student success, course profile and research strategy; and
- strategic and capital project initiatives.

Matters approved

Council approved:

- the contractual arrangements for the next stage of the Flinders HealthCare Centre
- a significant contract for an enterprise IT system
- meeting dates for 2027
- amendments to the University Election Procedures

Governance

Council discussed recent changes to the Higher Education Threshold Standards which impose new governance obligations on higher education providers, and approved an implementation plan to ensure the University meets the new requirements.

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 15 October 2026.

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

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