Part A Open Agenda Council meeting 24.08.2026

Council Agenda Part A (Open Agenda) **24.08.2026** **Council Room – Level 2 ClockTower, Princes Street 22, Auckland** **4:00pm**		Waipapa Taumata Rau **University of Auckland**	Page #
KARAKIA	The meeting will be opened with the following karakia:		
	Te Reo: Tukua te wairua kia rere ki ngā taumata Hei ārahi i ā tātou mahi Me tā tātou whai i ngā tikanga ā rātou mā Kia mau, kia ita Kia kore ai e ngaro Kia pupuri Kia whakamaua Kia tina! TINA! Hui e! TĀIKI E!	English Translation: Allow one's spirit to exercise its potential To guide us in our work As well as in our pursuit of our ancestral traditions Take hold and preserve it Ensure it is never lost Hold fast Secure it Draw together - Affirm	
1. APOLOGIES	Ms Kinser – leave of absence for the meeting on 24.08.2026	**The Chancellor moves** that the apologies, if any, be **noted**.	
2. WELCOME	The Chancellor welcomes Professor David Lloyd and Professor Nic Smith to their first Council meeting.		
3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS	3.1 Council Interest Register for 2026 – members are asked to advise Ruwani (ruwani.dharmawardana@auckland.ac.nz), as soon as possible when changes are required. 3.2 In addition to the requirement for Council to complete an annual Interest Register the attention of Members is drawn to the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the need to disclose any interest in an item on the Agenda of the meeting as set out in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020.	**The Chancellor moves** Council Interest Register for 2026 be **received** and the additional disclosures, if any, be noted and the action taken be **endorsed**.	**08**

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4. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	In accordance with the provisions of the Conferment of Academic Qualifications and Academic Dress Statute 1992 the Chancellor will confer the degrees listed (as attached) by stating: *By the authority vested in me by resolution of The University of Auckland Council I, CECILIA TARRANT, Chancellor, confer the degrees stated upon those who, within their several faculties, have satisfied the requirements of this University.*		**11**
5. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS	In accordance with the provisions of the Conferment of Academic Qualifications and Academic Dress Statute 1992 the Chancellor will award the diplomas listed (as attached) by stating: *By the authority vested in me by resolution of The University of Auckland Council I, CECILIA TARRANT, Chancellor, award the diplomas stated to those who, within their several faculties, have satisfied the requirements of this University.*		**13**
6. COUNCIL MEETINGS	6.1 **Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 10.06.2026**	**The Chancellor moves** that the Minutes (Part A), 10.06.2026 be taken as **read** and **confirmed**.	**14**
	6.2 **Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 10.06.2026 not elsewhere on the agenda**		
7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT		**The Chancellor moves** that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be **noted.**	**21**
8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	8.1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE** 8.1.1 **Minutes, (Part A), 11.08.2026**	**The Chancellor moves** that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 11.08.2026 be **received**.	**35**
	8.2 **CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE** 8.2.1 **Minutes, (Part A), 04.08.2026**	**The Chancellor moves** that the Capital Expenditure Committee Minutes (Part A) 04.08.2026 be **received**.	**39**

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9. SENATE MATTERS	9.1 **REPORT OF SENATE MEETING 27.07.2026** Part A1, a-c: Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council Part A2,1, a-e: Matters requiring Council approval Part B, 1-6: Item to note by Council Part C, 1-4: Matters handled under Delegated Authority	**The Chancellor moves** that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 27.07.2026 be **adopted** and Part B and C be **noted.**	**41**
10. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	None		
11. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	11.1 **SEAL** Since the Council meeting on 10.06.2026 the seal has been applied to the following document in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: • Deed of Variation – Griffith University & the University of Auckland – Variation to the Membership Deed dated 12.08.2001 • Deed of Novation – Transfer of contractual responsibility from Callaghan Innovation to New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology Limited – Callaghan Innovation (Outgoing Party), New Zealand Institute for Advanced Technology Limited (Incoming Party) & University of Auckland (Continuing Party) • Deed of Renewal of Lease and Rent Review – Level 5, 67 Symonds Street – Sipka Properties Symonds St Limited (The Lessor) & University of Auckland (The Lessee) • Deed of Renewal of Lease and Rent Review – Level 9, 67 Symonds Street – Sipka Properties Symonds St Limited (The Lessor) & University of Auckland (The Lessee) • Deed of Renewal of Lease and Rent Review – Level 11, 67 Symonds Street – Sipka Properties Symonds St Limited (The Lessor) & University of Auckland (The Lessee)	**The Chancellor moves** that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be **noted**.	

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	11.2 **RESCINDMENT** **11.2.1 Memorandum, 07.08.2026 from the Graduation Office** regarding the rescindment of a degree and re-award with Distinction, as per the memorandum	**The Chancellor moves** that **Council rescind** the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences previously conferred on Sharon Shalini Verna and **re-award it** With Distinction, as per the memorandum	**46**
12. GENERAL BUSINESS	None		
13. FAREWELL	The Chancellor farewells, Jonathan Mason	**The Chancellor moves** that Council thank Jonathan Mason, for his contribution to the work of Council.	
14. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	(for the meeting of 19.10.2026)		

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PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

The Chancellor moves that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:

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Item No. 1.1 Council Minutes Part B 10.06.2026
Item No. 2.1.1 Finance Committee – Minutes Part B 11.08.2026
Item No. 2.1.2 Financial Performance and 5+7 Forecast 2026 to 2028
Item No. 2.2.1 Capital Expenditure Committee – Minutes Part B 04.08.2026
Item No. 2.3.1 Honours Committee – Professores Emeriti
Item No. 2.4.1 University of Auckland Animal Ethics Committee (AEC)- 2025 Annual Report
Item No.5.1 Update on EOI process for alumni member appointment to Council
Item No. 6 University Human Participants Ethics Committees: Principal Chair Fees

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:

The protection of the interests mentioned below.

Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution:

Those in Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 namely:

i) To protect the privacy of the persons referred to in the recommendations and to maintain the confidentiality of those recommendations;
ii) To enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations; and
iii) To prevent the disclosure or use of Official Information for improper gain or advantage.

AND THAT Mark Gregory, Professors Young, and Bloomfield F, Tim Bluett, Helen Cattanach, Gavin Scott, Anthony Brandon, and Ruwani Dharmawardana be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of, or need to be briefed about, the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons are responsible.

