



23 OCTOBER 2025 MEETING

Council met on 23 October 2025 and considered, noted, endorsed, or approved the following items.

Business arising

Council noted that there was no business arising.

Chancellor's report to Council – October 2025

The Chancellor briefed Council on the outcomes of the recent meeting of the University Chancellors Council (UCC), specifically the discussion relating to the outcomes of the Expert Council on University Governance and the principles-based approach, intending to replace the UCC Voluntary Code. Council resolved to undertake a compliance assessment against the principles in the *Final Report and Principles | Expert Council on University Governance* to identify any minor gaps and report to Council at its 2 December 2025 meeting. Council further noted the 'Chancellor's report to Council – October 2025'.

Vice-Chancellor report to Council – October 2025

Council considered the 'Vice-Chancellor report to Council – October 2025', 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

Council resolved to note the key matters actioned by University Academic Board (UAB) at its 16 September 2025 meeting and to extend an invitation to Council members to attend UAB at meetings scheduled in 2026.

Reports from other Council committees

Council resolved to note the reports from Finance and Planning Committee, Risk and Audit Committee, and Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee.

QUT Corporate Performance Report June 2025

Council resolved to note the QUT Corporate Performance Report June 2025 on the University's key performance indicators.

Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports

Council resolved to note the Higher Degree Research Course Performance Reports.

Update on the opportunities and challenges of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI), including professional staff usage and AI governance

Council resolved to note the presentation from Prof R Xavier, Provost and Mr H Davies, Chief Digital Officer and resolved to circulate the recordings and key notes of the student panel discussing Generative AI as part of the recent Celebration of Learning and Teaching event. Council further resolved to invite Ms J Crombie to de-brief Council on recent professional development undertaken, including circulating any information and to include further updates on Generative AI and AI governance on Council agendas. Council also noted to explore opportunities for Directors' professional development on AI.

QUT Health Facility business case - Confidential

Council resolved to note the QUT Health facility business case update and to organise a further briefing on the QUT Health facility initiative for new Council members.

Proposal to establish new Institute - Confidential

Council resolved to approve the proposal to establish a new Institute and to circulate the recent article on institutional reverse mentoring, prepared by the Learning and Teaching Unit.

Proposed format and timing for the Council Strategy Session

Council resolved to note the proposed format and timing for the Council Strategy Session.

Financial Update

Council resolved to note the year-to-date August 2025 financial result.

Middleton Review - Update

Council resolved to note the progress made on the implementation plan addressing the Review Report of The Honourable John E Middleton AM KC (Middleton Review) and Recommendations.

Implementation of the Universities Australia Agreed Working Definition on Combatting Antisemitism

Council resolved to note the progress made on the implementation plan following the adoption in full of the Universities Australia Agreed Working Definition on Combatting Antisemitism in the context of the recommendation of the Middleton Review.

Student representation policy and protocol review

Council resolved to approve the continuing implementation of the *Student Representation Protocol* and to endorse the revisions to the QUT *Student Representation Policy* for approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

Council nomination to Finance and Planning Committee

Council resolved to approve Mr Bill Owens to serve on Finance and Planning Committee from 24 October 2025 to 31 December 2027.

2025 Council elections for staff and student members

Council resolved to note the election of Assoc Prof David Nielsen (academic staff), Assoc Prof Melanie White (academic staff), and Ms Stacey Lowe (professional staff) to QUT Council for a four-year term from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2029. On the recommendation of Governance, Nominations and Remuneration Committee, Council approved an extension past 12 years, for Assoc Prof David Nielsen to serve on Council until 30 September 2029. Council further noted the election of Mr William Lane (undergraduate student) and Mrs Natasha Kitano (postgraduate student) to QUT Council for a two-year term from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2027.

2025 Council self-assessment review

Council noted the results of the biennially evaluation of Council's performance (2025 Self-Assessment Review for Council).

Proposed changes to the *Conflict of Interest Policy*

Council approved the revised *Conflict of Interest Policy*.

Items for information

- Council annual work plan and items pending