

How UNSW Council Works

The Council

The governing authority of the University is the Council, established under Part 3, section 8 of the *University of New South Wales Act 1989* (NSW).

The Act also defines financial responsibilities and specifies the object and functions of the University. Section 6(3) of the Act gives the University power to exercise commercial functions for the University's benefit.

Further information on the controlled entities of the University is in volume 2 of the [Annual Report](#).

As the University's governing body, the Council acts for and on behalf of the University; controls and manages all the University's concerns; and promotes the objects and interests of the University. To assist in the governing of the University the Council has established a committee structure.

The duties of Council members are specified in schedule 2A of the *University of New South Wales Act 1989* (NSW) and section 20G of the Act provides for removal of members in breach of those duties.

Council has adopted appropriate conflict of interest procedures covered in its [Code of Conduct](#) and makes an induction program available to Council members.

Council's 15 members, led by the Chancellor, represent the interests of the University and community, and bring to the body a variety of internal and external perspectives. Drawing on experience in the government, private and community sectors, members contribute expertise in a range of areas, including finance, commercial activities, law, governance and management, and planning and development.

Council is also able to draw on additional specialised expertise through the appointment of external members to Council committees.

Council and Council committee members serve the University on a voluntary basis.

Register of Delegations

The [Register of Delegations](#) sets out the majority of the functions which the Council has authorised particular officers and bodies of the University to carry out regularly, including delegations for the establishment of Policy, Procedures and Guidelines, and Financial, Personnel, Academic and other Administrative and General Authorities and Functions.