

**Key Messages from the Meeting of Council
on 10 June 2024**

Strategic Items

University Budget	Council approved the University Budget for 2024-25 and the medium-term financial plan.
Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering	Council received an update from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Science, Agriculture and Engineering on current Faculty successes and priorities.

Approvals

Intellectual Property Policy	Council approved the University's revised Intellectual Property Policy.
Deputy Vice-Chancellor	The Chair of Council reported having taken Chair's action on behalf of Council to approve the appointment of Professor Nigel Harkness (currently Pro-Vice-Chancellor Humanities and Social Sciences) as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, effective from 1 September 2024.
Retirement Benefits Plan	Council approved the appointment of Matthew Jones and Emelda Nicholroy, and the re-appointment of Craig Armstrong, as trustees of the Retirement Benefits Plan.

Reports

Vice-Chancellor's Business	<p>Council received updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protest Encampment ▪ Graduate Visa Route ▪ Financial Sustainability ▪ Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Data for Student Start-Ups ▪ Castle Leazes Redevelopment ▪ Health Innovation Neighbourhood ▪ Voluntary Severance Scheme ▪ QS World Rankings 2025
Risk Management	Council confirmed it had received sufficient assurance that risks relating to strategic objectives and enablers were being managed appropriately.
Additional reports considered by Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finance Committee ▪ University-Students' Union Partnership Committee ▪ Summary Report from Senate: 1 May 2024 ▪ Research Ethics Committee

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