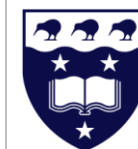


**Council Minutes Part A
in(Open Minutes)
24.08.2026
Council Room – Level 2 ClockTower, Princes Street 22, Auckland
4:00 pm**



**Waipapa
Taumata Rau
University
of Auckland**

PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Mr McDonald, Professors Smith, Tolmie, and Lloyd, Ms Pahina, Ms Skipper, Mr Irvine, Ms Dugar, and Ms Quinn (online)	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr Mason, Mr Gregory, Professors Bloomfield, Young and Stinear, Dr Lithander, Mr Bluett, Ms Catanach, Mr Greenbrook-Held, Mr Scott, Mr Brandon, and Ms Dharmawardana	
KARAKIA	A karakia to open the meeting was led by the Chancellor at the beginning of the Council only session before the briefing sessions.	
1. APOLOGIES	Apologies: Mr Ricketts Ms Kinser 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/ Vice-Chancellor) that the apologies, be noted. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
2. WELCOME	The Chancellor welcomed Professors David Lloyd and Nic Smith to their first meeting of Council.	
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. No further disclosures were made.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Mr McDonald) that the Council Interest Register for 2026 be received. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

4. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degrees as per the attached list.	
5. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor awarded the diplomas as per the attached list.	
6. COUNCIL MEETINGS	6.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 10.06.2026	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Skipper): that the Minutes (Part A), 10.06.2026 be taken as read and confirmed . The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	6.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 10.06.2026 not elsewhere on the Agenda None.	
7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	The Report was taken as read. The Vice-Chancellor presented this item. He provided an update on the Government's proposed review of enrolment-driven side of the tertiary funding system, noting that the Ministry of Education is undertaking preliminary work and that the scope of the review remains under development. The Vice-Chancellor noted ongoing work to consider the implications of enrolment growth for the future size, shape and composition of the University, including the capacity and resources needed to support sustainable growth and maintain the quality of the student and academic experience. Council further noted ongoing work relating to assessment design, academic integrity, and the use of artificial intelligence in learning and teaching, including a programme-level review of assessment practices and continued monitoring of the student experience.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Pahina): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	8.1 FINANCE COMMITTEE 8.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 11.08.2026	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Mr Irvine): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 11.08.2026 be received . The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
	8.2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE 8.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 04.08.2026	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Professor Tolmie): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 04.08.2026 be received . The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
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 This item was presented by the Vice-Chancellor. The Chancellor advised that the proposed amendments to the "Awarding the Title of Emeritus Professor Policy and Procedures" 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. On a separate note, Council noted that Senate meetings are conducted in person and that attendance is recorded as part of the Senate minutes.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Dugar) that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 27.07.2026 be adopted and Part B and C be noted . The motion was CARRIED unanimously.

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)	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, 07.08.2026 from the Graduation Office regarding the rescindment of a degree and re-award with Distinction, as per the memorandum	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Professor Lloyd) 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 The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
12. GENERAL BUSINESS	None	

13. FAREWELL	Council recorded its appreciation to Jonathan Mason for his contribution to the work of Council, particularly through his service on the Audit and Risk Committee and the Vice-Chancellor's Review and Executive Remuneration Committee.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Vice-Chancellor) that Council thank Jonathan Mason, for his contribution to the work of Council. The motion was CARRIED unanimously.
14. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	(for the online Council meeting of 19 October 2026) No leave of absence was requested. Professor Tolmie and Mr McDonald noted forthcoming overseas travel commitments and associated time zone differences around the time of the next meeting. 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 McDonald): 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:

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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. 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 Cattnach, Dr Erik Lithander, Gavin Scott 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 meeting closed at 5.30 pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 4.40pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor

Date