The University of Auckland

Interests Register for Members of UoA Council 2026

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<tr><th>Name of Member</th><th>Interests</th><th>Updated</th></tr>
<tr><td>Gemma Skipper</td><td>employee of the University and having friends/family who work at UoA</td><td>19.02.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Julia Pahina</td><td>Fibre Fale Limited - CEO & Co-Founder</td><td>19.02.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Nic Smith</td><td>Visiting Professor at QUT
Visiting Professor at University of Oxford, Department of Computer Science
Shareholder, Eden Orthodontics</td><td>03.08.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Sunisha Dugar</td><td>International student at the University of Auckland
Employee at Auckland Council as swim instructor
Involved in student leadership across university contexts through clubs. Currently, Co-President of Amnesty International on campus.</td><td>03.08.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Julia Tolmie</td><td>Employed by the University of Auckland
Has family enrolled at the University of Auckland</td><td>20.02.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cathy Quinn</td><td>i) is on the board of Fletcher Building
ii) is a trustee of the Kintyre Trust with a corporate trustee Pin Twenty Limited
iii) is a consultant to MERW
iv) is a director of Fonterra</td><td>05.06.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Rob McDonald</td><td>Contact Energy - Chair, joined board 2015
Fleetpartners - Director, joined board 2023
Vero Insurance New Zealand - Chair, joined board 2025
Vero Liability - Chair, joined board 2025</td><td>04.03.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cecilia Tarrant</td><td><table>
<tr><th></th><th>Director/Officer /Shareholder</th><th>Company/Organisation/Business Entity</th></tr>
<tr><td>i</td><td>Director/ Shareholder</td><td>Seeka Limited</td></tr>
<tr><td>ii</td><td>Director</td><td>Payments NZ Limited</td></tr>
<tr><td>iii</td><td>Chancellor</td><td>The University of Auckland Council</td></tr>
<tr><td>iv</td><td>Director/Shareholder</td><td>Javan Cream Company Limited</td></tr>
<tr><td>v</td><td>Advisory Board</td><td>The Seriously Good Chocolate Company Limited</td></tr>
<tr><td>vi</td><td>Trustee</td><td>Tere Waitomo Community Trust</td></tr>
<tr><td>vii</td><td>Executive in residence</td><td>At UABS</td></tr>
<tr><td>viii</td><td>Member</td><td>Diocesan Administration Council for the Catholic Diocese of Auckland and of the Investment Committee</td></tr>
<tr><td>ix</td><td>Member</td><td>Waikato-Tainui Group Investment Committee (From 01.07.2026)</td></tr>
</table></td><td>09.06.2026</td></tr>
<tr><td>Candace Kinser</td><td>President of Cancer Society Auckland Northland (donor to UofA)
Director and Shareholder, Sagitas Consulting Ltd
Director and Shareholder, Vester Ltd
BioEconomy Science Institute (as of 01.07.2025)</td><td>19.02.2026</td></tr>
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	Kiwifruit Breeding Centre (joint venture between Zespri and the Bioeconomy Science Institute) (Director from September 2025) Callaghan Innovation (from September 2025)	
Sam Ricketts	• Co-Head of Investment Banking & Co-Head of Investment Bank, NZ - Jarden • Director – Jarden Investments Limited • Director – Jarden Principal Investments Limited • Director – Jarden Structured Investment Limited • Director – Jarden Principal Investments Picasso GP Limited • Director – Jarden Nominees GP Limited • Director – Jarden Nominees Limited • Director – Jarden Partners Limited • Director – Jarden Securities Limited • Director – Jarden Management Limited • Director – Jarden Private Partners Limited • Director – Jarden Principal Investments Picasso PIE Limited • Director – Jarden Principal Investments Red Limited • Director – Jarden Custodial Services Limited • Director – Jarden Finance Limited • Director – Jarden PT Limited • Director – Jarden Scientific Trading Limited • Director – Jarden Scientific Trading Trustee Limited • Director – Jarden Limited • Director – Jarden Nominees No2 Limited • Director – Jarden Scrip Limited • Director – OMF Nominees Limited • Director – Jarden Wealth and Asset Management Holdings Limited • Director – Jarden Wealth and Asset Management Limited • Director – Oceania and Eastern Securities Limited • Director – Oceania and Eastern Finance Limited • Director – Oceania and Securities Limited • Director – Janmac Capital Limited • Director – Quartet Equities Limited • Director – Maisemore Enterprises Limited • Director – O & E Group Services Limited • Director – Oceania and Eastern Limited • Director – Oceania and Eastern Group Funds Limited • Director – Oceania and Eastern Holdings Limited • Director – Onepoto Trustee Limited • Director – Oceania North Limited • Director – Onepoto Investments Holdings Limited • Trustee of the Samuel Thomas Ricketts Trust • Trustee of the ST & MFDP Ricketts Family Trust • Trustee of the Ricketts Family Trust • Trustee of the Ipipiri Nature Conservancy Trust • Chair of the Sacred Heart College Development Foundation Trust • Shareholder – Jarden Group Limited	03.02.2026
Tom Irvine	• Acting Director - Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki (AAGToT) • Member - AAGToT Advisory Committee • Member - Hauraki Gulf Forum • Board member - MOTAT • Māori Advisory Board - Aktive Sport Auckland • Trustee - Taumata Toi a Iwi (Regional Arts Trust) • Board Member - Committee for Auckland	19.02.2026
David Lloyd	• Principal, BlueRange Advisory • Presiding Member, Super SA • Non-Executive Director, St Andrews Hospital • Professor Emeritus, Adelaide University	05.08.2026

Excerpts from Council Minutes 2026		
Date of Council Meeting	**Name of Member and Interest Disclosed**	**Action Taken**
16.03.2026	All Council members declared their conflicts of interest regarding the Council fees item in Part B, agenda item 7.	It was agreed that these declared conflicts would not preclude the members participating in the discussions and voting.
29.04.2026	No further disclosures made	
10.06.2026	No further disclosures made	

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CONFERMENT OF DEGREES

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Fiona Parker Mackechnie
Dominic Samuel Tecumseh Keehan

MASTER OF ENGINEERING STUDIES WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Peter Walker in Civil Engineering

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Jasmine Merle Sanson

MASTER OF SCIENCE WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Sinuo He in Biological Sciences

MASTER OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS WITH DISTINCTION

Rue Xu

MASTER OF BUSINESS ANALYTICS WITH DISTINCTION

Songyang Gang

MASTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Yifan Ni

BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Yvonne Karla Letton in Education

William Montagu Sellar Howson in Philosophy

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) WITH FIRST CLASS HONOURS

Theodore Joseph Younger in Pyschology

BACHELOR OF LAWS (HONOURS) AND BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (CONJOINT)

Daniel Joachim Gleissner-Broom

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Zihan Tang

BACHELOR OF COMMERCE

Kerryn Robert Siwa He-Burch

Council 24 August 2026

AWARD OF DIPLOMAS

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Aariana Homi Rao

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCES

Karishma Caren Lal

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SCIENCE WITH DISTINCTION

Christina Ann Pasetta

Council Minutes Part A
in(Open Minutes)
10.06.2026
Council Room – Level 2 ClockTower, Princes Street 22, Auckland
4:15 pm

Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland

PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Bloomfield F (Interim Vice-Chancellor), Mr Mason, Mr McDonald, Ms Pahina, Ms Skipper, Mr Ricketts, Mr Irvine, Ms Dugar and online Ms Quinn	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr Gregory, Professors Young and Stinear, Mr Scott, Mr Bluett, Ms Catanach, Mr Greenbrook-Held, Mr Brandon, Ms Verschaeren	
KARAKIA	The meeting started with a karakia.	
1. APOLOGIES	Professor Tolmie and Ms Kinser. The latter had requested leave of absence from Council starting 31 May 2026 due to her standing for Parliament as the next election as the National party candidate for Auckland Central.	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Interim Vice-Chancellor) that the apologies, be **noted**.
2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS	2.1 Council Interest Register for 2026 – members are asked to advise Wendy (w.verschaeren@auckland.ac.nz), as soon as possible when changes are required. 2.2 In addition to the requirement for Council to complete an annual Interest Register the attention of Members is drawn to the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the need to disclose any interest in an item on the Agenda of the meeting as set out in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020. No further disclosures were made.	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Skipper) that the Council Interest Register for 2026 be **received**. **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
3. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor **conferred** the degrees as per the attached list.	
4. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor **awarded** the diplomas as per the attached list.	
5. HONOURS/AWARDS	The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor will send congratulatory letters to those persons with links to the University.	

6. COUNCIL MEETINGS	6.1 **Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 29.04.2026**	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the Minutes (Part A), 29.04.2026 be taken as **read** and **confirmed.** **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
	6.2 **Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 29.04.2026 not elsewhere on the Agenda** None.	
7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	The Report was taken as read. The Interim Vice-Chancellor, Professor Bloomfield, presented this item. He advised Council of recent Government budget announcements relevant to the University and the wider sector. Key updates included changes to funding settings. Council noted policy developments relating to international doctoral students, including the capping of domestic-level funding and indications that future fees for international PhD students may move to international rates. The potential implications for revenue, student demand, and the University's research workforce were acknowledged, and Council noted that the University was engaging with the Government and sector partners on these matters. Council was informed of proposed changes to donor tax credit settings, including the introduction of caps on individual tax rebates, and the potential uncertainty regarding the impact on philanthropic giving. An update was provided on changes to the Performance-Based Research Fund, now to be called the Tertiary Research Excellence Fund, including a shift towards more metrics-based evaluation, and it was noted that these changes were expected to be broadly beneficial to the University. Council discussed aspects of the report, including clarification of data presentation, progress on major projects, and financial implications arising from funding changes. It was noted that work was underway to	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be **noted**. **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**

	gather evidence to support sector advocacy, particularly in relation to international doctoral provision.	
8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	8.1 **FINANCE COMMITTEE** 8.1.1 **Minutes, (Part A), 18.05.2026**	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/ Ms Dugar): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 18.05.2026 be **received**.
	8.2 **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE** 8.2.1 **Minutes, (Part A), 21.05.2026**	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/ Mr Irvine): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 21.05.2026 be **received**.
	8.3 **UNIVERSITY EQUITY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (UELC)** 8.3.1 **June 2026 Report** Council was informed that UELC had not formally considered recent public commentary relating to transgender people. However, it was noted that members of the Committee and relevant networks had engaged informally and that the University had communicated directly with the University's student and staff Rainbow Community to reaffirm its support. The University's approach had been to prioritise support for its communities rather than issuing a public statement which was consistent with the University Statement on Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression. Council was also informed that workshops were being provided to support staff and students to make submissions and exercise their rights to freedom of expression.	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/ Ms Skipper): that the Equity Leadership Report – June 2026 be **received.**
9. SENATE MATTERS	9.1 **REPORT OF SENATE MEETING 25.05.2026** Part A1, a-b: Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council Part A2,1: Matters requiring Council approval Part B, 1-6: Items to note by Council Part C, 1-2: Matters handled under Delegated Authority	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Pahina) that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 25.05.2026 be **adopted** and Part B and C be **noted.**

