CQUniversity Council Report

The Council of Central Queensland University is the University's governing body. Council's functions, powers, and membership are prescribed in the *Central Queensland University Act 1998* (Qld). Council is responsible for appointing and overseeing the Vice-Chancellor and President, setting the University's strategic direction, adopting its budget and approving its operational plan.

Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which it gathers. Council pays their respects to the First Nations people and their Elders, past, present, and emerging, honouring their wisdom, leadership and the cultural traditions they uphold.

Report from the Special Meeting held 2 June 2026

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Council congratulated the re-appointed Appointed Members, Mr Ian McPhee AO PSM and Mrs Sandra Lawrence, and welcomed new Appointed Members, Emeritus Professor Debbie Clayton AM, Ms Emma Coburn, and Ms Maree Franettovich.

Council re-appointed Ms Shelia Houston, Mrs Nareeta Davis, and Ms Kris Peach AM and appointed Mr Steven Boxall as Additional Members of Council for a term of office commencing on 1 July 2026 and concluding on 31 August 2029.

Council re-appointed various Council members to Academic Board, the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee, and the Strategic Planning and Projects Committee for terms of office aligning with their terms on Council or for a two-year period where required by that committee's terms of reference.

Council discussed the first CQUniversity Council Report which reports on Council's 6 May 2026 meeting. The new public-facing CQUniversity Council Report was developed in response to increased governance expectations for universities to publish summaries of Council meetings. The report is based on sector-wide templates used across various universities and the template provided by the Association of Australian University Secretaries. It is intended as a high-level overview rather than a formal record of proceedings. Council discussed the compliance requirements and how the reports will be published and communicated to staff. The report was seen as positive, balancing transparency with the need to protect confidential information. The importance of aligning with sector practices and maintaining an appropriate balance between openness and confidentiality in public reporting was acknowledged.

Council noted the process for the upcoming Deputy Chancellor election.

Council acknowledged and celebrated the University's successful re-registration with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency for a seven-year period. The seven-year term represents a highly positive outcome, and recognition and congratulations were extended to all involved in the process.

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