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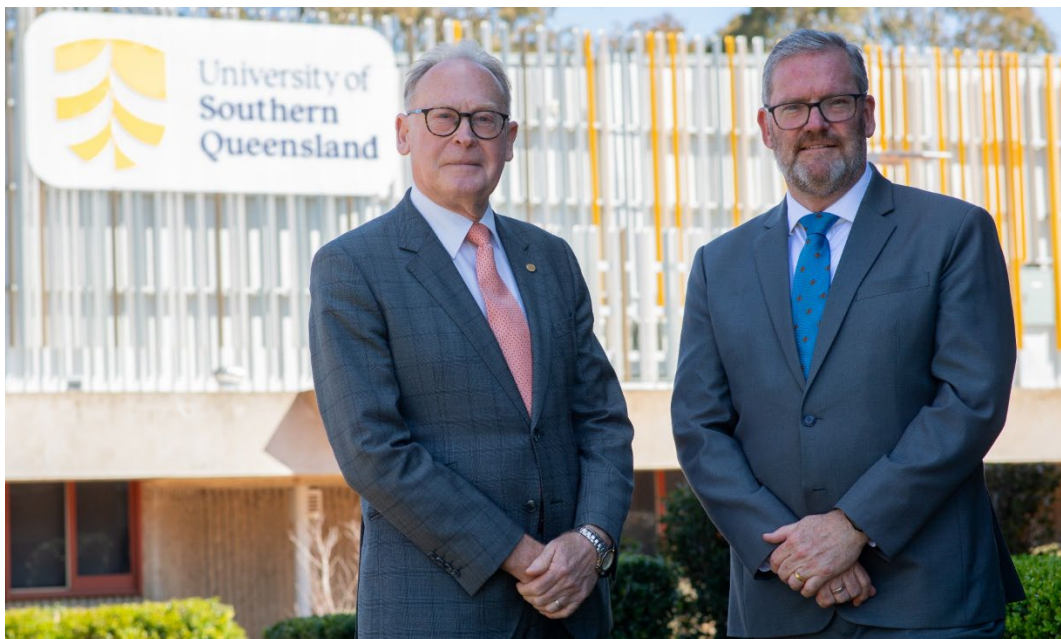
Council Information

The fourth University of Southern Queensland Council meeting of 2024 was held on Monday 19 August 2024 at the Council Chamber, UniSQ Toowoomba campus. The Chancellor [Mr John Dornbusch](#) is the Chair of Council. UniSQ Eleventh Council member information is available on the [University of Southern Queensland Council](#) webpage.

Appointment of New Chancellor

At the University Council meeting on 19 August 2024, Council members appointed the Hon Dr John McVeigh as the fifth Chancellor of the University of Southern Queensland. Dr McVeigh will officially commence as Chancellor on 1 December 2024 for a period of five years.

Chancellor Mr John Dornbusch has served as a member of the University of Southern Queensland Council for over 25 years and has served as our Chancellor for the last ten and a half years. Chancellor John Dornbusch will continue to lead the University through to 30 November 2024.



University of Southern Queensland Chancellor Mr John Dornbusch and Dr John McVeigh. Picture: Will Wood.

Strategic Presentations and Reports

- **Research Annual Report:** The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor John Bell presented the Research Annual Report, which included updates on key strategic activities, initiatives, and outcomes that support the success of the Research Plan 2021-2025.
- **Civil Disruption and Preparedness Report:** Acting Executive Director (Facilities Management) Nathan Jones provided an update to Council in relation to the response processes in place as part of the University's Crisis Management Framework activities.
- **Measuring our Progress Report 2023:** The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services) Michael Thomas presented the Measuring our Progress Report 2023 for the Committee to note. The Report provided performance evaluation against the key result indicators that support the University of Southern Queensland Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

Reports to Council

The following reports were received at the 19 August 2024 Council meeting:

- **Chancellor's Report**
Chancellor John Dornbusch presented an update on events and meetings attended since the last meeting of Council in June 2024.
- **Vice-Chancellor's Report**
A detailed report on the University's activities and achievements was presented by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Geraldine Mackenzie.
- **Elected Student Member Report**
Elected Student Member Olivia Beard provided a report updating on UniSQ Student Senate activities as part of the [UniSQ Students as Partners Framework](#).
- **Academic Board Report**
Academic Board Chair Professor Alexander Kist presented the Academic Board Report from the 16 July 2024 meeting. Items received included:
 - Academic Board Report and Unconfirmed Minutes 16 July 2024
 - UniSQ External Review of Academic Governance Final Report
 - UniSQ First Nations Research Strategy 2024-2028 Research Integrity Report
- **Finance and Facilities Committee Report**
Finance and Facilities Committee Chair Chris Bazley presented the Finance and Facilities Report to Council from the 18 July 2024 meeting. Items received included:
 - Finance Flash Report July 2024
 - Unconfirmed Minutes 18 July 2024 meeting
 - University Budget Repair Plan update
 - Monthly Financial Report 30 June 2024, including the Student Amenities Fee Report
 - Research contracts and deeds executed under the Vice-Chancellor's delegation

- **Audit and Risk Committee Report**

Audit and Risk Committee Chair Brett Delaney presented the Audit and Risk Committee Report to Council from the 18 July 2024 meeting. Items received included:

- Audit and Risk Committee Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes 18 July 2024
- Risk Management Report to 20 June 2024
- TEQSA 2024 Program Update 12

- **Chancellor’s Committee Report**

Chancellor’s Committee Chair John Dornbusch presented the Chancellor's Committee Report to Council from the 18 July 2024 meeting. Items received included:

- Chancellor’s Committee Unconfirmed Meeting Minutes 18 July 2024
- Annual Report Discrimination, Bullying, Harassment and Sexual Misconduct
- Environmental, Social and Governance Quarterly Report
- SAGE Athena SWAN Committee Mid-year Report

Council Resolutions

Council resolved to **approve** the following items at the 17 June 2024 meeting:

- Monthly Financial Report 30 June 2024, including the Student Amenities Fee Report and attachments
- Mechanical and Electrical Services Contract and the financial commitment of approximately \$15.3M over the life of the new contract
- The delegation of the Mechanical and Electrical Services Contract execution to the Vice-Chancellor, noting the contract will exceed the Vice-Chancellor’s contract delegation.

2024 Meeting Dates

The 2024 UniSQ Meeting Schedule is available on the Council and Committee Terms of Reference webpage: <https://www.unisq.edu.au/about-unisq/governance-leadership/governance/committee-structure-terms-of-reference>

2024 Call for Agenda Papers

Notification of agenda items must be communicated to the Governance Office three weeks before the meeting date. All approved briefing documents must be submitted by close of business on the date the agenda closes to the [Executive Officer \(Council\)](#). Guidelines for the Conduct of Council and Committee Meetings require agenda papers to be distributed at least seven days prior to the meeting. The standing orders of Council permit the tabling of papers only in exceptional circumstances. Final meeting and due dates in 2024:

Meeting	Agenda Close	Meeting Date
Council	8 October	Monday 21 October
	19 November	Monday 2 December

Audit and Risk Committee	9 September	Thursday 19 September
Finance and Facilities Committee		
Chancellor's Committee	4 November	Thursday 14 November
Honorary Awards Committee	4 November	14 November

Council Bulletins

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The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways where the University is located. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to Elders past, present, and emerging.



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