Council Minutes Part A (Open Minutes) 13 June 2022

Council Room – Level 2 ClockTower, Princes Street 22, Auckland





PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Mr Mason, Mrs Dunphy, Ms Dawson, Mr Wang, Ms Quinn, Mr McDonald, Ms Newsome, Mr Paitai (virtually via Zoom)	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs Cleland, Professors Kool, Linton, Metson; Dr Lithander, Mr Bluett, Ms Moss, Ms Cattanach, Mr Taylor Mr Brandon, and Ms Verschaeren	
KARAKIA	The meeting was opened with a karakia by Ms Dunphy	
1. APOLOGIES	Professor Curtin	RESOLVED that the apologies be noted .
2. 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.	
3. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degrees as per the attached list.	
4. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor awarded the diplomas as per the attached list.	
5. HONOURS/AWARDS	The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor sent congratulatory letters to those persons with links to the University.	
6. COUNCIL MEETINGS	6.1. Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 27.04.2022	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that the Minutes (Part A), 27.042022 be taken as read and confirmed.
	6.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 27.04.2022 not elsewhere on the Agenda	

7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The report was taken as read.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, commented on the following:

- The Government had advised that, after the reorganisation of the cabinet, Minister Hipkins, would retain the Education portfolio. He would be assisted by Associate Education Minister, Jan Tinetti. Dr Ayesha Verrall would now take up the Covid-19 response portfolio.
- The University received a report from City Central. This was a group of people, including Auckland Council who were focusing on increasing the safety of the city as well as on the regeneration of the CBD and the transition back to working in the office instead of from home. Their report showed a 30% occupancy of the city central offices
- It was commendable to note that the University had maintained its ranking in the QS World University Rankings.
- On Saturday 11.06.2022, the University hosted its Distinguished Alumni Awards – Taumata for the second year in its revised format and it was a huge success.
- Internally, the return to campus was continuing to be slow and this was also noted at universities internationally. A lot of work was being undertaken on the Curriculum Framework Transformation to ensure that this would contribute to delivering a dynamic on-campus experience.
- The University was collaborating with the Sustainable Business Council members on the Development of the Sustainability Strategy which would be submitted for consultation in the near future.
- A lively debate took place at Senate around freedom of expression and the Policy and Procedures on Freedom of Expression was further being developed by Professor Peter Hunter who chaired the Working Group. Another debate that took place at Senate related to the refreshed Graduate Profile which was part of the Curriculum Framework Transformation. The work on the Review of Senate, led by Professor Pene Mathew, was also progressing and had been further discussed at Senate, as mentioned in the Report of Senate in item 9.

In the discussion that followed, Council noted that:

- It would be beneficial if the Pro Vice-Chancellor Māori, Associate Professor Te Kawehau Hoskins, and the Kaiarataki, Mr Michael Steedman, could come and clarify the meaning of the Kōtuitanga with Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei at the meeting in August where this agreement would be further discussed.
- A series of Town Hall meetings took place and people who attended were exited to be back on campus but also showed signs of fatigue and expressed concerns about their increased workload.
- During the pandemic, the University had been able to maintain an interesting trajectory for international students with its China Learning

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be **noted**.

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dunphy): that Council congratulate Associate Professor Jemaima Tiatia on her appointment as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific).

	Centres and its offshore commitments. Now, a strategic approach to an attractive destination for international students needed to be con	
8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 3.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 19.05.2022	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 19.05.2022 be received .
	FINANCE COMMITTEE 3.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 25.05.2022	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 25.05.2022 be received .
	3.3. UNIVERSITY EQUITY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE 3.3.1 2022 Mid-year report to Council including: Appendix I: amendment to membership of the University Equity Leadership Committee; and Appendix II: Disability Action Plan projects for 2022	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that Council: 1. Note and receive 2022 Mid-year report of the University Equity Leadership Committee meeting; 2. Endorse the amendment to membership of the University Equity Leadership Committee as highlighted in Appendix I. 3. Note the Disability Action Plan projects for 2022 – 2025 in Appendix II.
9. SENATE MATTERS	Part Ai a,b,1: Policy and other matters requiring to be received by Council Part Aii 3-6: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Part B, 1: Matters for noting by Council Part C, 1: Matters handled under Delegated Authority The Report was introduced by the Vice-Chancellor. On 08.06.2022 an extraordinary meeting of Senate had taken place discuss the refreshed Graduate Profile which was part of the Curricu Framework Transformation. In the discussion that followed Council noted that: Rūnanga reported to both Council and Senate. Originally it had been planned to discuss Freedom of Express Academic Freedom consecutively. However, as they were bo linked, it had now been decided to discuss both concurrently	to lum sion and oth

	working group had been set up to that intent. The Code of Conduct, would also be discussed at Senate; however, as it also applied to professional staff, it was not only Senate's prerogative to discuss. The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education), Professor Bridget Kool, commented that the Programme Limitations for the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FMHS) were this year submitted early for approval to Council. The Programme Limitations for all Faculties were normally submitted at the next meeting of Council. However, FMHS was planning to reintroduce a clinical selection test (CST)on 28.06.2022 for overlapping year 1 students who were intending to apply for one of the Faculty's clinical programmes in 2023 and students needed to be advised of this as soon as possible prior to the CST date.	
9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	No items received	
10. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	 SEAL Since the Council meeting on 27.04.2022 the seal has been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: Deed Recording Rent Review – 6 Osterley Way, Manukau, Auckland – Takahe Properties Ltd (Landlord) & The University of Auckland (Tenant) Deed of Lease – 50 Devon Street, New Plymouth – Taradise Holdings 2004 Ltd (Landlord) & the University of Auckland (Tenant) 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be noted.
11. GENERAL BUSINESS	The following meeting scheduled for 18.08.2022 would take place on the Newmarket campus. A tour of the campus would be organised prior to the meeting.	
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	Dr Rajen Prasad and Mr Jonathan Mason requested absence for the meeting of 18.08.2022	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): 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), 27.04.2022
Item No. 2.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee Membership
Item No. 2.2	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes Part B, 19.05.2022
Item No. 2.3.1	Finance Committee Minutes Part B, 25.05.2022
Item No. 2.3.2	Financial Performance and Forecast for 2022-2024
Item No. 2.3.3	Treasury Management, Compliance and Cash Flow Report
Item no. 2.3.4	Disestablishment of a Fee
Item No. 4.1	University of Auckland Investment Plan 2022
Item No. 4.2	University of Auckland Learner Success Plan

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, Mr Rob Taylor, 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 6pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 4.45pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor