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| <b>PRESENT:</b>                              | Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Sir Michael Daniell, Professor Curtin, Mrs Dunphy, Ms Dawson, Mr Paitai, Mr McDonald, Mr Wang, and, remotely via Zoom: Ms Newsome  |  |
| <b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>                        | Professors Linton (remotely via Zoom), Hosking, and Metson; Associate Professor Kool; Mrs Cleland, Mr Bluett, Ms Moss, Mr Phipps, Mr Brandon, the Women in Leadership participants and Ms Verschaeren   |  |
| <b>KARAKIA</b>                               | The meeting was opened with a karakia by the Māori representative on Council, Mr Paitai.  |  |
| <b>1. APOLOGIES</b>                          | Ms Quinn  |  |
| <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 Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020.<br><br>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), 14.06.2021</b><br><br>Council noted that Mr McDonald was present at the meeting of 14.06.2021 and should be added to the attendance list.   | <b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Professor Curtin): that the Minutes (Part A), 14.06.2021 be taken as <b>read and confirmed, subject to the addition of Mr McDonald to the list of members present.</b> |
|  | 5.2 <b>Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 14.06.2021 not elsewhere on the Agenda.</b><br><br>None...  |  |

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| <p><b>6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT</b></p> | <p>The report was taken as read.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater made the following comments:<br/> With regard to international education, after meeting with the Minister on 13.07.2021, the Vice-Chancellor had received a draft policy statement on the high value of international education for consultation and response.<br/> The definitions of high value international education in the policy statement included not only excellent education, student experience along with the University strategy and attracting students into high-value markets; but also mentioned delivering a range of value benefits to New Zealand with minimal risks. The risks that were referenced in the policy statement document included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• crown fiscal risks,</li> <li>• specifying overreliance on international education, and</li> <li>• compromising the integrity of the New Zealand immigration system by inappropriate use of international education as a guaranteed pathway into New Zealand residency. Providers were being seen as providing access to the labour market rather than to the education experience.</li> </ul> <p>The University Executive will be formulating a response to the policy statement taking into account the above-mentioned risks.<br/> At the same time as releasing the policy statement, the Government was also looking into the Immigration reset which would have implications for staff and students who were in the system prior to the reset.</p> <p>The PBRF review information has been released and the Universities New Zealand Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Research) Group was working closely with the Minister on how it could drive an agenda to ensure high-quality research. The University's concern here was how to maintain the definition of research excellence that it worked hard to achieve.</p> <p>With regard to performance against our priorities, work had been undertaken on the curriculum transformation. A taskforce was developing a new curriculum across the Faculties, working together to ensure that the new curriculum would suit both students and staff.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor also mentioned that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of town-hall meetings had taken place across the University and online that were well attended. Topics discussed included the results of a staff survey, curriculum transformation and academic integrity.</li> <li>• The University had put forward a proposal to be a vaccination site and a response could be expected soon.</li> <li>• The University had responded to "the Red Line" podcast and comments in the media about possible Chinese infiltration on NZ University campuses.</li> <li>• Academic Integrity had remained a point of focus in the media and the Vice-Chancellor thanked the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), Associate</li> </ul> | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be <b>noted</b>.</p> |
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|   | <p>Professor Kool for the excellent interview about that topic she gave on the radio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week The Listener published a letter about particular perspectives on Science including comments on Mātauranga Māori, written by seven of the University Academic staff members. Following this publication, the Vice-Chancellor had sent out an all-staff email stating that although academics were free to express their views, these did not represent the views of the University.</li> </ul>              |  |
| <b>7. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b> | <p>7.1 <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>7.1.1 <b>Minutes, (Part A), 13.07.2021</b></p> <p>This item was presented by the Chair of Finance Committee (Sir Michael Daniell).<br/>He commented that the forecast was better than expected. An operating surplus of \$43.2m or 3.3% of revenue was forecast which was an improvement of \$33.1m compared to the previous forecast. This surplus would, in the first instance, be used to finance the curriculum transformation.</p>  | <b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Sir Michael Daniell): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 13.07.2021 be <b>received</b> .   |
|   | <p>7.2 <b>RŪNANGA</b></p> <p>7.2.1 <b>Mid-Year Report</b></p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor commented that a naming ceremony took place in the morning of 26.07.2021 where the new Māori name of Waipapa Taumata Rau was gifted to the University by Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei.</p>  | <b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mrs Dunphy): that the Rūnanga Mid-Year Report be received.   |
| <b>8. SENATE MATTERS</b>                | <p>8.1 <b>REPORT OF SENATE, 31.05.2021</b></p> <p>Part Ai 1: Policy and other matters requiring to be received by Council<br/>Part Aii, 1: Policy and other matters requiring Council <b>approval</b><br/>Part B, 1-2: Matters for <b>noting</b> by Council<br/>Part C, 1-2: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p> <p>This item was presented by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), Associate Professor Kool.</p> <p>She drew Senate's attention to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of the School of Medicine</li> </ol> | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that Council <b>approve in principle</b> the Freedom of Expression: Rights and responsibilities – Policy and Procedures proposal and <b>note</b> that the formal Policy and Procedures document will be submitted to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that Council <b>note</b> the Terms of Reference of the Senate Review</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mrs Dunphy): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 12.07.2021 be <b>adopted</b> and Parts B and C be <b>noted</b></p> |

