

The matters on Which Authority is Retained by Council are as follows:

Item	Source of authority	Comment
General		
Elect the Chancellor	University Act s.10(1)	
Elect the Deputy Chancellor	University Act s.11(1)	
Appoint the Vice-Chancellor	University Act s.12(1)	
Appoint two external persons to Council	University Act s.9(1)(c) UNE By-law 2005, clause 6	
Remove a member of Council from office for breach of duty	University Act, s.21G	
Establish a Nominations Committee	UNE By-law 2005, clause 14	
Make recommendations for the Minister's consideration for ministerial appointments to Council	UNE By-law 2005, clause 14	
Monitor the Vice-Chancellor's performance	University Act s.16 (1B) (a)	
Oversee the University's performance	University Act s.16 (1B) (b)	
Approve significant University commercial activities (within the meaning of s.21A)	University Act s.16 (1B)(g)	
Establish and maintain branches and colleges of the University	University Act s.16(1)(h)	
Delegation by Council (other than this power of delegation) by resolution	University Act s.17	
Establish committees of Council, and elect members	University Act, Sch1, (4)	
Establish Standing Orders	University Act, Sch1, (4), (6)	

Legislative Matters		
Make By-laws	University Act s.28(1)	Requires Governor's approval
Make, amend or repeal Rules on matters other than those matters even which the Council has consented to the Vice-Chancellor making rules (see Functions of the Vice-Chancellor Rule).	University Act s.29(1)	
Establish rules, policies and procedural principles for the University consistent with legal requirements and community expectations, except for rules, policies and procedures relating to matters that have been delegated (in which case the rule, policy or procedure making authority is also delegated)	University Act s.16 (1B) (h)	On recommendation from the Vice-Chancellor, Council Committees or Academic Board
Strategic Planning		
Approve the University's Strategic Plan		Developed by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the University community
Miscellaneous		
Authorise the Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor's delegate to act at Graduation Ceremonies	University Act s.16(1)(a); s. 17	
Authorise Senior Officers of the University to sign under the Seal	University Act s.17	
Approve use of the Seal of the University	University Act s.27	

Regularly review its own performance	University Act s.16 (1B)(j)	
Make available a program of induction and development, relevant to the role, for Council members.	University Act s.16 (1B)(k)	

Staffing Matters	
While retaining authority over the following matters, Council receives advice on them from the Remuneration Committee as stated in that Committee's terms of reference	
Source of authority	
Approve the organisational structure of the Senior Executive of the University (i.e. position dimensions but not individual appointments)	University Act s.16(1)(b)
Approve remuneration policy and strategies for University's Senior Management	Terms of Reference Remuneration Committee
Approve the range for salary packages of the Senior Management	Terms of Reference Remuneration Committee
While retaining authority over the following matters, Council receives advice on them from the Honorary Degrees, Titles and Tributes Committee as stated in that Committee's terms of reference	
Award honorary degrees, titles and tributes excluding adjunct, visiting, clinical and associate appointments, the awarding of which are delegated to the Vice-Chancellor.	Terms of Reference Honorary Degrees, Titles and Tributes Committee
Property Matters	
While retaining authority over the following matters, Council receives advice on them from the Infrastructure Committee as stated in that Committee's terms of reference	
Alienate, mortgage, charge or demise any lands of the University, excluding a demise of land for a period of less than 21 years	University Act s.18(2) Minister's approval if required
Lease land for a term exceeding 21 years	University Act s.18(3)
Lease land to a residential college affiliated with the University for a term not exceeding 99 years	University Act s.18 (4) Minister's approval if required
Oversee the control and management of certain property vested in the Crown	University Act s.19 Minister's approval if required
Approve building and room names	In accordance with policy
Approve new buildings and other major capital works on and off campus	Terms of Reference Infrastructure Committee
Approve Master Plan	Terms of Reference Infrastructure Committee
Oversee implementation of Master Plan	Terms of Reference Infrastructure Committee
Oversee the environmental management of the campus and other University properties	Terms of Reference Infrastructure Committee
Financial Matters	
While retaining authority over the following matters, Council receives advice on them from the Finance Committee as stated in that Committee's terms of reference	
Set policies on borrowing and investing, and borrow and invest money	University Act s.16(1)(d) and (e)
Promote, establish or participate in (whether by means of debt, equity, contribution of assets or by other means) partnerships, trusts, companies and other incorporated bodies, or joint ventures (whether or not incorporated)	University Act s.16(1)(f)
Approve the University's Annual Budget and ensure consistency with Strategic Plan	Terms of Reference Finance Committee
Approve three-year rolling budgets	Terms of Reference Finance Committee
Oversee University's financial performance against budget targets	Terms of Reference Finance Committee
Oversee development, review and implementation of financial policies and delegations	Terms of Reference Finance Committee
Oversee University's insurances	Terms of Reference Finance Committee
Authorise certification of the University's annual financial statement and the certificate of compliance for the Annual Report	Terms of Reference Finance Committee

Approve Commercial Activity Guidelines.	University Act s.21C and s.21D
Audit and Risk Matters	
While retaining authority over the following matters, Council receives advice on them from the Audit and Risk Committee as stated in that Committee's terms of reference	
Compliance of UNE and related entities to laws and regulations, including those relating to audit, the environment, employment practice and anti-discrimination	Terms of Reference Audit and Risk Committee
Audit plans of internal and external auditors	Terms of Reference Audit and Risk Committee
Rules and policies of University relating to audit and risk	Terms of Reference Audit and Risk Committee
University's programs, rule and policies for detection and control of fraud, corruption and other illegal acts	Terms of Reference Audit and Risk Committee
Oversee risk management and risk assessment across the University	University Act s.16 (1B)(e) Terms of Reference Audit and Risk Committee
Approve and monitor systems of control and accountability for the University	University Act s.16 (1B)(f)
Maintain a Register of the University's Commercial Activities and report to the Minister on request	University Act s.21C and s.21D
Oversee activities of controlled entities, to ensure activities are authorised by Act	University Act s.16A
Ensure that the governing bodies of controlled entities meet certain requirements and that a reporting schedule is established for this purpose	University Act s.16A(5A)