



QUT COUNCIL REPORT OF OUTCOMES – 25 JUNE 2026

QUT Council (Council) is established in the public interest by the *Queensland University of Technology Act 1998* (Qld) to deliver high-quality education and research for the benefit of the community.

Council is the governing body of QUT (Queensland University of Technology or QUT or University) and actively oversees the University's strategy, performance, risk management, culture, and compliance consistent with its purpose and in the public interest (*aligned to Principles 4.1a and 4.1b*).

Council met on 25 June 2026 via web conferencing and at the Kelvin Grove Campus, and considered, noted, endorsed, or approved the following items.

Statements of alignment with the Principles provided in the *Final Report and Principles | Expert Council on University Governance* are contained in the Report and will inform the annual Principles Compliance Assessment.

COUNCIL MATTERS

Latest disclosed interests for Council

Aligned to Principle 2.4b

Council noted the latest report of disclosed interests.

Business arising

Council noted there was no business arising.

Chair's report and Chancellor's report to Council – June 2026

Aligned to Principle 1.3d

The Chancellor advised Council that QUT will host the University Chancellors Council dinner and meeting in July 2026, including a dinner at Old Government House and a plenary session the following day. Around 30 Chancellors are expected to attend in person, with about 10 more joining online. The Vice-Chancellor has been invited to the dinner, and the QUT Robotics team will provide a demonstration.

Council noted the Chancellor's report to Council – June 2026.

Vice-Chancellor report to Council – June 2026

Aligned to Principle 1.4d i

Council considered the 'Vice-Chancellor report to Council – June 2026', which is available at the following address: [Reports to Council - QUT Digital Workplace](#) (QUT staff access only).

Report from University Academic Board on academic governance activities

Aligned to Principles 3.2b and 3.2d

Council noted the key matters actioned by University Academic Board (UAB) at its 2 June 2026 meeting, including increased student academic integrity and research misconduct cases, and the value of Council member attendance at governance committee meetings. A reasonable proportion of the student academic integrity and research misconduct cases reported were poor academic practice, resulting in educative preventative processes.

Reports from other Council committees

Aligned to Principle 1.2

Council noted the reports from Risk and Audit Committee (RAC), Finance and Planning Committee (FPC), and Indigenous Australian Committee (IAC).

Annual report on conferral of awards – 2025

Aligned to Principle 3.2d

Council noted the report on the conferral of awards in 2025.

PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY

QUT Corporate Performance Report March 2026

Aligned to Principles 3.2b, 3.2d, 4.1c, 4.2b, and 4.2d

Council noted the Corporate Performance Report March 2026 on the University's Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and the need for a focused set of realistic KPIs aligned to the new QUT Strategy 2036. Council will consider the report provided to UAB at its next meeting on student feedback and analyses at the Faculty level.

Learning Potential Fund Update to Council

Aligned to Principles 6.1c and 6.2a

Council noted the update on the Learning Potential Fund, including its role in supporting students facing financial hardship, disbursement of equity scholarships, noting the need for further clarity around its purpose and criteria.

STRATEGIC FOCUS

Presentation from the Provost and Executive Director, QUT College

Aligned to Principles 3.2d and 5.2c

Council noted the presentation on the QUT College, including its history, programs, Diploma studies, student outcomes, planned expansion into Science and Education, potential transnational education, and the potential opportunity for the QUT College to leverage regional study hubs.

Update on the effects of the QUT international strategy in South Asia

Aligned to Principles 3.2b and 7.1c

Council noted the update on the effects of the QUT international strategy in South Asia, including significant reductions in 2026 international student acceptances, South Asia recruitment strategies, and the aim to have 120 international partners.

QUT Strategy 2036: Real World Ready – final draft

Aligned to Principle 4.1c

Council approved the final draft of QUT Strategy 2036: Real World Ready.

Updated on QUT Health Facility – Confidential

Aligned to Principles 4.2b and 7.1c

Council noted the *confidential* update on the QUT Health Facility. Council further noted that the final business case would be provided to Council at its 27 August 2026 meeting for approval.

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Financial Update

Aligned to Principle 7.1c

Council noted the year-to-date April and May 2026 financial result.

GOVERNANCE MATTERS

QUT Student Guild Constitution

Aligned to Principle 6.1a

Council noted the pre-Council approval requirements for amendments have been met in line with the *Queensland University of Technology Act 1998* and the *QUT Guild Constitution August 2021*. Council approved the final draft of the QUT Guild constitution as per the requirements set out in the *Queensland University of Technology Act 1998* [section 38(ii)(iii)].

New Controlled Entities Policy and related policies

Aligned to Principle 1.4f

Council noted the update on the implementation of the Controlled Entities Policy. Council approved the new Controlled Entities Policy, recommended by the external, independent review, and the changes to related frameworks and policies, including the Governance Framework, Delegations Policy, Financial Management Policy, Financial Planning Policy, and Financial Reporting and Disclosure Policy. Council further approved changes to the Register of Authorities and Delegations (ROAD); the amendment of existing delegation C044, establishment of a delegation relating to escalation of controlled

entity matters exceeding approved materiality thresholds to QUT Council, and establishment of a delegation relating to reporting on the financial performance, governance, and risk position of controlled entities to QUT Council and relevant Council committees.