2. Review of the Department of Finance and Accounting – Further Progress Report which was a final response to the original review and a number of other Academic review Progress Reports as part of the Academic Review cycle.
3. A list of CUAP proposals
4. The Learning and Teaching survey results for 2020

In response to a question of Council regarding the feedback received in the Learning and Teaching Survey 2020, the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education) responded that the survey was part of an academic quality review and that the issues identified would need to be addressed. Steps taken to address the issues identified would be reported to Council in the Vice-Chancellor's Reports when reporting against the priorities of Taumata Teitei.

The Vice-Chancellor then introduced the two major topics that were discussed at the Senate meeting of 12.07.2021:

**Freedom of Expression: Rights and responsibilities – Policy and Procedures**

She advised Council that Senate had the opportunity to consider this topic at two separate meetings and its comments were included in the document submitted to Council. The formal version of the Policy and Procedures would be submitted for approval to the next meeting of Council.

She commented that a lot of people from across the University had contributed to the document and engagement with students had taken place. The draft proposal considered the trends across the University sector globally, and proposed solutions that would suit the University of Auckland.

It was decided that the main issues that Senate would focus on this year would be: Freedom of Expression followed by Academic Freedom and the Code of Conduct.

**Terms of Reference of the Senate Review**

This Review would be undertaken by the Dean of Law, Professor Mathew. This Review would not only be looking at the Policy and Procedures and the role of Senate, but also at ways of revitalising Senate, ensuring it understands its responsibilities and duty in driving academic issues at the University.

The draft Terms of Reference of the Senate Review had been approved by Senate at its meeting of 12.07.2021.

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| <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>10.1 <b>SEAL</b></p> <p>Since the Council meeting on 14.06.2021 the seal has been applied to the following document in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities Agreement – The University of Auckland (the Borrower) and the Bank of New Zealand (the Lender)</li> <li>• Acknowledgment by The University of Auckland pursuant to clause 2 of a negative pledge dated 30.06.2021 to Bank of New Zealand</li> <li>• Deed of Lease – Level 12, 7 City Road Auckland, Sipka Properties Symonds St Ltd (Landlord) &amp; The University of Auckland (Tenant)</li> <li>• Deed relating to suspension of Rent under Lease – Level 10, 67 Symonds Street, Sipka Properties Symonds St Ltd (The Lessor) &amp; The University of Auckland (The Lessee)</li> <li>• Deed of Renewal of Lease – Ngapouri Station, 2739 State Highway 5 Reporoa – Graeme David Hathaway, Yvonne Therese Hathaway and Steven James Bignell as Trustees of the Hathaway &amp; Dekker family Trusts (The Landlord) &amp; The University of Auckland (The Tenant)</li> </ul> | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Professor Curtin): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be <b>noted</b>.</p>   |
|  | <p>10.2 <b>RESCINDMENTS AND RE-AWARDING</b></p> <p><b>MEMORANDUMS, 10.06.2021 AND 15.06.2021</b> from Margaret Allen, Manager, Scholarships and Graduation, regarding the rescindment and re-awarding of a Degree and Postgraduate Diploma.</p>   | <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that Council <b>rescind</b> the conferral of the qualification of the Master of Management for Serena Sum-Yee Lee and <b>re-award</b> it with Distinction.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that Council <b>rescind</b> the conferral of the qualification of the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences for Kerstin Marie Bailey and <b>re-award</b> it with Distinction.</p> |
| <p><b>11. GENERAL BUSINESS</b></p>                         | <p>None</p>   |  |

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| <b>12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b> | (for the meeting of 11.10.2021)<br>No leave of absence was requested. |
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## **PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS**

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): 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), 14.06.2021  |
| Item No. 2.1.1 | Finance Committee, Minutes (part B), 13.07.2021   |
| Item No. 2.1.2 | Financial Performance and Forecast for 2021   |
| Item No. 2.1.3 | University of Auckland long-term Size, Shape and Composition parameters – aligned to Taumata Teitei |
| Item No. 2.1.4 | Long-term Financial Plan 2121-2030 Progress Report  |
| Item No. 2.2   | Honours Committee   |
| Item No. 4.1   | Taumata Teitei Operational Plan Key Performance Indicators Progress Report                          |

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 Adrienne Cleland; Professors Hosking and Metson; Associate Professor Kool; Andrew Phipps, Tim Bluett, Pamela Moss, 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 6.15pm**

**The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.00pm**

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

**Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor**

**Date**