	This item was presented by the Interim Vice-Chancellor who advised Council of the progress on the development of Signature Research Areas (SRAs), including the completion of a comprehensive consultation and analysis process. The SRAs will provide a framework to articulate research strengths and guide future investment without limiting existing research activity. It was emphasised that the SRAs did not constitute the creation of new research priorities, nor did they alter, direct or limit individual research activities. Rather, they provided a strategic framework to articulate and communicate (internally and externally) existing areas of strength and to guide investment decisions within the Internal Research Investment Portfolio. Faculties would continue to retain control over their own research development funds including on how they decide to set strategic imperatives for funds within their faculty. The University Research Committee has been updated on the SRAs on several occasions, noted in the minutes of that committee which are tabled at Senate. Feedback from Senate had highlighted that not all areas of research would be explicitly reflected within the SRAs; however, it was acknowledged that this was consistent with the intent of identifying a defined set of areas of distinction rather than representing the full breadth of research activity. After Senate, the SRAs were submitted for approval to the University Executive Committee (UEC) and, after endorsement, communicated to staff through the all-staff forum; they would be launched shortly. A communications and marketing plan was being developed to support the formal launch and external positioning of the SRAs. Further work was planned to develop implementation frameworks within each SRA, including academic led planning for future investment and development. Council also discussed aspects of health, safety and wellbeing, including evacuation procedures and planned improvements to emergency preparedness.	

10. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	10.1 Letter, 22.05.2026, from Hon Penny Simmonds	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Interim Vice-Chancellor that Council **note** the listed correspondence **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
11. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	11.1 **SEAL** Since the Council meeting on 29.04.2026 the seal has been applied to the following document in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: • Deed of Renewal of Lease- 1- 11 Short Street, Auckland - Sunshine Capital Ltd (Landlord) & University of Auckland (Tenant)	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Quinn) that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be **noted.** **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
	11.2 **RESCINDMENT** 11.2.1 **Memorandum, 25.05.2026 from the Graduation Office** regarding the rescindment of a degree and re-award with the First Class Honours milestone, as per the memorandum	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr McDonald) that **Council rescind** the Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages Degree and **re-award it** with the First Class Honours milestone, as per the memorandum **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
	11.3 **UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND RESPONSE TO TEC DOCUMENT*: Research activities template for investment in 2027*** 11.3.1 Memorandum, 27.06.2026 from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation regarding Research Activities for Investment in 2027. 11.3.2 University of Auckland response to Research activities template For Investment in 2027 11.3.3 TEC-Research-activities-template-investment-2027 Council noted that the document complemented the University's existing investment plan and had been developed within a constrained word limit. Feedback was provided that	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr Mason) that **Council:** • **Approve in principle** the response to the Research Activities for Investment in 2027 for submission to the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC); • **Note** that TEC have issued a Supplementary Plan Guidance and Research Activities Template that responds to priorities signalled in the 23 May 2025, Government Budget, that were not available when the Plan documents were prepared for Council • **Delegate** to the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) and

	the document could be made clearer and more accessible in its presentation, including consideration of structure, readability, and the potential inclusion of a concise summary.	Chief Operating Officer approval to finalise and approve the final document for submission to TEC **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
12. ELECTIONS - APPOINTMENTS	None	
13. GENERAL BUSINESS	13.1 **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES MEETING DATES 2027** **Council Meeting dates:** 10.03.27 – 21.04.27 – 09.06.27 – 16.08.27 – 20.10.27 – 06.12.27 **Finance Committee dates:** 22.02.27 – 13.05.27 – 02.08.27 – 22.09.27 – 19.11.27 **Audit and Risk Committee dates:** TBC **Capital Expenditure Committee dates:** 15.03.27 – 05.08.27 – 08.10.27 Potential conflicts with the above dates should be advised to the Secretary of Council.	**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Dugar) that Council **note** the Council and Committee Meeting dates for 2027 **The motion was CARRIED unanimously.**
14. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	(for the meeting of 24.08.2026) No leave of absence was requested The Chancellor asked that if members could not attend or not attend in person to let the Secretary of Council know and copy the Chancellor in.	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Mr Irvine): that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter was considered while the public was excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:

Item No. 1.1	Council Minutes Part B 29.04.2026
Item No. 2.1.1	Finance Committee Minutes, 18.05.2026
Item No. 2.1.2	Financial Performance and forecast
Item No. 2.2.1	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes, 21.05.2026
Item No. 2.2.2	Pastoral Care Code of Practice 2025 Attestation Report
Item No. 2.3.1	Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee – Annual report
Item No. 2.4.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee – Annual Report
Item No. 2.4.2	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee - membership
Item No. 2.5.1	Animal Ethics Committee – membership

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:

The protection of the interests mentioned below.

Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution:

Those in Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 namely:

i) To protect the privacy of the persons referred to in the recommendations and to maintain the confidentiality of those recommendations;
ii) To enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations; and
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AND THAT Mark Gregory, Professors Young, and Holdaway, Tim Bluett, Gavin Scott, Helen Cattanach, Jeremy Greenbrook-Held, Anthony Brandon, and Wendy Verschaeren be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of, or need to be briefed about, the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons are responsible.

The meeting closed at 5.30pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.10pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor **Date**

Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council │ 24 August 2026

General

External, Policy and Government Update

The Government's Budget was read on 28 May, with an oral update provided at the June Council meeting. Key points:

- A funding increase to support enrolment growth across the tertiary sector (+$111.715m 2026/2027 then $94.026m for 2027/2028), on the basis that this will support 99 per cent of forecast demand.
- No increase in DQ funding rates other than +2 per cent for specific areas of Foundation Education.
- A review of the enrolment-driven side of the tertiary funding system (possible implementation 2028)
- A review of the domestic fees policy for international PhDs with enrolments capped in 2027 at 2024 enrolments.
- Vote Tertiary Education and Vote Research, Science and Innovation cuts of 5 per cent in 2027 and 5.5 per cent in 2028.

The regulated period for General Election advertising expenses begins on 7 August, signalling that the formal campaign is underway. Parliament will be dissolved on 1 October with domestic advanced voting starting on 26 October. Cabinet committees are scheduled through to the election on 7 November.

Neither tertiary education nor research, technology and innovation are election issues; however, related issues are. The July Ipsos Issues Monitor lists the top issues for voters in the following order: inflation/cost of living (62 per cent), health care/hospitals (38 per cent); the economy (34 per cent), and unemployment (20 per cent), which has overtaken concern about petrol prices. For the subset of younger New Zealanders (18-34), economic concerns dominate, with elevated concern about unemployment (31 per cent), the economy (30 per cent), and housing/price of housing (27 per cent). Ipsos found that Labour is now perceived as the political party most capable of managing all five of New Zealanders' top concerns: inflation/cost of living, healthcare/hospitals, the economy, housing/price of housing, and unemployment.

Internal Update

To strengthen academic leadership and coordination across Māori research, education and engagement, the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori has introduced two new roles: Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori (Research) and Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori (Education). Professor Sarah-Jane Paine (Ngāi Tūhoe) and Mel Wall (Ngāti Tūwharetoa) have been appointed to these roles respectively. This complements the recent appointment of Dr Maia Hetaraka and Dr Piata Allen as co-directors of Te Whare Rangahau o Himi Henare (James Henare Research Centre).

A delegation representing the Offices of the Pro Vice Chancellor Māori, Pro Vice Chancellor Pacific, and Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga attended the APRU Indigenous Knowledges Network meeting in Boracay, Philippines. The workshop marked the official reading of the APRU Indigenous and First Nations Knowledges Network Statement**,** a document that sets out a shared vision and call to action for member universities. The statement identifies indigenous knowledges as an essential contribution to global efforts to address climate change and advance sustainable development.

1. Education and Student Experience

Overview

The University has exceeded 40,000 EFTS for the first time – as of 4 August, there were 41,621 EFTS enrolled, 33,269 Domestic Funded, 7,413 International Full Fee. While EFTS are currently tracking at 7.5 per cent ahead of the same point last year, this is down from 9 per cent ahead in the June Council report, thanks to slowing enrolments in semester two (including students increasingly enrolling for a full year at the beginning of the year), compared with semester two last year. We are still forecast to finish the year 5 per cent ahead of target.

Our domestic enrolments are 6.6% above where enrolments were at this point in 2025, and 4.2 per cent ahead of where we should be at this point to hit the 2026 budget. Overall full-fee international EFTS are forecast to grow by around 15 per cent this year. International postgraduate EFTS are 7 per cent above the same time last year. All faculties appear to be benefiting from the increased International postgraduate enrolments.

