

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 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		
Whilst retaining authority over these matters, Council delegates the specific functions below to the Remuneration Committee of Council in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The Remuneration Committee reports to Council on the discharge of the functions assigned to the Committee.		
Source of authority		
Approve the organisational structure of the Senior Executive of the University (i.e. position dimensions but not individual appointments)	TOR Remuneration Committee	
Approve remuneration policy and strategies for University's Senior Management	TOR Remuneration Committee	
Approve the range for salary packages of the Senior Management	TOR Remuneration Committee	
Whilst retaining authority over these 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.	TOR Honorary Degrees, Titles and Tributes Committee	
Property Matters		
Whilst retaining authority over these matters, Council delegates the specific functions below to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The Finance and Infrastructure Committee reports to Council on the discharge of the functions assigned to the Committee.		
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) Minister's approval if required	
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	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Approve Master Plan	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Oversee implementation of Master Plan	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Oversee the environmental management of the campus and other University properties	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Financial Matters		
Whilst retaining authority over these matters, Council delegates the specific functions below to the Finance and Infrastructure Committee in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference. The Finance and Infrastructure Committee reports to Council on the discharge of the functions assigned to the Committee.		
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	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Approve three-year rolling budgets	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Oversee University's financial performance against budget targets	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Oversee development, review and implementation of financial policies and delegations	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	
Oversee University's insurances	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee	

Authorise certification of the University's annual financial statement and the certificate of compliance for the Annual Report	TOR Finance and Infrastructure Committee
Approve Commercial Activity Guidelines.	University Act s.21C and s.21D
Audit and Risk Matters	
Whilst retaining authority over these matters, Council delegates the specific functions below to the Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference and Charter. The Audit and Risk Committee reports to Council on the discharge of the functions assigned to the Committee.	
Compliance of UNE and related entities to laws and regulations, including those relating to audit, the environment, employment practice and anti-discrimination	TOR and Charter Audit and Risk Committee
Audit plans of internal and external auditors	TOR and Charter Audit and Risk Committee
Rules and policies of University relating to audit and risk	TOR and Charter Audit and Risk Committee
University's programs, rule and policies for detection and control of fraud, corruption and other illegal acts	TOR and Charter Audit and Risk Committee
Oversee risk management and risk assessment across the University	University Act s.16 (1B)(e) TOR and Charter 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)