

***2.1 COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS - UPDATE**

PURPOSE	To provide the Committee with a summary of major items considered by Council at its meeting held 14 February 2025
PREPARED BY	Secretary, Audit & Risk Management Committee University Secretary and Director, Governance and Risk
REVIEWED BY	University Secretary and Director, Governance and Risk
APPROVED BY	University Secretary and Director, Governance and Risk
SPONSOR	Vice-Chancellor

RECOMMENDATION	That the Committee note a summary of relevant items considered by Council at its meeting of 14 February 2025
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ACTION REQUIRED

☒ For discussion ☐ For decision ☒ For information

COUNCIL COMMITTEE / ACADEMIC BOARD CONSIDERATION

☒ Finance ☒ Audit & Risk Management ☒ Campus Planning ☐ Remuneration
☒ Student Safety & Wellbeing ☐ Nominations ☐ Honorary Degrees ☐ Academic Board

The attached report is a summary of the key items considered by Council at its meetings held on **14 February 2025**. This report is provided to management stakeholders following each meeting of Council for their information and implementation.

ATTACHMENT

2.1(a) - Council Summary of Meeting Outcomes – Feb 2025

COMMUNICATION

☐ For public release ☐ For internal release ☒ Not for release

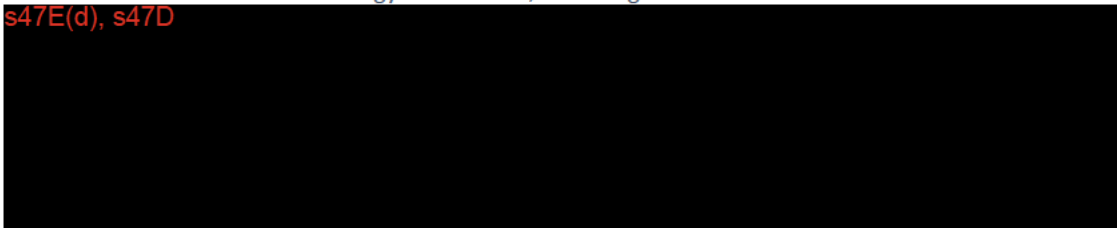
Summary

Item	Subject	Decision	Comments
	491st Meeting of ANU Council (Meeting 1/2025)		Chaired by Chancellor Friday 14 February 2025. 8.30am (Members Only) 9.39am (Formal Meeting).
1-4	Procedural Items / Announcements	Noted	➤ That an apology was received from Ms Tanya Hosch. ➤ That Nominations Committee met in December and discussions with potential nominees for Ministerial consideration are ongoing. ➤ Dr Juliana Ng noted that for Item 15, she is an academic staff member of the ANU College of Business & Economics. ➤ Council discussed the importance of further support and guidance for members that may have conflicts of interest. ➤ The Chancellor provided Council with an update regarding a gift provided to Council that was politely declined due to the potential for a perceived conflict of interest. ➤ The Chancellor noted that hard copies of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor's gift register back to 2020 and member disclosures of interest for 2024 were available for review.
5	Council Minutes of Meeting/s	Approved	➤ Meeting 8/2024 – 4 December 2024.
6	Matters Arising	Noted Approved	➤ Noted the three Matters Arising as updated since the meeting of 6 December 2024. ➤ Approved the closure of two matters as proposed.

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7	Chancellor's Report	Noted	➤ The Chancellor's verbal update on activities undertaken since the last Council meeting. ➤ Its thanks to the Speaker of the House, the Hon Mr Milton Dick MP, for hosting the Council members for dinner and for ensuring that incoming Members of the House are informed of the University's role as the national university during their induction.
8	Vice-Chancellor's Report	Noted	➤ The Vice-Chancellor's Report on activities undertaken since the last Council meeting. ➤ Council requested that material updates regarding the ongoing hail insurance claim continue to be provided, noting that primary oversight of this matter will be undertaken by the Audit & Risk Management Committee.
9	Student Safety and Wellbeing Report	Noted Discussed	➤ The updates from the Academic Portfolio on student safety and wellbeing. ➤ Discussion relating to queries regarding safety and wellbeing oversight of university students residing with large private accommodation providers. This matter will be referred to the Student Safety & Wellbeing Committee.
10	Staff WHS Annual Report (Inc. Self Insurance Reporting)	Noted Approved	➤ The requirements of worker's compensation self-insurance under the Safety, Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 1988. ➤ Endorsed the Work Health & Safety Report and the Self-Insurance reporting for the period 1 January – 31 December 2024.
11	ANU Financial Update	Noted	➤ The key drivers and impact of the University's current financial position and the ongoing importance of ensuring they are well understood by the community. ➤ The University's December 2024 year-to-date preliminary results as compared to the 2024 Budget and Q3 Forecast.

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12	ANU 2025 Budget & 2026 Forward Estimates	Approved Requested	➤ Approved the University Budget for 2025 and the forward estimates for 2026. ➤ With the maturity of the medium-term note, later in 2025, Council requested that relevant information come forward in due course.
13	2024 Annual Performance Statements	Noted	➤ The ANU 2024 Performance Statements.
14	Renew ANU	Noted	➤ The ongoing Renew ANU program.
15	ANU College Of Business & Economics Presentation	Noted	➤ The uncertainty that restrictions on international student numbers create, and the challenges in forecasting budgets and teaching delivery and; ➤ The presentation from the ANU College of Business & Economics.
16	Ethic Committees Annual Reports 2024	Approved	➤ Approved the Annual Reports for 2024 in respect of the: 1. Animal Ethics Committee (AEC) 2. Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) 3. Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee (rDNA)
17	Investment Office – Annual Report 2024	Noted	➤ The Annual LTIP and GCF Performance Report for 2024.
18	Annual Investment Strategy - 2025	Approved	1. The 2025 Investment Strategy for the LTIP, including: s47E(d), s47D 

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19	Investment Policies Annual Review	Approved	- the Proxy Voting Guideline. - the revised Investment Policy - the repeal of the Derivatives Risk Management Policy.
20	Digital Plan	Noted	The Digital Plan progress report.
21	Kambri Plan	Noted	The Kambri Plan Annual Report 2024.
22	Honorific Naming Proposal	Approved	- Approved the award of honorary degrees as endorsed by the Honorary Committee. Details will remain confidential until the proposed recipients have accepted. - Approved the proposal to name the Australian Dictionary of Biography Library (Room 5.68, Level 5, RSSS Building 146), the Nan Phillips Library.
23	Council Governance Conformance Statement 2024	Noted	- Noted for the 2024 calendar year, the assessment in respect of the University conformance with: - Australian National University Act 1991 - Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 - Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 - Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021, Part 6 - Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Universities.
24	Council Committee Structure	Noted	Discussion on the University Council Sub-Committee structure and composition and requested a paper to be brought to the next meeting for consideration.
25	Student Disciplinary Process Session	Noted	N.B The presentation at Item 25 was postponed to a later meeting due to timing.
26	Annual Declarations of Interest and Skills Matrix	Noted	Noted the Register of Disclosed Interests as at February 2024 and the current Skills Matrix for the Council and Committees.
27	Council Committees Exec Summaries		Noted the Council Committees and the Academic Board Executive Summaries from November 2024 and January 2025 meetings.
28	Legislation and Policy Updates		Noted that the Coursework Awards Rule 2024 was made by the acting Vice-Chancellor on 23 December 2024 for commencement on 1 January 2025.

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29	Grants and Consultancies	Noted	➤ Noted the report on grants and consultancies.
30	Other Business	Noted	➤ Council considered and noted other business raised including, new Board Management Software, agenda templates and a First Nations Committee update.