Māori student enrolments increased relative to 2025. Increased enrolment from Māori has been achieved in the Foundation (up 26 per cent) and School Leaver (up 14 per cent) segments relative to 2025. Pacific student enrolments are also higher than in 2024, particularly school leavers (up 21 per cent).

Disabled learner enrolments are higher (up 3 per cent overall) relative to the start of 2024 across most segments, undergraduate and postgraduate, as well as domestic and international.

Please note that the July Forecast round is underway at time of writing – the Forecast figures included in the table below are from May.

Indicators	**Last Year**	**Current Year**			
		To Date (4 Aug)		**End of Year**	
	Actual	**Target**	**Actual**	**Target**	**Forecast**
Total EFTS	39,184	39,095	41,621	39,558	*41,611**
Domestic Funded	31,302	31,635	33,269	31,734	*33,051**
International Full Fee	6,574	6,794	7,413	6,923	*7,346**
% Postgraduate EFTS	27.9%	27.6%	26.7%	27.6%	*27.1%**

Note: *EFTS information does not include enrolments in the ELA and other sources.*
Forecast figures are from May Forecast Round.

EFTS in priority groups

	2024 (4 Aug)	2025 (4 Aug)	% Change
Total Māori EFTS	2,502	2,745	9.7%
Māori School leavers	445	552	24.1%
Total Pacific EFTS	3,159	3,498	10.8%
Pacific School leavers	592	792	33.7%
Total Postgraduate	10,661	11,101	4.1%
Domestic	7,802	8,043	3.1%
International	2,768	2,965	7.1%

Progress against priorities

Priority 2: Student-centric learning, co-curricular and extra-curricular cultures

The OPVC Māori and the Director of Student and Scholarly Services (SASS) have developed a Lead Māori Student Success team in the new SASS structure. This team will have oversight and responsibility for the Māori student journey and experience including the Tuākana Learning Community.

Priority 3: Education that is research-informed, transdisciplinary, relevant and with impact for the world

As part of our ongoing AI and assessment work, the Pro Vice Chancellor (Learning & Teaching) and Ranga Auaha Ako led an assessment design forum: Learning and Assessing in the AI era with a keynote from Professor Phillip Dawson, Co-Director of the Centre for Research in Assessment and Digital Learning (CRADLE) at Deakin University, with a transdisciplinary panel from across the University of Auckland, including students. The hybrid forum gathered more than 300 attendees from across the education sectors in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

CADMUS’s Interactive Oral Assessment (IOA) software is being piloted. IOAs are an important line of defence to manage AI and assessment risks.

Academic unit reviews are scheduled for Art History (10-12 August), History (14-16 September), and Computer Science (19-21 October). Academic unit reviews focus on curricula, teaching delivery and research performance and are an important part of our ongoing academic quality assurance processes.

2. Research and Innovation

Indicators	2025	Current Year			
		To Date (May 2026)		End of Year	
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Forecast
Research revenue ($M)	251.6	114.1	110.2	260.6	253.2

Note: *The revenue includes University of Auckland revenue only*

Overview

The Government's Science Investment Plan 2026–2036 directs public investment to four pillars within a flat envelope, shifting $122m in additional funding per annum into Technology for Prosperity by 2029/30 and rebalancing the mission-led, investigator-led funding ratio from 45:55 to 60:40. Research Funding New Zealand (RFNZ) is now the single decision-maker for most government science funding across four pillars – Primary Industries and Bioeconomy; Technology for Prosperity; Environmental Sustainability and Resilience; Healthy People and a Thriving Society. The Health Research Council (HRC) operates under the Health Research Council Act 1990; therefore, the transition of its functions will be phased over a longer period, during which the HRC will continue to run funding rounds. Full implementation of the Health and Society pillar is expected by 2028. With domestic government sources contributing 56–70 per cent of the University's external research income, exposure to these changes is considerable. The Government's mission-led emphasis will also translate into targeted calls at significant funding scale – RNA Platform at $69.5m/7yrs; AI Research Platform at $70m/7yrs; with quantum currently under exploration.

The Cabinet approved the final TREF design in June 2026, with a continuation of the existing $315m annual allocation. PBRF funding will continue until the end of 2028, with TREF funding starting in 2029. The TREF formula will be entirely metrics-driven and comprise the following: research degree completions, 30 per cent; external research income, 25 per cent; field-weighted citations, 30 per cent; commercialisation, 7.5 per cent; policy impact, 5 per cent (as well as a 2.5 per cent capacity component for the non-university subsector). Indicative modelling positions UOA well for TREF funding, given the University's scale in completions, external income, citation volume, and commercial activity.

Progress against priorities

Priorities 1, 2, 3 AND 4: World-class research inspired by our place in Aotearoa and the Pacific; A global powerhouse of innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship; Relevant, purposeful, impactful research for our communities AND Ambitious research confronting humanity's greatest challenges.

The University's Signature Research Areas (SRAs) were approved by the University Executive Committee in May and officially launched on 30 June. The six Signature Research areas are:

- Mā Kiwa te moana nui e whakaumu | Blue Pacific Horizons: Building resilient, just and sustainable futures – grounded in the Pacific, relevant to the world.
- Mātauranga Tuku iho | Ancestral Futures: Shaping research with Indigenous knowledge to solve global challenges.
- Hangarau Haputa | Frontier Technologies: Making sure tomorrow's technologies work for our communities today.
- Pūngao Toitū | The Energy Movement: Accelerating the transition to cleaner, more resilient and accessible energy systems for everyone.
- Hangarau Hāpai Hauora | Future Health: Using Aotearoa New Zealand as a living lab to turn cutting-edge health research into solutions that work for all.
- Mōhiotanga tōtōpū | Advancing Trust in Knowledge: Strengthening the knowledge and trust that help societies understand, decide and act together.

Attention has now shifted to implementation of the SRAs. An Expression of Interest process has been completed to identify academic and professional staff convenors for each SRA, who will lead the development of five-year SRA Investment Plans.

Priorities 5 AND 6: Nurturing, recruiting and retaining outstanding research talent AND A research ecosystem characterised by collaboration, agility, simplicity, engagement and empowerment

The Research Management Solution (RMS) project has completed User Acceptance Testing. The project is now in the Business Readiness phase with a launch date set for 1 September. RMS will streamline and simplify the research ecosystem for researchers and professional staff.

As part of the Research Infrastructure Ecosystem (RIE) Programme, an *Embedded Partner* concept design for the future organisational model for e-Research has been selected by the RIE Steering Group and is being developed to a fully-elaborated organisational model for consultation in early Q3.

The new University Research Centre Service Delivery Model (URC SDM) has been endorsed, and stakeholder engagement is ongoing.

The Animal Ethics Improvement Plan has delivered significant progress over the past 12 months, with a primary focus on reducing application processing times. Communication with researchers has also been strengthened with a substantially improved service delivery, and increased confidence in Animal Ethics Committee processes.

The development of the Pacific Research Repository, led by Fofonga for Pacific Research Excellence, will be launched on 8 October 2026.

3. Partnerships and Engagement

Overview

The University continues a strong momentum in strategic engagement and partnership development. Notably, Māori outreach initiatives are expanding, with strong participation in Waipapa Ōhanga Rau and exceptional interest in the new Whaiā Te Pae Tawhiti programme. Other highlights include the establishment of the Alumni Advisory Group, which creates a new mechanism for alumni leadership and engagement.

Priority 1: Strengthen and deepen our relationships with tangata whenua.

Waipapa Ōhanga Rau, a Kaupapa Māori programme of activities to prepare Year 11-13 students for University, is on track to engage nearly 600 tauira Māori this year. The pilot of Whaiā Te Pae Tawhiti, an on-campus experience for Year 13 Māori students from outside Auckland, has received more than 100 applications for 30 places. To maximise impact, all applicants are being supported through a personalised digital engagement programme. Meanwhile, Māori school-leaver applications have reached 1,162, showing a steady increase over the past five admissions cycles.

Priority 2: An ambitious and relevant partner that is globally networked.

In May, the China Ministry of Education approved three significant transnational education (TNE) initiatives involving UOA: a joint Psychology programme with Southwest University; the relocation and expansion of the existing joint institute with Northeast Forestry University from Harbin to Hainan; and a new joint institute with Sichuan University.

On 19 May, the University welcomed a delegation from Wuhan University to formalise a new Joint Programme in Pharmaceutical Sciences, the University's first TNE partnership with a leading Chinese research-intensive university of this standing, and its first jointly delivered programme across the Faculties of Science and Medical and Health Sciences. The visit also saw the signing of a joint research fund agreement to support collaborative teaching and research activities.

On 15-17 July, a delegation from Northeastern University at Qinhuangdao visited the University to accompany and support the first cohort of 104 students as they transitioned to the University of Auckland through the joint programme in Mathematics.

