Council Minutes Part A (Open Minutes) 27 April 2022		UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND Waipapa Taumata Rau N EW ZEALAND	
PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair – virtually via Zoom), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor - virtually via Zoom), Dr Prasad, Mr Mason, Professor Curtin, Mrs Dunphy, Ms Dawson, Mr Paitai, Mr Wang, Ms Quinn, Mr McDonald (virtually via Zoom), and Ms Newsome (virtually via Zoom)		
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs Cleland, Professors Kool, Linton, Metson; Mr Bluett, Ms Moss, Ms Cattanach, Sir Michael Daniell, Mr Brandon, and Ms Verschaeren		
KARAKIA	A karakia had been offered by Dr Prasad at the beginning of the Briefings so an additional karakia was not required.		
1. APOLOGIES	None		
2. FAREWELL	The Chancellor thanked Sir Michael Daniell for his contributions for more than ten years to the working of Council and the University and wished him the best for the future.		
3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS	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. No further disclosures were made.		
4. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degrees as per the attached list.		
5. COUNCIL MEETINGS	5.1.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 14.03.2022	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the Minutes (Part A), 14.03.2022 be taken as read and confirmed.	
	 5.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 14.03.2022 not elsewhere on the Agenda With regard to item 9 Vice-Chancellor's Report: the discussion about Kōtuitanga with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei mentioned on p.7 of the Report was further deferred until the meeting of 13.06.2022. 		

	With regard to item 14 General Business: the letters from the Minister 14.03.2022, had been circulated to the members on 18.03.2022.	······································
5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	 The report was taken as read. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, gave Council the following update about the report: Although there was a possibility that a larger number of students could come to New Zealand by the end of the year, this depended greatly on the immigration reset. Immigration New Zealand was currently overwhelmed with processing visa applications and this could create further delays. With regard to Freedom of Expression, there had been a Free Speech Union survey and, although this was not a large survey in terms of the response rate, its results and findings showed the academics' understanding of free speech. The University continued to improve in the latest QS rankings. The rankings strategy had already been submitted to Council and a further report on this would be forthcoming by the end of the year. A statement on the University Impact rankings would be made later in the week. Although the return to campus on 2 May was a positive prospect, there were a number of staff members and students concerned about the removal of restrictions. This related mostly to regulations about mask wearing on campus. An all-staff email later this week would aim at alleviating these concerns and allowing staff and students to move forward while living under the COVID orange light setting. With regard to harmful sexual behaviours, the Vice-Chancellor advised Council that since the report was written, there had been an additional report in the media about the outcome of the discipline hearings at the University. She reminded Council that she had initiated an independent review concerning the University's disciplinary processes and this was now progressing towards the drafting of the Terms of Reference for the review. 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted.
7. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	 7.1 STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE 7.1.1 Report of the Student Appeals Committee 03.03.2022 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that Council note the Report, 03.03.2022 of the Student Appeals Committee

8. SENATE MATTERS	 8.1 REPORT OF SENATE, 28.02.2022 Part A 1-4: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Part C, 1-: Matters handled under Delegated Authority The Vice-Chancellor commented that the Senate Review, led by Professor Mathew, was currently underway and a panel discussion would be held at the Senate meeting of 30.05.2022 to discuss Senate's role. The Chancellor added that she and Ms Dunphy had a positive discussion with Professor Mathew about the relationship between Senate and Council. 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad):that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 28.02.2022 be adopted and Part C be noted .	
9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	No items received		
10. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	 10.1 SEAL Since the Council meeting on 14.03.2022 the seal had been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: Deed of Lease Variation - 128 Anzac Ave & 131A Beach Road, Central, Auckland - NZ Education Holdings Beach Ltd (Landlord) & the University of Auckland (Tenant) 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dunphy): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be noted .	
11. GENERAL BUSINESS	The Chancellor asked the Vice-Chancellor to forward the letters from the Minister of Education and TEC discussed to Council.		
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Professor Jennifer Curtin requested absence for the meeting of 13.06.2022		

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 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), 14.03.2022
- Item No. 2.1 University of Auckland Animal Ethics Committee Annual report
- Item No. 2.2 University of Auckland Biological Safety Committee Membership
- Item No. 2.3 University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee Membership
- Item No. 2.4 Honours Committee
- Item No. 4.1 EFTS Forecast 2022
- Item No. 4.2 Forecast Financial Performance 2022 update

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 Linton and Metson, Tim Bluett, Pamela Moss, Helen Cattanach, Sir Michael Daniell, 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 6.00

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 4.45pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor Date