

PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Tolmie, Ms Kinser, Mr Mason, Mr Paitai, Mr Fa, Ms Skipper, Ms Quinn, Ms Arnott-Neenee and Mr McDonald	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs Cleland, Professors Holdaway, Kool and Bloomfield F, Dr Lithander, Ms Moss, Mr Bluett, Mr Neale, Ms Catanach, Mr Thomas, Mr Brandon, Mr Rose, and Ms Verschaeren	
COUNCIL BRIEFINGS	The briefings took place prior to the meeting	
KARAKIA	The meeting started with a karakia	
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 Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020.</p> <p>With regard to item 2.3.4 in Part B, Ms Skipper advised Council that her brother worked for the construction company proposed in that item.</p> <p>With regard to item 2.3 in Part B Mr Fia declared a conflict with the Melanesian Mission Trust Board</p> <p>It was agreed that these declared conflicts would not preclude the members participating in the discussions and voting.</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Professor Tolmie): That the disclosures be noted, and the action taken be endorsed.
3. HONOURS/AWARDS- NEW YEAR HONOURS	The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor had sent congratulatory letters to those persons with links to the University.	
4. COUNCIL MEETINGS	3.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2024	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Quinn): that the Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2024 be taken as read

	<p>With regard to item 3. Disclosures of Interest by Members: Council noted that all Council members except the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Tolmie, and Ms Skipper declared a conflict of interest regarding the Council fees in item 4.4.1 in Part B and asked if this could be corrected.</p> <p>With regard to item 4.1 Council Draft Minutes (Part A), 09.10.2024: more specifically regarding the re-appointment of the alumni representative on Council and the application of Section 11 of the Council Appointments Procedures. Professor Tolmie advised Council that she did not believe that the process recorded in the October Minutes complied with Section 11. She suggested redoing the appointment process. Council decided that this matter would be resubmitted to the Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee (VCRC), and further advice would be given to Council at the meeting in April.</p>	<p>and confirmed, subject to the requested amendments.</p>
	<p>3.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2025 not elsewhere on the agenda</p>	
<p>5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>The Report was taken as read.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item.</p> <p>She provided the following supplementary information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon Erica Stanford, Minister of Education (including international education) now also held the immigration portfolio. • A meeting took place on campus with the Hon Dr Shane Reti who made the announcement of the Applied Doctoral Scheme. He also advised of his priorities. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Participation in higher education across the board; ➢ Retention and completion of students in higher education; ➢ Commercialisation; and ➢ The University's engagement with industry and business. • Following a meeting with the TEC in the previous week it was clear that the emphasis was on STEM disciplines and consideration of the University's differentiated discipline mix was emerging. • It was great to see the students back after the break which created a lively environment on Campus, especially around Hiwa, the University's new recreation centre. <p>In the subsequent discussion, Council noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cultural Diagnostics</i> mentioned on p.9 of the Report was part of a piece of work undertaken by the Director of Human Resources, Mr Phipps. An 	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Mr Paitai) that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted.</p>

	<p>organisational culture plan was being developed in the context of the future workforce.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Engagement and Listening Strategy</i> on p. 9 of the Report referred to the staff surveys. Prior to Covid, the University held surveys every two years and engaged an external consultant for selecting generalised questions. Currently, more concentrated surveys take place on a more regular basis (3 in 5 years) which improved the quality of the surveys. 	
6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	<p>6.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 26.02.2025</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 26.02.2025 be received .
	<p>6.2 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 03.03.2025</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 03.03.2025 be received .
	<p>6.3 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.3.1 Minutes (Part A), 25.02.2025</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Skipper): that the Capital Expenditure Committee Minutes (Part A) 25.02.2025 be received .
	<p>6.4 STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE</p> <p>6.4.1 2024 Report to Council</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Pитай): that the 2024 Student Appeals Committee Report –be received
7. SENATE MATTERS	<p>7.1 REPORT OF SENATE MEETING 03.03.2025</p> <p>Part A1: Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council</p> <p>Part A2: No matters requiring Council approval</p> <p>Part B, 1-2: Items to note by Council</p> <p>Part C, 1-5: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p> <p>This item was introduced by the Vice-Chancellor.</p> <p>She commented the following: With regard to the Consideration of Future Faculty Arrangements recommendations, an extraordinary Council meeting would be organised in</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Kinser): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 03.03.2025 be adopted and Parts B and C be noted