Priority 3: Deep engagement with diverse Aotearoa and Asia-Pacific communities.

Pacific Academy is on track to support over 1,000 secondary learners in Auckland this year through free maths and science tutoring programmes delivered by the University. STEM Online continues to grow, now serving more than 14,000 secondary students nationally.

Total New Zealand media coverage for the University in Q2 was 5,263 news items, equating to a 27 per cent share of voice (compared to 5,352 news items and 31 per cent share of voice in Q1 2026). This put the University seven percentage points above second-place University of Otago. Overall, 97 per cent of media coverage about the University in Q2 was either very positive (36 per cent), positive (48 per cent) or neutral (12 per cent), with negative coverage at 3 per cent. A total of 41per cent of media coverage in Q1 comprised expert academic commentary on topical issues, with a further 27 per cent relating to the value and impact of the University's research. Proactive media engagement remains high, with 67 per cent of media stories in Q2 generated either by proactive media engagement by the University (37 per cent) or facilitated support to academics and journalists (30 per cent), with the remaining 33 per cent media-driven (not initiated or influenced by the University).

Priority 4: Enduring relationships with prospective students, students, alumni and donors

In Semester One 2026, the University welcomed 144 secondary students under the Young Scholars programme to undertake Stage One University courses. In July, over 230 high-achieving Year 12 students participated in Catalyst, a programme connecting talented students with leading researchers.

Alumni events took place in Kuala Lumpur on 21 July and Singapore on 23 July, both at the respective New Zealand High Commissioner's Official Residence. Guest speaker Professor Julian Paton shared recent developments in heart research, with Acting VC Professor Frank Bloomfield giving the University update. Golden Graduates lunches and senior alumni cocktail receptions were also held in each centre.

The Autumn issue of Ingenio, the University's alumni magazine, was published in early June and distributed to 60,000 alumni and friends in print, with a further 80,000 receiving the digital edition.

The University's new Alumni Advisory Group (AAG) held its first meetings in March and June. The AAG's purpose is to serve as a forum of informed and engaged alumni leaders, providing advice and feedback to the University, and to act as ambassadors in their communities.

The University's 2026 Digital Giving Day took place on 30 June, raising a total of $100,517, including matched funding, to support Vision Bus Aotearoa. There were 464 donors, including donors from the UK and the US, and via six alumni clubs. By comparison, the inaugural giving day in 2025 raised $73,399 from 331 donors.

Priority 5: Diverse student body reflecting our communities.

Applications from Pacific and Asian school-leaver cohorts continue to grow, with a consistent increase over the last five application cycles.

The University welcomed 232 new TNE students in Semester Two, 2026 through established partnerships across China, India, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Of these students, 41 received the $5,000 TNE High Achievers Award, and a further 10 received either the $10,000 International Excellence or the $20,000 Indian High Achievers Scholarship.

Priority 6: Recognised and valued by our communities for the contributions we make towards a more sustainable future for all.

The International Universities Climate Alliance has accepted the University of Auckland's proposal for a cross-university solution to climate mis/disinformation and is convening universities from across the world on the mission.

4. Enabling our People and Culture

Overview

The University is responding to changes in how people work with AI, which are reshaping many roles. These changes affect how the University attracts and retains the people needed for teaching, research and professional services.

Work is underway across leadership development, staff skills, career pathways, performance, equity, and staff experience. This includes using Kawea Ake more systematically to connect workforce and student outcomes with planning and organisational change. Several parts of this work are still being developed. Together, they are intended to prepare staff for future needs, improve their experience at work and address processes or practices that make it harder for people to perform well.

Progress against priorities:

Priority 1: Live our values and purpose

Work is underway to make performance discussions more consistent and useful across teaching, research, leadership and professional roles, while keeping them aligned with the University's values. A University-wide listening approach is also being developed.

Priority 2: Develop a future-ready workforce

A roadmap is being developed to connect the three AI action plans for education, research and the enabling environment. This will build on the AI Coaches initiative, through which approximately 100 staff have been trained to help colleagues develop their AI skills. The next stage will consider how AI can support teams, improve decisions and affect roles, processes and organisational structures.

The University is also working to provide clearer development and career pathways. The current focus is on developing roles and career pathways to enable academic excellence and support staff experience. This includes aligning supporting frameworks and practices for academic career development, progression, and talent management to drive excellence in teaching and research. A proposed target state model has been developed, and a transition and implementation plan is in progress, to be brought to UEC Q4 2026.

Priority 3: Build a high-performing, diverse, inclusive and equitable community

The University is giving greater attention to ensuring its workforce reflects the communities it serves. Work is being developed to support women's career progression and help close the gender pay gap. The initial focus is on professional staff in bands H and I, and academic staff progressing from senior lecturer to associate professor.

Workforce planning will also consider how the mix of staff and their cultural knowledge should respond to changes in the student body, including growing Māori, Pacific and Asian communities. A new Kawea Ake dashboard now provides transparent tracking of overall objectives, Māori student outcomes and Māori staffing outcomes, creating a clearer evidence base for this work. The University will also examine why people leave particular roles or groups, so that support for retention and development can be better directed.

Collective bargaining is underway for the Academic Staff, Medical Academic Staff, Professional Staff, and Security & Gardeners collective agreements. Bargaining commenced on 2 July, with opening presentations and claims exchanged on 9 and 20 July. Further meetings are scheduled for later in July and through August.

Approximately 20 per cent of employees in roles covered by the four agreements are union members. The unions are seeking a two-year term, with a 6 per cent salary increase in the first year and a 5 per cent increase in the second year, and have proposed replacing pay-for-performance progression for professional staff with automatic annual steps. The University expects to present its initial pay offer in August.

Priority 4: Activate manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and kaitiakitanga across our People and Culture practices

The University community gathered at Waipapa marae during Matariki for the Kawe Aroha, a ceremony hosted by the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori to acknowledge and honour those from the University community, and their whānau, who had passed away over the past year.

Kawea Ake is also being embedded more consistently in University planning. Analysis of faculty and function plans is complete and has identified both strong practice and variability across the University. The project team is using the findings to develop best-practice guidance that can be shared widely to strengthen future planning and implementation.

This approach is also shaping major operating-model changes. The new SaSS structure includes kaupapa Māori leadership roles, including Kaitaki, aligned with the model being implemented through the Kaupapa Māori Research Ecosystem. The Tuakana team currently within the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori will be integrated into the new SaSS structure. The Office has also contributed to the Communications and Marketing review, with the resulting roles providing meaningful alignment with Kawea Ake.

The Fale Pasifika and Fale office complex will close from mid-August 2026 to enable a major refurbishment, with reopening anticipated in September 2027. OPVC Pacific has established a Fale Refurbishment Working Group - in partnership with Te Wānanga o Waipapa: Māori Studies and Pacific Studies to guide the redevelopment, ensuring the project honours the Fale Pasifika's rich cultural and historical legacy, preserves its architectural significance, and positions the Fale to serve communities and the wider University for decades to come.

Priority 5: Aspirational and inclusive leadership

Planning is under way for Pūhoro Phase Two, proposed to begin in 2027. The programme would support approximately 150 senior leaders to lead complex change, including changes arising from generative AI. A leadership development programme is also being designed for leaders of the five pan-University Research Centres, ahead of the centres' scheduled review in mid-2027.

5. Our Enabling Environment

Overview

Indicators	Last Year 2025	Current Year			
		To Date (May 2026)		End of Year	
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Forecast
Total revenue ($M)*	1601.1	1164.7	991.6	1624.2	1694.3
Revenue achieved as a % of budget	102.0%	100.0%	85.1%	100.0%	104.3%

**Including UniServices & Excluding CIP Fair Value Adjustments*

Progress against priorities:

Strategic Priority 1: Create Mana-enhancing experiences for our communities through effective, efficient, and valued operations and services

Proactive development and improvement of services and operations to meet the needs of our diverse communities:

The Academic Heads Experience Improvement (AHEI) project has been improving the AI tool (TUI) for all Academic Heads. A second data release was scheduled for the end of July to support Academic Heads' with the ADPR process.

The Leave Provision Working Group is currently rolling out a new Power BI dashboard to support people managers with more proactive management of their staff's annual leave balances. This work is important to contain university leave liabilities.

Prioritising improvement of student experiences through personalised services, student support and wellbeing frameworks and a welcoming, vibrant environment:

Work to improve the student experience and enhance support has resulted in a number of initiatives and improvements, including -

Publishing the new Clinical Dashboard to support transparency, information for the community and prospective applicants. This has resulted in a noticeable reduction in OIA requests.

The work on reflecting the faculty changes in our student systems is progressing well and moving to testing. Work is underway to procure an international admissions system. We are also improving disaster recovery plans and business continuity plans for key student systems.

