

**Council Minutes Part A  
(Open Minutes)  
27 July 2020**



<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mr St John (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Curtin, Dr Prasad, Mr Daniell, Ms Newsome, Mr Paitai, Mrs Dunphy, Mr Wang, Ms Tarrant and Ms Dawson.	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Professors Morrow, Kiro and Metson; Mrs Cleland, Mr Gudsell, Ms Moss and Mrs Verschaeren	
<b>KARAKIA</b>	The meeting was opened with a karakia by the Māori representative on Council, Mr John Paitai	
<b>1. APOLOGIES</b>	Ms Quinn	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the apologies be noted.
<b>2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS</b>	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.	No further disclosures were made.
<b>3. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES</b>	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor <b>conferred</b> the degrees as per the schedule provided to the meeting.	
<b>4. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS</b>	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor <b>awarded</b> the diplomas as per the schedule provided to the meeting.	
<b>5. COUNCIL MEETINGS</b>	5.1 <b>Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 08.06.2020 (Zoom meeting)</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that the Minutes (Part A) of the Council Zoom meeting held on 08.06.2020 be taken as <b>read</b> and <b>confirmed</b> .
	5.2 <b>Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 08.06.2020 not elsewhere on the Agenda.</b>	

## 6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item. She advised Council that on 27.07.2020, the Government would launch the International Education Plan. This was a four-year plan of which the first two phases already had been enacted:

Phase One related to the COVID-19 response and ensuring that appropriate mechanisms were in place to support students in this period.

The second and third phase related to addressing the international education market in the immediate and mid-term.

There was currently no appetite to bring any number of international students back into the country prior to 2021 but there might be opportunities for small pilot programmes to ensure that the appropriate mechanisms were in place to allow students to come into New Zealand in the first semester of 2021.

The Vice-Chancellor had been liaising with the Government regularly and, with the current plan, it would seem unlikely that the University would see a full cohort of international students back on campus prior to semester two 2021. However, as there was a possibility that this might change, the University had several plans in place to allow for different scenarios.

Phase two of the Government plan related to the way the Universities addressed having international students who were not able to come on campus and the impact that would have on the entire education sector.

Phase three referred to having a more sustainable business model going forward.

The Report was taken as read and the following was highlighted:

- The Vice-Chancellor applauded the staff members who were awarded the Research Excellence Medals for their achievements in research. She also acknowledged Dr Miro Erkintalo who had won the Prime Minister's 2019 MacDiarmid Emerging Scientist Prize.
- The work undertaken by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equity), Ms McNaughton, and the Equity Office regarding academic staff equity through the Academic Heads Advisory group was ongoing.
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific), Associate Professor Salesa, and his team had provided extensive support to the University's Pacific students in semester one which resulted in outstanding evaluations about the way Pacific students experienced that semester.
- Point 3: An additional table about the EFTS was tabled at the meeting. This table showed an increase of 268 EFTS in comparison to the Vice-Chancellor's Report.
- Point 3.1: The University undertook some notably and imaginative work through the successful Raising the Bar virtual events.
- Point 3.6: The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the work undertaken by the Auckland Online Team with enrolments in the Master of Educational Leadership and the Master of Public Policy well exceeding their enrolment targets. Five further postgraduate programmes were currently under development for 2021.
- Point 3.30: The spring Graduation would take place on 6-8 October 2020 in the Spark Arena. With regard to the possibility of Graduation processions, the University needed to consider various health and safety issues and a decision would be made in due course.

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be **noted**.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Point 3.38: a correction was required to the end of that paragraph; to read: “...<i>the return of students to campus.</i>”</li> <li>• Point 5.2: The Vice-Chancellor expressed her gratitude for the significant gifts and pledges the University had continued to receive in May and June 2020.</li> <li>• Point 5.5: The current water crisis in Auckland had a serious impact on the University, especially with regard to building maintenance.</li> <li>• Point 7: The Vice-Chancellor was collaborating with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori), Professor Kiro, and her team on the Strategic plan and Business Recovery Programme.</li> </ul> <p>In response questions of Council, the Vice-Chancellor responded that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tai Tokerau Campus had been damaged by flooding recently, but teaching had not been impacted;</li> <li>• The 48 students who were still overseas, as mentioned in point 8.11, were predominantly doctoral students undertaking research overseas.</li> <li>• The University would continue to invest in cyber security, especially as online channels had been used extensively during the COVID-19 period and would continue to be used in the future. The University was aware of the risks involved with this and the potential increase of cyber-crime.</li> <li>• The details regarding the Business Recovery Programme with regard to the sustainable university scenario planning would be going to Finance Committee in September 2020.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b></p>	<p>7.1 <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>7.1.1 <b>Minutes (Part A), 15.07.2020</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 15.07.2020 be <b>received</b>.</p>
	<p>7.2 <b>RŪNANGA</b></p> <p>7.2.1 <b>Mid-year Report</b></p> <p>This item was presented by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori), Professor Kiro. She commented that last year when Rūnanga’s Terms of Reference were changed, there had been some concern about a change to the nature of its meetings. However, the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) wanted to reassure Council that Rūnanga had always been and continued to be an open forum where all staff were genuinely welcome and consensus decisions were made. There had been a number of discussions about important strategic topics. This included reflecting on what a more meaningful relationship with Te Tiriti (Treaty of Waitangi) might mean for the University and how this would relate to equity and the University’s needs and obligations.</p> <p>A significant focus of Rūnanga had been the Te Reo Revitalisation Plan and the University of Auckland was the first University who had such a comprehensive</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mrs Dunphy): that the Rūnanga Mid-Year Report be <b>received</b>.</p>

