

## Information about the role of an elected member of Council

The role of an elected member on Council is the same as any other member of Council which is to participate in the strategic decision making of Council. That decision making is predicated on making decisions that are in the best interest of the university as a whole – not just students or staff, a particular campus or a particular interest group etc. An elected member, while having the same responsibilities as all other Councillors, will bring a particular set of skills and experience to the discussions that take place at Council. However, overall, they are a member of Council with the same responsibilities and legal obligations as the other members of Council.

Matters discussed at Council include, but are not limited to topics such as the university's annual budget, risk profile, strategic planning (e.g. research plan and learning and teaching plan), capital developments (new and refurbished buildings), how the university will/may respond to external factors such as proposed federal budget cuts, monitoring the performance of the university both financially and according to a set of predetermined key performance indicators, equity issues, monitoring the activities of the offshore locations, monitoring the performance of the Vice-Chancellor – and the list goes on.

As is evident, these are high level activities that guide the university through the current year and over a five year planning horizon.

Each candidate will undergo an induction and training program designed to ensure they are able to fulfil their obligations on Council.