Priority 2: Deliver a distinctive, capable, and flexible people-centred environment that celebrates our place in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific

Delivery of the approved Property and Digital Capital Programme:

- B230: Law & Performing Arts: The project remains ahead of schedule. Detailed design continues, with consideration given to allocating more space to teaching and learning to support student growth.
- Carlaw Park Student Accommodation Stage 4: The work on site is ahead of schedule. It has been awarded a 5 Star Design Rating by NZGBC.
- Grafton B525 Research facility: The project is in the Concept Design phase, with user group meetings in progress.
- Fale refurbishment and upgrade: Construction commences in Q3 2026.
- S300 Student Centre and Library: The Fast Track Consent application was referred in June 2026, and the substantive application will be submitted in Q3 2027.
- Centre for High Performance Engineering: Concept and preliminary design is progressing, with stakeholder user groups commencing in Q3 2026.

Estate Planning activities (Property and Digital):

- A new Teaching and Learning Spaces Working Group met in July 2026. Meetings have been scheduled for the balance of the year to agree the strategic priorities and projects required to meet increased student numbers.
- Planning activities continue for the Kohanga Reo replacement and the development of the Newmarket campus.
- The Tai Tokerau Campus Steering Group is continuing to develop site options alongside the strategic business case.
- The Finance Transformation Programme is moving forward with a preferred system and is progressing with the selection of an implementation partner, due by the end of September. In parallel, an internal project team is being formed.
- Digital Services has commenced delivery of its Q3 work programme, balancing major transformation initiatives with a significant focus on cybersecurity, resilience, disaster recovery and technology modernisation. Priorities include the RMS go-live, Finance Transformation, AI platform development, vulnerability remediation, and the reduction of technical debt to improve the University's digital capability and operational resilience.
- In response to an increasingly complex cyber threat environment, the University is investing in a comprehensive programme of security, resilience and technology renewal. This includes reducing vulnerabilities across the digital estate, modernising critical infrastructure, and leveraging specialist external expertise where appropriate.
- The University's data centre migration programme is progressing, with infrastructure and virtual machines migrated from the OGG data centre to the Hobsonville Data Centre (HDC). During Q3 the focus is on completing migrations, establishing disaster recovery plans for both data centres, and enabling the eventual decommissioning of the OGG facility, reducing operational risk and improving long-term resilience.

Priority 3: Actively continue and measure progress towards overall sustainability and net-zero carbon status

- External audit of carbon emissions by Toitu was completed successfully. Total emissions reduced to 63,462 tCO_2e - an 11 per cent decrease from 2024 and 23.0 per cent below the 2019 baseline. Performance within the target boundary is particularly strong, with emissions reduced by 41.4 per cent against baseline, exceeding the 2025 interim target and positioning the University well toward its 2030 goal. Reductions are driven by sustained decreases in work-related air travel and continued decarbonisation of the estate, characterised by a shift from gas to electricity.
- The Carbon Neutral Government Programme dashboard data has been finalised and submitted.

Priority 4: Enable long-term operational sustainability and resilience for the University through careful stewardship and planning and by enabling revenue growth

- The University continues to actively manage financial sustainability in the context of ongoing economic volatility, constrained government funding, inflationary cost pressure and sustained enrolment growth. Our latest 5+7 forecast shows a stronger near-term operating position; however, this is supported in part by temporary funding and timing benefits, with the underlying position remaining below long-term sustainability objectives.
- Supporting teaching, frontline and student-facing services remains a key focus, as recent enrolment growth continues to place pressure on academic capacity, student services, campus operations and digital infrastructure. Targeted investments are being prioritised to maintain service quality, support growth and improve the student experience.
- Management is strengthening long-term sustainability through disciplined workforce and cost management, while continuing to invest in technology, automation, artificial intelligence and process improvement initiatives. These investments are intended to improve productivity, support scalable service delivery, enhance the staff and student experience, and reduce reliance on future growth in professional staffing levels. Professional staffing growth will remain carefully managed, with targeted exceptions for demonstrable enrolment-related service requirements that cannot be met through process.

Professor Frank Bloomfield	Professor Nic Smith
Vice-Chancellor (Interim/Outgoing)	Vice-Chancellor (Incoming)

Appendix One: University Gifts and Pledges [April, May, June 2026]

The following major new gifts and pledges were received by ARD in April, May and June 2026, totalling $30,562,533, plus £152,845 and $US135,000:

- $10,000,000 from the George Mason Charitable Trust to support the George Mason Centre for the Natural Environment at Science
- $5,000,000 from The Tautoko Trust to support research at ABI
- $4,958,678 from the National Philanthropic Trust for the 'Strengthening Women's Health and Leadership to Eliminate Cervical Cancer in Niue, Tokelau, and the Cook Islands' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- $2,120,000 from Cancer Society Auckland Northland to support the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre, Cancer Trials NZ and for Momentum Grants to advance cancer research
- $1,888,477 from the NEXT Foundation to support scientific research leadership for the Foundation's environmental portfolio and for the NEXT Engineering Solutions programme
- $1,800,000 from the Buchanan Charitable Foundation for the 'Blocking the inflammasome pathway in neurodegenerative diseases via BOTU' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- $1,520,917 from the Neurological Foundation of New Zealand for the Neurological Foundation Human Brain Bank at Medical and Health Sciences
- $390,410 from the Divers Alert Network for the 'Exploring the impact of Pre-Dive Exercise, Microparticles, and Menstrual Cycle on Venous Gas Emboli after Diving' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- $313,170 from the Duncan Foundation to support the NZ NeuroGenetics Registry and Biobank at the Centre for Brain Research
- $298,000 from an anonymous donor for the Auckland Apollo Programme at Engineering
- $273,155 from Health NZ Auckland for 'The New Zealand Cerebral Palsy Register: Evolution into a CP Research Platform' study at the Liggins Institute, the 'Paediatric asthma care equity' study at Medical and Health Sciences and the 'Characterisation of immune and fibrosis markers in liver biopsies and explants of children with biliary atresia' study at Science
- $255,000 from the Friedlander Foundation to support the Gait Analysis Programme at ABI
- $247,000 from The Angus Family Trust for dementia research at Medical and Health Sciences
- $175,527 from the Diabetes New Zealand Research Foundation for the 'Identifying Effective Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Strategies for New Zealanders Taking Antipsychotic Medications' study at Science and for the 'Preparing for Implementation of the LIFT App to Support Rangatahi to Thrive with Diabetes in Aotearoa' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- $157,017 from Cure Kids for the Cure Kids Chair in Child Health Research at Medical and Health Sciences
- $150,000 from Bernard McCracken for the 'Advanced cellular based therapies project' at the Leukaemia & Blood Cancer Research Unit at Medical and Health Sciences
- $102,513 from the Heart Foundation for the 'Contemporary lipid profiles and lipid management in all adult New Zealanders' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- $100,000 from Tower Insurance for the Tower Insurance Data Science Scholarship
- $96,000 from New Zealand Education Trust to support domestic students from Waitakere College School of Business who are studying at the Business School
- $76,500 from the Maurice and Phyllis Paykel Trust for the Phyllis Paykel Memorial Scholarship in Medicine and the Maurice & Phyllis Paykel Trust PhD Research Travel Award at Medical and Health Sciences
- $69,645 from Oregon Health & Science University for the Cochrane Fertility Regulation Review Group at Medical and Health Sciences

- $64,143 from The Sir William and Lady Manchester Charitable Trust for updated technology for Biological Sciences research
- $60,000 from the Raye Blumenthal Freedman Trust for the Raye Blumenthal Freedman Undergraduate Scholarship at Arts and Education
- $57,661 from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy for the 'Disintegrated Urban Regeneration: Recovering Cultural Landscapes For Community Needs And Local Economies' study at Engineering and Design
- $45,000 from Phil O'Reilly for the Jean O'Reilly Memorial Honours or Masters Scholarship
- $40,000 from Chisholm Whitney Family Charitable Trust for marine science research to assess the impact of Exotic Caulerpa
- $40,000 from an anonymous donor to support dementia research at the Centre for Brain Research
- $40,000 from Vector for Women in Engineering Network student support
- $40,000 from Gerard Doolin for the Fred Doolin Education Scholarship
- $30,000 from The Save Sight Society of New Zealand Inc for the 'Posterior Limbal Stromal Cell Extracellular Vesicles for Corneal Endothelial Regeneration' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- $27,397 from the University of Queensland to support a Research Fellow at Science
- $25,876 from the Aotearoa Clinical Trials Trust to support a PhD on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on serious childhood bacterial infections, at Medical and Health Sciences
- $25,447 from Smartphone Free Childhood NZ Charitable Trust to support the 'Smartphones, Social Media and Youth Wellbeing' project at Medical and Health Sciences
- $25,000 from the Rotary Club of Auckland Inc for the Beca and Rotary Club of Auckland Scholarship
- $25,000 from the Beca Group for the Beca and Rotary Club of Auckland Scholarship
- $25,000 from the Selwyn Foundation for the 'Rainbow places through social design: Older Rainbow people co-creating community connection in Auckland and Northland' study at Medical and Health Sciences
- £152,845 from Eric Tracey for the Eric & Patricia Tracey Fellowship in Infectious Diseases Research at Medical and Health Sciences
- $US75,000 from an anonymous donor for Menstrual Cup Research
- $US60,000 from Robert Huang for the Business School Case Programme

