

**Council Minutes Part A
(Open Minutes)
9 December 2020**



PRESENT:	Mr St John (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Mr Daniell, Ms Quinn, Professor Curtin, Ms Newsome, Mrs Dunphy, Mr Wang, Ms Tarrant, and, remotely via Zoom: Ms Dawson. Mr Paitai,	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Professors Morrow, and Metson; Mrs Cleland, Mr Gudsell, Ms Toft, Mrs Fitzpatrick, and Mrs Verschaeren	
KARAKIA	The meeting was opened with a karakia by the Māori representative on Council, Mr John Paitai.	
1. APOLOGIES	None	
2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS	<p>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 s175 of the Education Act 1989.</p> <p>No further disclosures were made.</p>	
3. AWARD OF DIPLOMA	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor awarded the diploma, as per the schedule provided to the meeting.	
4. COUNCIL MEETINGS	<p>4.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), Zoom meeting 05.10.2020</p> <p>With regard to item 2. Disclosures of Interest, Council asked to add Ms Quinn to the members who disclosed that they had family members who would be students in 2021.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Minutes (Part A), Zoom meeting 05.10.2020 be taken as read and confirmed, subject to the requested addition.</p>
	<p>4.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), Zoom meeting 05.10.2020 not elsewhere on the Agenda.</p>	
5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	<p>The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item. She made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the future, the reports would have a different shape. As the University would have a different strategy, reporting against the identified strategic points would follow a different format. 	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vice-Chancellor thanked her executive, the staff, students and community of the University of Auckland for their phenomenal efforts during this difficult year; for their resilience to not just maintain the University's reputation, but also to build on it. The University recently had some excellent feedback from the Minister of Education on its draft new strategy. This was well aligned with the recently released tertiary education strategy particularly with regard to lifting the University's ambition. Staff had responded especially well to the University's financial challenge in 2020. <p>Council commented the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the visit of the Thomas Building earlier today, Council had noted that there was an issue with storage in that building which could pose a health and Safety risk and suggested that the University's Health and Safety Team could assess this. Council also asked if the health and safety part of the report could be clarified in the future to allow Council to ascertain which incidents occurred and benchmark against other organisations. 	
6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	<p>6.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 18.11.2020</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A), 18.11.2020 be received .
	<p>6.2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 23.11.2020</p> <p>6.2.2 Terms of Reference amended</p> <p>Council commented that in the terms of reference the sentence: "The University's Sensitive Expenditure Policy will apply" in the last paragraph of p. 1 had been deleted and needed to be added again.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Capital Expenditure Committee Minutes (Part A), 23.11.2020 be received.</p> <p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the amended terms of reference of the Capital Expenditure Committee be adopted.</p>
	<p>6.3 FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.3.1 Minutes, (Part A), 23.11.2020</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 23.11.2020 be received .
	<p>6.4 EQUITY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mrs Dunphy): that Council receive and note the Equity

	<p>6.4.1 Equity Leadership Committee end-of-year Report to Council</p> <p>This item was presented by Ms Toft, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity. She gave the following update: The Equity Office had been contacted by the United Nations Impact Unit, as they wanted to profile one of the students with disabilities, profiled on the University website, in their own project about people in academia.</p>	<p>Leadership Committee end-of year-Report to Council.</p>
	<p>RŪNANGA</p> <p>6.5.1 Rūnanga end-of-year Report to Council</p> <p>This item was presented by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori, Professor Kiro.</p> <p>Council noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to its Terms of Reference, there had been some concern about the Rūnanga meetings, and the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori wanted to reassure Council that these were open and inclusive forums where all people including students, were welcome to attend. The reach of the Rūnanga had been extended so that more people could engage with it. • The recruitment for a new Pro Vice Chancellor Māori was on its way, as Professor Kiro would be moving on to the Royal Society Te Apārangi in 2021. <p>Council thanked the Pro Vice Chancellor Māori for the work she had undertaken during her tenure and acknowledged that the progress that had been made was significant.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that Council receive and note the Rūnanga end-of-year Report to Council</p>
<p>7. SENATE MATTERS</p>	<p>7.1 REPORT OF SENATE, 30.11.2020</p> <p>Part Ai, 1-8: Reviews to be received by Council Part Aii, 1-10: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Part B, 1: Matters for noting by Council Part C, 1-2: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p> <p>This item was presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Morrow. He drew Council attention to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of Progress Reports of Academic Units. 	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 30.11.2020 be adopted, and Parts B and C be noted</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed change to the Credit Regulations, designed to include Micro-credentials. These Micro-credentials could be stacked by students towards a qualification. • The change to the Examination Regulations to apply these to a variety of forms of assessment including digital and online assessments. <p>Council noted that an error occurred in the memo from the Graduation Office regarding the Tai Tokerau Graduation in 2021 and asked if this could be corrected.</p>	
8. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	No items received	
9. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	<p>9.1 SEAL</p> <p>Since the Council meeting on 05.10.2020 the seal had been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of Lease – 128 Anzac Ave & 131A Beach Road, Central Auckland – New Zealand Education Holdings Beach Ltd (Landlord) & The University of Auckland (Tenant) • Deed of Lease – Level 8, Petherick Towers, Wellington-Midland Towers Ltd (Lessor) & The University of Auckland (Assignee & Lessee) • Deed of Partial Surrender and Variation of Lease - Ngapouri Farm-Liggins Institute Research Station – Graeme David Hathaway, Yvonne Therese Hathaway & Steven James Bignell (Landlord) & The University of Auckland (Tenant) 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be noted .
	<p>9.2 MĀORI NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY GIVEN BY NGĀTI WHĀTUA ORĀKEI</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Paitai): that Council accepts Waipapa Taumata Rau, as Māori name of the University.

