



OUTCOMES FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL MEETING 4, 2023 – 17 AUGUST

Deakin University Council held a meeting on 17 August 2023 comprising two briefing sessions, an inspection of facilities at the Melbourne Burwood Campus and the 2023 Student Forum.

All member of the University Executive Team attended this meeting.

Briefing Sessions

Australian Universities Accord Interim Report

Council received a briefing from the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor on the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report and the Universities Australia (UA) Accord Workshop held on 10 August 2023.

Council considered the Interim Report's recommendations and discussed the issues to be addressed in submissions on the Report by Deakin and the University Chancellors Council (UCC).

Presentation on the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment

Council considered a presentation from Professor Nick Birbilis, Executive Dean Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment on the Faculty's spread of activities and Strategic Intent 2023-2027.

Campus Facilities

The briefing sessions were held in the Law School's Moot Court. After the sessions, Council inspected other parts of Building LC followed by other parts of the Campus on the way to the Burwood Corporate Centre. The walk across Campus provided a good sense of the campus layout and the differences between the older and newer campus facilities.

Student Forum

The Student Forum is a central component of Council's commitment to hearing student perspectives, which adds depth and detail to statistical information regularly considered by Council on student satisfaction, unit evaluations, graduate outcomes and other sources. Twenty-eight students from a range of courses and study levels presented their perspectives on:

- their student experience at Deakin
- reasons for choosing Deakin University
- key education topics relevant to their Faculty (work integrated learning, career preparedness, interprofessional education and group capstone learning and entrepreneurship).

Students provided a rich picture of the variety of factors influencing their choice to study at Deakin. Students spoke highly of Deakin's values and respectful treatment of students. Key issues raised and suggestions for improvement and enhancement include:

- advocating the interprofessional education (IPE) agenda with accrediting bodies and agencies, with a view to integrating it as fully as possible in health education and practice
- addressing constraints on health system work placements and internships
- maximising authentic assessment in education courses, tailored to particular courses/practicals
- building on Deakin's strengths in hybrid online and in-person learning in education by providing commencing students with preparatory tools in how to use the online platform
- increase recognition of different forms of work integrated learning (WIL)
- reviewing the structure and assessment for the SEBE Project A and B Capstone units.

Issues and suggestions raised by students will be followed up and reported back to Forum participants before the end of the year.

Council warmly thanked students for their contributions and Faculty Executive Deans for facilitating the discussion groups.