	<p>language revitalisation plan in New Zealand. The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) also referred to the Te Kūaha/The Doorway: an app which was an educational resource to learn basic te reo Māori and protocol. The app was accessible via this <a href="#">link</a>.</p>	
<p><b>8. SENATE MATTERS</b></p>	<p><b>8.1 REPORT OF SENATE, 13.07.2020</b></p> <p>Part Ai, 1 - 8: Reviews to be <b>received</b> by Council  Part Aii, 9 - 17: Policy and other matters requiring Council <b>approval</b>  Part B, 1: Matters for <b>noting</b> by Council  Part C, 1-2: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p> <p>This item was presented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (DVC(A)), Professor Morrow.</p> <p>The DVC(A) drew Council's attention to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The new taught Masters programmes that would be submitted to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) – Round 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ The Master of Business Management;</li> <li>➢ The Master of Design;</li> <li>➢ The Master of Aerospace Engineering;</li> <li>➢ The Master of Robotics and Automation Engineering.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Revised Student Academic Conduct Statute: This was an interim revision and a full revision of the Statute would take place later. The current revision dealt with an issue that emerged in the handling of cases by the Discipline Committee. This Committee currently only had the power to punish students by removing all the marks but not some of the marks of an assessment. The revised Statute would now allow the Committee to make more nuanced decisions. The other major change was the introduction of "poor academic practice" (PAP) as a breach of academic integrity expectations.</li> <li>• The 2020 Programme limitations now included a change for the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences where an invigilated test was introduced for entry into the MBChB, BPharm, BOptom, BMedImag(hons). This test was required because of the disruption of usual teaching and assessment arrangements during Semester one.</li> </ul>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 13.07.2020 be <b>adopted</b>, and Parts B and C be <b>noted</b></p>
<p><b>9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR</b></p>	<p>No items received.</p>	
<p><b>10. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING</b></p>	<p><b>10.1 SEAL</b></p> <p>Since the Council meeting on 16.03.2020 the seal has been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be <b>noted</b>.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of Renewal of Lease - 19A Princes Street - Grange Road Holdings Ltd &amp; The University of Auckland</li> <li>• Deed of Gift - Auckland University Students Association Incorporated &amp; The University of Auckland</li> <li>• Deed of Lease - No. 6 Osterley Way Manukau - Osterley 6 Limited &amp; The University of Auckland</li> <li>• Deed of Renewal of Sublease - 19A Princes St, Auckland - Grange Road Holdings Ltd &amp; The University of Auckland</li> <li>• Deed of Rent Review - 66A Allens Road, East Tamaki - Allens Road Joint Venture Nominee Ltd &amp; The University of Auckland</li> <li>• Deed of Lease - 128 Anzac Ave, Auckland - The University of Auckland, Gilli Café UoA Ltd. &amp; Ying</li> </ul>	
	<p>10.2 <b>RESCINDMENT</b></p> <p>10.2.1 <b>Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering)</b></p> <p>Memorandum, 14.07.2020 from Margaret Allen, Manager, Scholarships and Graduation regarding the rescindment of a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering)</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that Council <b>rescind</b> the conferral of a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) on 29.04.2020 to Alex Abbott Harris and re-award a Bachelor of Engineering (Engineering Science).</p>
<p><b>10 GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>	<p>11.1 <b>COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES MEETING DATES 2021</b></p> <p>The following 2021 meeting dates have been confirmed and electronic invitations have been sent to the members.</p> <p><b>Council Meeting dates:</b> 15.03.21 - 19.04.21 - 14.06.21 - 26.07.21 - 11.10.21 - 08.12.21</p> <p><b>Finance Committee dates:</b> 02.03.21 - 25.05.21 - 13.07.21 - 21.09.21 - 23.11.21</p> <p><b>Audit and Risk Committee dates:</b> 03.03.21 - 21.05.21 - 17.09.21 - 26.11.21</p> <p>The Chancellor drew Council's attention to the Pōwhiri held for the Vice-Chancellor in the afternoon on Thursday 30.07.2020 on the University of Auckland Waipapa Marae.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that the Council and Committees meeting dates 2021 be <b>noted</b></p>
<p><b>11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b></p>	<p>(for the meeting of 05.10.2020)</p> <p>None requested</p>	

## **PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS**

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter considered:

Item No. 1.1	Council Zoom Meeting Minutes (Part B), 08.06.2020
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	Finance Committee, Minutes (Part B), 15.07.2020, Financial Performance and Forecast for 2020 and Outlook (international, domestic and research)
Item No 2.5	Honours Committee Reports
Item No 2.6	Naming Committee Report
Item No 4.1	UniServices

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, Pamela Moss 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 6pm.**

**The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 4.55pm**

**Approved as a true and correct record.**

**Scott St John, Chancellor**

**Date**