	<p>9.3 TAUMATA TEITEI – VISION 2030 AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 – FINAL DRAFT</p> <p>This item was presented by the Vice-Chancellor. Council noted the following: This final draft had been submitted to Senate and this gave the Senate members the opportunity to bring their advice on certain matters to Council’s attention. As noted in the Report of Senate (item 7), members of Senate acknowledged that there had been wide consultation and student members requested that, the students’ voice was not only maintained in the operational plans that were being developed, but was also specifically included in the Strategy itself. Council was asked to endorse and note the final draft with the caveat that next year there would be more detail about the size and shape of the University moving forward. There would also be a targeted Financial strategy and an estate plan that underpinned priorities for a sustainable environment. A lot of the priorities, moving forward were also centred around achieving the University’s Business Recovery Plan. The operational plans were currently being developed by the Portfolio Managers and their Teams and would progress to the next Council meeting. Taumata Teitei had been a collective effort that staff and students could be proud of.</p> <p>Council asked if in the Partnerships and Engagement part of the Strategic Plan, there could be more emphasis of engaging with alumni and donors, as it was important for alumni and donors to buy into the Strategy and vision in the next decade.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that Council note and endorse Taumata Teitei – Vision 2030 and Strategic Plan 2025 as final drafts for consultation and further planning activity with the finalised documents to be presented to Council for approval in March 2021.</p>
	<p>9.4 HONORARY DEGREES AND AWARDS STATUTE AND GUIDELINES</p> <p>9.4.1 Memorandum, 01.12.2020 from the Vice-Chancellor</p> <p>9.4.2 Amended Honorary Degrees and Awards Guideline</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that Council adopt the amended Honorary Degrees and Awards Guidelines.</p>
<p>10. GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>This was the last meeting attended by the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Peter Gudsell. Council thanked Peter Gudsell for his contribution to the work of Council and wished him the best for the future.</p>	
<p>11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE</p>	<p>(for the meeting of 15.03.2021) None requested</p>	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

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

The general subject of each matter to be 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 were as follows:

General subject of each matter considered:

Item No. 1.1	Council Minutes (Part B), 05.10.2020, 28.10.2020 and 04.12.2020
Item No. 2.1	University of Auckland Animal Ethics Committee Membership Report
Item No. 2.2	University of Auckland Biological Safety Committee Membership Report
Item No. 2.3	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee Membership Report
Item No. 2.4	Audit and Risk Committee, (Part B), 18.11.2020
Item No. 2.5	Capital expenditure Committee (Part B), 23.11.2020
Item No. 2.6	Finance Committee, Minutes (Part B), 23.11.2020
Item No. 3.1	Business Recovery Programme
Item No. 3.2	Budget Report 2021
Item No. 3.4	2021 Council Committee Membership
Item No. 4	Correspondence referred by the Chancellor
Item No. 5	Election of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor

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 Adrienne Cleland, Professors Jim Metson and John Morrow, Peter Gudsell, Bridget Fitzpatrick and Wendy Verschaeren be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public had 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, was relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons were responsible.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.00pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Scott St John, Chancellor

Date