Finance Committee MINUTES | PART A
11 August 2026
HYBRID | Council Meeting Room and via Zoom
8:00 am to 10:00 am

Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland

Present: Sam Ricketts (Chair), Cecilia Tarrant, Professor Nic Smith, Professor Julia Tolmie, Gemma Skipper, Sunisha Dugar and online via Zoom Rob McDonald, Julia Pahina, Tom Irvine **In Attendance:** Professor David Lloyd (online via Zoom), Mark Gregory, Professor Frank Bloomfield, Tim Bluett, Cameron Thomas, Helen Cattanach, Patricia Yap, Alexandra Thomas, Gavin Scott and Ruwani Dharmawardana		
The Chair welcomed Professor David Lloyd, newly appointed Council member, to the meeting.		
1. Apologies	No apologies were received. In addition, it was noted that Professor Tolmie would need to leave the meeting at 9.00am.	
2. Disclosures of Interest	The attention of Members was drawn to the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the need to disclose any interest in an item on the agenda of the meeting as set out in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020. No further disclosures were made.	
3. Minutes of Finance Committee of 18.05.2026	**Item No 3.1: Minutes, Part A 18.05.2026** **Item No 3.2:** Matters Arising from the Minutes, Part A, not elsewhere on the agenda. No matters were discussed that needed further attention, as part of the follow-up from the previous meeting.	**RESOLVED (Chair | Cecilia Tarrant)** that the Minutes, Part A, of the Finance Committee held on 18.05.2026 be taken as read and confirmed.

4. Other Matters for Decision or Noting

Financial Performance Summary

University & UniServices	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Forecast	2026 Budget	2026 var
EFTS					
Domestic	30,008	31,302	33,363	31,734	1,629
International	5,699	6,574	7,353	6,923	430
Other	896	1,308	1,215	901	314
	36,603	39,184	41,931	39,558	2,373
Income & Expenditure ($m)					
TEC funding	424	441	466	440	26
Fees	432	501	577	553	23
PBRF/Other	132	146	142	130	12
	988	1,088	1,185	1,124	62
T&R Expenditure	435	462	490	481	(10)
T&R Contribution	552	626	695	643	52
Research Revenue	284	249	254	263	(8)
Research Expenditure	249	218	226	226	(0)
Research Contribution	35	31	28	37	(8)
Other revenue	268	264	255	238	17
People Costs & Opex	636	642	655	644	(11)
Depreciation	186	234	239	241	2
Other contribution	(554)	(612)	(639)	(647)	8
Operating Surplus	**33.6**	**45.0**	**84.0**	**32.2**	**51.8**
University	22.6	37.3	83.5	31.5	52.0
UniServices	11.0	7.7	0.5	0.7	(0.2)
Fair value and other intercompany adjustments	(14.7)	(0.6)	(18.2)	(18.2)	0.0
Net Surplus	18.9	44.5	65.8	14.0	51.8

This forecast reflects actual results to 31 May 2026 and expected performance for the remainder of the year. The forecast includes the University and UniServices Limited and excludes the Foundation.

Strong domestic and international student enrolments continue to shape revenue growth and financial performance in 2026. The operating surplus is forecast at $84m, 4.8% of revenue, representing a material improvement on prior forecasts.

Temporary Government funding support has also contributed materially to the 2026 outcome. The University continues to focus on maintaining long-term financial sustainability while supporting growth in student demand.

The University continues to hold a strong liquidity position with low debt metrics in accordance with TEC risk framework. The fair value and other intercompany adjustments are non-cash and do not relate to underlying University operations.

5. Leave of Absence	The Chair noted that no apologies had been received for the 21 September 2026 meeting and advised members to inform the Committee Secretary in advance if they are unable to attend.	
6. Public Exclusions	The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows: General subject of each matter to be considered: **Item No 7.1: Finance Committee Meeting 18 May 2026, Minutes Part B** **Item No 7.2: Matters Arising from the Minutes, Part B, not elsewhere on the agenda.** **Item No 8.0: Treasury Management, Compliance and Cash Flow Report** **Item No 9.0: Financial Performance and 5+7 Forecast 2026 to 2028** **Item No 10.0: Outlook for Research Revenue** Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter: The protection of the interests mentioned below. Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution: Those in Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 namely: i) To protect the privacy of the persons referred to in the recommendations and to maintain the confidentiality of those recommendations; and ii) To enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations; and iii) To prevent the disclosure or use of Official Information for improper gain or advantage.	**RESOLVED (Chair | Julia Pahina)** that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting AND THAT Professor Lloyd, Mr Gregory, Professor Bloomfield, Mr Bluett, Mr Thomas, Ms Cattanach, Ms Yap, Ms Thomas, Mr Scott and Ms Dharmawardana be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public be excluded, because of their knowledge of the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of the University of Auckland for which those persons are responsible.

The meeting moved into a Public Excluded session at 08.08 am.

The meeting closed at 9.45 am.

Approved as a true and correct record.

Sam Ricketts, Chair

Date:

Capital Expenditure Committee MINUTES | PART A
4 August 2026
HYBRID | Council Meeting Room and via Zoom
08:00 am to 10:00am

Waipapa Taumata Rau University of Auckland

Present: Cecilia Tarrant (Chair), Rob McDonald, Cathy Quinn, Sam Ricketts and Professor Nic Smith

In Attendance: Mark Gregory, Tim Bluett, Simon Neale, Andrew Phipps, Cameron Thomas, Gavin Scott, and Ruwani Dharmawardana

1. Apologies	None.	
2. Disclosures of Interest	The attention of Members was drawn to the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the need to disclose any interest in an item on the agenda of the meeting as set out in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020. No further disclosures were made.	
3. Minutes of Capital Expenditure Committee of 05.03.2026	**Item No 3.1: Minutes, Part A 05.03.2026** **Item No 3.2:** Matters Arising from the Minutes, Part A, not elsewhere on the agenda. No matters were discussed that needed further attention, as part of the follow-up from the previous meeting.	**RESOLVED (Chair | Sam Ricketts)** that the Minutes, Part A, of the Capital Expenditure Committee held on 05.03.2026 be taken as read and confirmed.
4. Other Matters for Decision or Noting	None.	
5. Leave of Absence	No leave of absence was requested for the meeting scheduled for 1 October 2026. The Chair advised that the meeting would be rescheduled to November 2026, with the revised meeting date to be confirmed and communicated in due course.	
6. Public Exclusions	The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows: General subject of each matter to be considered: **Item No 7.1: Capital Expenditure Committee 5 March 2026, Minutes Part B** **Item No 7.2: Capital Expenditure Meeting 5 March 2026 Matters**	**RESOLVED (Chair | Nic Smith)** that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting AND THAT Mr Gregory, Mr Bluett, Mr Neale, Mr Phipps, Mr Thomas, Mr Scott, and Ms Dharmawardana be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public be excluded, because of their knowledge of the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of

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Item No 8.0: Hono | Human Connections Programme– Final Report
Item No 9.0: LTFP Capital Programme Update
Item No 10.0: Use of Vice-Chancellor Delegated Authority
Item No 11.0: B102 Old Government House Exterior Replacement/Reinstatement Programme
Item No 12.0: B315 – B311 Enabling Works Business Case
Item No 13.0: Construction Market Overview

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter: The protection of the interests mentioned below.
Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution: Those in Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 namely:

i) To protect the privacy of the persons referred to in the recommendations and to maintain the confidentiality of those recommendations; and
ii) To enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations; and
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The meeting closed at 9.50am.
Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chair
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THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

MATERIAL FOR COUNCIL FROM THE MEETING OF SENATE 27.07.2026

PART A:

