



PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Tolmie, Ms Kinser, Mr Mason, Mr Paitai, Mr Fa, Ms Skipper, Remotely via Zoom: Ms Quinn, Ms Arnott-Neenee and Mr McDonald	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs Cleland, Professors Holdaway, Hoskins, Kool and Bloomfield F, Dr Lithander, Ms Moss, Mr Bluett, Mr Brandon, and Ms Verschaeren	
COUNCIL BRIEFINGS	The briefings took place prior to the meeting	
KARAKIA	The briefings 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>No disclosures were made.</p>	
3. COUNCIL MEETINGS	3.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 17.03.2025	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Kinser): that the Minutes (Part A), 17.03.2025 be taken as read and confirmed .
	3.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 17.03.2025 not elsewhere on the agenda	
4. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	<p>The Report was taken as read.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor's comments included:</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Arnott-Neenee) that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted .

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The acknowledgment of the tragic death of a University of Auckland PhD student. Council was informed about the University's efforts to support those affected, including close collaboration with the ongoing investigation and providing support to the student's family and peers. The impact of this tragedy on the university community, particularly international students, was also highlighted. • An update on the external landscape, more specifically the proposed legislation on freedom of expression. Universities New Zealand Vice Chancellors group met to discuss the proposed bill and would report back to the Government within a set timeframe. The focus was on developing a standardised reporting framework to protect academic freedom and freedom of expression, with an emphasis on taking the time to ensure the framework was workable. • An update on the Science System Advisory Group (SSAG) and Universities Advisory Group (UAG) Reviews. • Advising Council that, to consider the Government's Tertiary Education Strategy, a series of workshops with the Vice-Chancellors and other stakeholders would be organised. • Considerations about the TEC budget, including the universities' student enrolments and the implications for future funding, particularly in light of increased enrolments and national priorities. The Universities had currently exceeded their EFTs enrolments and needed to ascertain whether there was some underspend in certain disciplines and possible flexibility in the budget for national priorities. • The impact of AI on education which was currently a crucial issue for universities globally. AI would significantly impact teaching, learning, and assessment in all disciplines, necessitating a comprehensive approach and an overall strategy for the sector, with a focus on ensuring that the university remained at the forefront of this rapidly evolving field. • The impact on the University related to what was happening in the United States with regard to travel for staff and students. <p>The Chancellor then advised Council that prior to the meeting, the following briefings took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A briefing on Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and the Maritime New Zealand versus Gibson case including lessons to be learned by members of Council and senior management about their duties and obligations as officers. • A briefing on the successful implementation of Hono at the University • A briefing about UniServices 	
5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	None	

6. SENATE MATTERS	<p>6.1 REPORT OF SENATE MEETING 07.04.2025</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: Items to note by Council</p> <p>Part C, 1-6: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p> <p>This item was introduced by the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education, Professor Holdaway and the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, Professor Kool.</p> <p>Council noted that the Minutes of the Senate meeting of 03.03.2025, after voting at the Senate meeting of 07.04.2025, remained unconfirmed.</p> <p>Council then considered the recommendations in Part A, B AND C of the Report of the Senate meeting of 7 April 2025.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 07.04. 2025 be adopted and Parts B and C be noted</p>
7. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	None	
8. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	<p>8.1 SEAL</p> <p>Since the Council meeting on 17.03.2025 the seal has been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deed of Variation of Lease, Ground Floor, Bldg. 6ED, Epsom Campus, 74 Epsom Ave, Auckland, University of Auckland (Landlord) & Te Puna Kohungahunga Trust (Tenant) • Deed of Rent Review, 6 Osterley Way, Manukau, Takahe Properties Ltd (Landlord) & the University of Auckland (The Tenant) 	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Fia): that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be noted.</p>
	<p>8.2 SENATE AND COMMITTEE ELECTIONS STATUTE</p> <p>8.2.1 Memorandum, 07.03.2025 from the Registrar</p> <p>8.2.2 Senate and Committee Elections Statute 2025</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that Council approve the amendment of the Senate and Committee Elections Statute 2025.</p> <p>Professor Tolmie dissented</p>

	<p>This amendment of the Statute was proposed to make the definition of Senate in the attached Statute consistent with Senate Terms of Reference which state that all professors employed at minimum 0.1 FTE are members of Senate.</p> <p>It was proposed that the definition of Senate would become the following: <i>Senate</i> is the academic committee established by Council under section18(2) of Schedule 11 to the Education and Training Act 2020; it includes professors, as well as representatives of sub-professorial staff, professional staff and students.</p> <p>No changes to the Senate membership were proposed or considered.</p>	
	<p>8.3 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES (SOPS) FOR INSTITUTIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEES (IECS)</p> <p>8.3.1 Memorandum, 28.04.2025 from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Innovation, Professor Frank Bloomfield</p> <p>8.3.2 Letter of Agreement - AHREC Governance Board</p> <p>8.3.3 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Institutional Ethics Committees (IECs)</p> <p>In response to a question Council noted that similar to lay members, student members received a fee during their membership.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Skipper): that Council approve the changes to Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Institutional Ethics Committees (IECs) and to the Terms of Reference for AHREC and UAHPEC effective 28 April 2025 and note that these will be published to the University website once approved.</p>
9 ELECTIONS - APPOINTMENTS	<p>9.1 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REVIEW AND EXECUTIVE REMUNERATION COMMITTEE (VCRERC) REGARDING THE COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS</p> <p>The Chancellor advised that the VCRERC met but would take further advice on this matter before reporting back to Council.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that Council note the Report from the VCRERC</p>
10 GENERAL BUSINESS	None	
11 LEAVE OF ABSENCE	<p>(for the meeting of 11.06.2025)</p> <p>Nobody requested leave.</p>	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Paitai): 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 17.03.2025
Item No. 2.1.1	Honours Committee – Professor Emeritus proposals
Item No. 2.2.1	Human Participants Ethics Committee – 2024 Annual Report
Item No. 2.3.1	Auckland Health research Ethics Committee 2024 Annual Report and Membership
Item No. 2.4.1	Animal Ethics Committee – 2024 Annual Report
Item No. 2.5.1	Biological Safety Committee – 2024 Annual Report
Item No. 4.1.	Student Enrolments – 2025 Early Outlook

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, and Bloomfield F, 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 5.45pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.10pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor

Date