New committee submission template and presentation format for Council

Aligned to Principle 1.1c

Council approved the new committee submission template for Council and Council committee submissions and the new policy submission template for approval authorities, including Council. Council approved the new presentation format for Council presentations. Council acknowledged that it was an improved, streamlined approach.

Remuneration of elected student members on QUT Council, including proposed changes to *Council Procedure 8 – Council and Council Committee Remuneration*

Aligned to Principles 8.2a-b and 8.2d

Council noted Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee's (GNRC) resolution to remunerate elected student members on QUT Council at the same base rate as appointed/additional Council members (\$25,000 per annum at a pro rata rate from the date of approval of Council for current elected student members, exclusive of superannuation), subject to Council's approval of proposed changes to *Council Procedure 8 – Council and Council Committee Remuneration*. Council acknowledged that they had previously considered the proposal to remunerate elected student members on Council and requested further information to inform a decision. Council subsequently approved the proposed changes to *Council Procedure 8 – Council and Council Committee Remuneration* to include remuneration of elected student members on QUT Council based on the approved remuneration model.

Proposed nominations to the Indigenous Australian Committee

Aligned to Principles 1.2a iii and 2.1c

Council approved the nominations of Mr David Williams and Ms Angela Young as external members on the Indigenous Australian Committee (IAC) for a term of office from 26 June 2026 to 31 December 2027. The proposed external nominations would also allow for succession planning on both IAC and Council.

Proposed changes to the Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee charter

Aligned to Principles 1.2a, 5.2d, 8.1, and 8.2

Council approved to extend Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee's oversight to include people and culture matters to align with the University Governance Principles in the *Final Report and Principles | Expert Council on University Governance*. To reflect the change in responsibilities, Council approved a name change from Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee to Governance, People and Culture Committee.

Review of visiting speakers and freedom of speech policies and processes

Aligned to Principle 5.2

Council approved the revised *Protection of Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech Policy* and endorsed changes to the *Booking of University Space Policy*. The proposed changes are in response to a recommendation from the Middleton Review and introduce a proportionate response, with routine low-risk events approved by senior officers and higher-risk matters escalated to the Provost and Vice-President (Administration) and University Registrar. The policy will be supported by a revised standardised risk assessment process.

Confidential item

Council noted and approved the *confidential* item.

QUT's response to the *Modern Slavery Act 2018*

Aligned to Principle 7.1c

Council approved the University's ongoing approach to addressing modern slavery risks and compliance with the *Modern Slavery Act 2018* (Cth) and approved the sixth Modern Slavery Statement for QUT, signed by the Vice-Chancellor for submission to the Online Register by 30 June 2026 (covering the 2025 calendar year reporting period). Council further noted that the University's focus was on strengthening core controls and practices, while piloting improvements to governance and delivery models. There were no instances of modern slavery requiring remediation identified during the 2025 reporting period.

Enforceable Undertaking Update on work with the Fair Work Ombudsman

Aligned to Principles 6.1a, 7.1c, 8.1a, and 8.2c-d

Council noted the progress of compliance with the Enforceable Undertaking and that no further contraventions, or potential contraventions, of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (and other relevant legislation), and Enterprise Agreements have been identified.

Proposed changes to Council Procedure 2 – Reappointment of the Vice-Chancellor and President

Aligned to Principle 1.4b

Council approved the proposed changes to *Council Procedure 2 – Reappointment of the Vice-Chancellor and President*.

OTHER MATTERS

Council also considered:

- Award of title Distinguished Professor Emeritus to Adjunct Professor Kerrie Mengersen
- Award of title Professor Emeritus to Adjunct Professor Margot Brereton
- Award of title Professor Emeritus to Adjunct Professor Peter Waterhouse
- Correspondence to Council relating to the closure of the swimming pool at the Kelvin Grove Fitness and Aquatic Centre
- Post meeting action sheet – 23 April 2026
- Council annual work plan and items pending.

OTHER BUSINESS

Aligned to Principle 2.3b

A Council member advised they would report back to Council on a recent governance conference they attended.

A Council member further commented on the success of the recent Business Leaders' Forum and commended the Provost for her comments at the Forum.

Council were advised that the next Meanjin Oration guest speaker will be Ms Cathy Freeman.

DISCLAIMER

Aligned to Principle 4.2a

This Report is intended to communicate key outcomes from the meeting, not to be an official record of the meeting. It does not cover all matters discussed or the full detail of decisions or discussions. While the decisions of Council are crucial, there are sometimes legal and commercial reasons for maintaining confidentiality.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Aligned to Principles 1.1a-d, 2.4a, and 5.1a

The [QUT Council Charter](#) is published in the Manual of Policies and Procedures (MOPP) and sets out Council's responsibilities in alignment with its purpose to provide proper, effective, and prudent governance and oversight of the University's functions. The members of Council are listed on the [corporate web site](#). To support its members in fulfilling their roles, Council also maintains the [QUT Council Charter and Code](#) (QUT staff access only).