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENATE REQUIRING TO BE CONSIDERED/RECEIVED BY COUNCIL**

a) **Review of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (ECSE) Year-on Progress Report**
Senate 27.07.2026 RECOMMENDS to Council that it receive the Review of the Department of Electrical, Computer, and Software Engineering (ECSE) Year-on Progress Report

b) **Review of the School of Psychology - Year-on Progress Report**
Senate 27.07.2026 RECOMMENDS to Council that it receive the Review of the School of Psychology - Year-on Progress Report

c) **Review of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (SOVS) - Year-on Progress Report**
Senate 27.07.2026 RECOMMENDS to Council that it receive the Review of the School of Optometry and Vision Science (SOVS) - Year-on Progress Report

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENATE REQUIRING COUNCIL CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL**

ACADEMIC MATTERS AND REGULATIONS

1. **REGULATION AMENDMENTS**

Senate, 27.07.2026 RECOMMENDS that Council approve the following Regulation Amendments:

a) **Regulation Amendment 2026-910: Key dates - closing dates for admission**
To update the Semester Two application closing date for international applicants applying for undergraduate programmes.

b) **Regulation Amendment 2026-911: Key dates - closing dates for admission**
To update the application closing date for two recently introduced Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programme, the Graduate Diploma in Teaching (Māori Medium) and Master of Teaching and Learning (Early Childhood).

c) 2027 Programme Limitations

i. **Summary of 2027 changes**
ii. **2027 Programme Limitations**
iii. **2027 Selection Criteria**
iv. **2027 Undergraduate Health**

d) 2028 Programme Limitations – Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (Undergraduate Clinical Programmes with 1 July application close date)

e) School Leaver Requirements (Guaranteed Entry Scores (GES), and Subject, Credit and Other Requirements), and Undergraduate Targeted Admission Scheme (UTAS) Criteria for 2028 Admission.

PART B: ITEMS FROM SENATE FOR NOTING BY COUNCIL

1. University Research Committee minutes

Senate was asked to note the following as part of the University Research Committee minutes:

i. Minutes, 22.06.2026
13.ii Graduate Research Committee (GRC) Minutes, 08.06.2026
13.iii Doctoral Programmes Report 2026
13.iv UoADS summary Report

Senate, 27.07.2026, noted the above matters and the motion to approve the Research Committee minutes was **carried unanimously.**

2. Establishment of Faculty Research Centres within the Faculty of Science

Pursuant to Senate Standing Order 6, with the consent of all members present, Professor Holdaway reported on a proposal, previously considered by Research Committee, concerning six Faculty of Science research centres. The proposal included the elevation of four research centres to Faculty Research Centre status and the continuation of two existing Faculty Research Centres. The centres discussed (those to be elevated to Faculty Research Centre status) were the Auckland Synthetic Biology (SynBio) Research Centre, the Centre for AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Research, the George Mason Centre for the Natural Environment, and the Centre for Machine Learning for Social Good. The proposed centres were considered strong, strategically aligned initiatives addressing significant research and societal challenges, and had received faculty-level endorsement.

Senate was advised that the proposal had previously been reviewed by the Research Committee. Following the Committee's endorsement in principle, supporting documentation was circulated electronically to eligible Research Committee members for further consideration and endorsement out of committee. Members were invited to provide their views and indicate whether they supported the elevation of the proposed centres to Faculty Research Centre status. Of the 20 eligible members, 11 responded, with all responses in support.

Senate, 27.07.2026, noted the above matter and the motion to approve the elevation of four research centres, namely the Auckland Synthetic Biology (SynBio) Research Centre, the Centre for AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Research, the George Mason Centre for the Natural Environment, and the Centre for Machine Learning for Social Good, to Faculty Research Centre status, and the continuation of two existing Faculty Research Centres within the Faculty of Science was carried unanimously.

3. **Proposal for the combination of Te Pare School of Architecture and Planning and the Design Programme and form Te Pare School of Architecture, Planning and Design (APD)**

   This proposal was submitted to Senate, 27.07.2026 to seek Senate's comments and advice on any academic consequences. Senate noted the combination of Te Pare School of Architecture and Planning and the Design Programme and form Te Pare School of Architecture, Planning and Design (APD), but did not offer any advice nor made comments, after which the proposal was approved by the Vice-Chancellor.

4. **Draft updates of the External Review of Established Academic Programmes Policy**
   i. Memorandum, 19.06.2026 regarding interim updates to External Review of Established Academic Programmes Policy
   ii. External Review of Established Academic Programmes Policy DRAFT

   After consideration by Senate, 27.07.2026, these were sent for approval to the Vice-Chancellor

5. **Awarding the Title of Emeritus Professor Policy and Procedures (Review)**
   Proposed amendments introduce a more structured process for the consideration of nominations by the University Honours Committee through a quarterly review cycle and enable academic members of the Senior Leadership Team, in addition to Deans, to nominate retiring professors for the title of Professor Emeritus recognising that some professors may not be affiliated with a faculty at the time of their retirement. The existing approval process through the University Honours Committee and Council remains unchanged.

   Senate, 27.07.2026 advises Council that it endorsed the proposed amendments to the Awarding the Title of Professor Emeritus Policy and Procedures and after consideration by Senate, 27.05.2026, this was sent for approval to the Vice-Chancellor.

6. **Under other Business** In response to a question regarding recent public comments concerning a University academic, Senate was advised that appropriate support had been provided to the academic and that the University continues to advocate strongly for academic freedom and freedom of expression in its external engagement.

<u>**PART C: MATTERS RECEIVED AND APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY**</u>

1. **CUAP AMENDMENT**
   Senate, 27.07.2026 advises Council that the following Amendments be approved for submission to CUAP:

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2026-110	MBM	Adds a 120-point pathway option in Product Management Specialisation in the Master of Business Management from Q1 2027.
2026-403	PGDipDes	Introducing a new Postgraduate Diploma in Design (PGDipDes) from 2027.
2026-404	MDes	Amend the MDes admission pathways to allow the entry GPA requirement to be satisfied using the PGCertDes or new PGDipDes.
2026-407	MEngSt	To add a 180-point option for Master of Engineering Studies in Chemical and Materials Engineering specialisation.
2026-416	MBioeng	To introduce a Master of Bioengineering (MBioeng) which will replace the Master of Engineering in Bioengineering specialisation, from 2027.
2026-605	BMedSc(Hons)	To amend the admissions clause regarding the GPA calculation and decision-maker.
2026-705	PGDipDataSci	To introduce a Postgraduate Diploma in Data Science and amend the regulations for the Master of Data Science.
2026-800	PGCertEnergy, PGDipEnergy, MEnergy	1. To amend the admission regulations for the PGDipEnergy and PGCertEnergy to convert these from exit-only qualifications to instead also allow direct admission to these. 2. Amend the MEnergy admission clause to provide an explicit entry pathway from the PGDipEnergy and PGCertEnergy.

2. Academic Programmes Committee

i.Internal memorandum to Senate for change to the APC reporting line

1. Current and proposed APC updated Terms of Reference
2. Current and proposed EC updated Terms of Reference

This item was introduced by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education, Professor Young. Senate was advised that the proposed changes better align the interdependent work of APC and the Education Committee, improve coordination following the disestablishment of PDDC, and streamline reporting arrangements, while preserving Senate's visibility of, and ability to comment on, APC matters.

In response to a question regarding the potential impact of the proposed reporting change on programme approval and regulatory timeframes, Professor Young advised that no delays were anticipated and that committee schedules could be adjusted if necessary to support timely decision-making.

Senate, 27.07.2026 advises Council that it:

- **Approve** the proposed change for the Academic Programmes Committee (APC) to report to Senate via the Education Committee;

- **Approve** the revised Terms of Reference for the Academic Programmes Committee and the revised Terms of Reference for Education Committee;
- **Note** that APC would retain its detailed academic and regulatory scrutiny role and delegated programme and course approval responsibilities; and
- **Note** that consultation has been undertaken with APC and Education Committee, with no concerns raised and members expressing support for the proposed change.

3. **English Language and other requirements**

Senate, 27.07.2026 advises Council that it approved English Language and other requirements.

4. **2027 Course Limitations**

Senate, 27.07.2026 advises Council that it approved 2027 Course Limitations.

Internal Memorandum

Date: 07 August 2026
To: Ruwani Dharmawardana ruwani.dharmawardana@auckland.ac.nz
From: Maselina Tufuga, m.tufuga@auckland.ac.nz
CC: Margaret Crannigan Allen, Margaret.allen@auckland.ac.nz
Subject: Rescindment of Degree

Rescindment of degree and re-award with Distinction.

The following student was conferred their degree with no milestone as the milestone calculation was not undertaken before the student was made eligible to graduate.

This is to request that the earlier qualification be rescinded and re-awarded with the Distinction milestone as noted below.

To be rescinded:

Name	Qualification	New milestone
Sharon Shalini Verna	Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences	No milestone

To be conferred:

Name	Qualification	New milestone
Sharon Shalini Verna	Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences	Distinction

Nga mihi

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