	<p>the near future, provided a suitable date could be found for all Council members. This meeting would be open to the public.</p> <p>The Draft 2025 Curriculum Framework Transformation (CFT) Review (SSFR) Recommendation Report was a progress report. Further work was being undertaken, and a further report would be submitted to Senate and Council at their April meetings.</p> <p>The Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education (DVCE), Professor Holdaway, also spoke to this item. Prior to the Senate meeting he had met with all faculties to discuss the six recommendations of the Report. After these meetings further feedback had been received from the faculties and at the Senate meeting of 03.03.2025.</p> <p>Since then, the Review Group reconvened to consider the additional feedback. A series of suggestions would be formulated for submission to Senate in April. There would be recommendation regarding WTD, TD and Flexi choice.</p> <p>He drew Council's attention to the misinformation in the media which was quite disturbing. This included misinformation about the WTR courses which fulfilled an important need for new students at the University.</p> <p>A WTR course was piloted in the Faculty of Science last year which had positive results for the students who greatly enjoyed it. WTR courses introduced students to the University and provided basic knowledge about Te Tiriti, and Te Ao Māori which was a requirement in many professional degrees.</p> <p>The WTR courses were designed as foundational for undergraduate students and expected to be taken in the first year of study. In effect, these courses replaced half of the previous General Education requirements.</p>	
8. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	<p>The Chancellor commented that all correspondence that she had received with respect to the proposed future faculty arrangements and the combination of the Faculties of Business & Economics and Law would be made available to the Council members in the resource centre on Diligent and that all Council members were welcome to provide correspondence they had received for inclusion.</p>	
9. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	<p>9.1 SEAL</p> <p>Since the Council meeting on 09.12.2024 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"> • Deed of Novation & Variation, information Sharing Agreement for the Growing up in New Zealand study, Auckland UniServices Ltd, University of Auckland & the Ministry of Education. 	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Arnott-Neenee): that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be noted.</p>

	<p>9.2 PROGRAMME LIMITATIONS</p> <p>9.2.1 Memorandum, 05.12.2024 from the Provost regarding the 2025 TFC Programme Limitations approval using the Provost's sub-delegation powers</p> <p>9.2.2 Memorandum, 20.12.2024 from the Provost regarding the 2025 MEPM Programme Limitations approval using the Provost's sub-delegation powers</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): that Council note the use of the Provost's sub-delegation powers to approve the update to the 2025 TFC and MEPM Programme Limitations.</p>
	<p>9.3 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND AND THE FOUNDATIONS</p> <p>9.3.1 Memorandum, 17.03.2025 from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Services) and Chief Financial Officer, Mr Tim Bluett</p> <p>9.3.2 MOU between the University of Auckland, the University of Auckland Foundation, and The Medical & Health Sciences Foundation</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Fia): that Council approve the adoption of a refreshed MoU with the University Foundations, and to delegate to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor to execute the MoU on behalf of the University.</p>
	<p>9.4 SENATE AND COMMITTEE ELECTIONS STATUTE</p> <p>9.4.1 Memorandum, 07.03.2025 from the Registrar</p> <p>9.4.2 Senate and Committee Elections Statute 2025</p> <p>The Chancellor commented that these changes only affected the elected sub-professorial staff on Senate and were being proposed as a result of the creation of the new Arts and Education Faculty.</p> <p>In the following Discussion, Professor Tolmie asked Council that in the section of the Statute related to the Definition of Senate the following could be retained: "...it includes, all the professors, as well as representatives of sub-professorial staff, professional staff and students."</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Professor Tolmie): that Council approve the update of the Senate and Committee Elections Statute, subject to the requested change.</p>
10 ELECTIONS - APPOINTMENTS	None	
11 GENERAL BUSINESS	None	

<p>12 LEAVE OF ABSENCE</p>	<p>(for the meeting of 28.04.2025)</p> <p>Nobody requested leave.</p>
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PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Kinser): 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:

Item No. 1.1	Council Minutes Part B 09.12.2024
Item No. 2.1.1	Finance Committee – Minutes Part B, 26.02.2025
Item No. 2.1.2	Refinance of Facility A1
Item No. 2.1.3	Financial Performance 2024
Item No. 2.2.1	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes Part B 03.03.2025
Item No. 2.2.2	2024 Annual Report
Item No. 2.3.1	Capital Expenditure Committee Minutes Part B 25.02.2025 and e-meeting 10.03.2025
Item No. 2.3.2	Executive and Financial Summary B230 and CP4
Item No. 2.3.3	Project Business case: B230 Development Programme
Item No. 2.3.4	Project Business Case: Carlaw Park Student Village - Stage 4
Item No. 2.4.1	Honours Committee – Professor Emeritus proposals
Item No. 2.5.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee – Membership
Item No. 4.1.	Sir John Logan Campbell Medical Trust

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 Holdaway, Hosking and Bloomfield F, Andrew Phipps, Tim Bluett, Katherine Burson, Pamela Moss, Cameron Thomas, Simon Neale, Helen Cattanach, 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 6.10pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.30pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor

Date