Council Minutes Part A
(Open Minutes)
15 March 2021



		NEW ZEALAND
PRESENT:	Mr St John (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Mr Daniell, Professor Curtin, Ms Newsome, Mr Wang, Ms Tarrant, and, remotely via telephone: Ms Dawson (for item 2.4 in Part B).	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Professors Morrow, and Metson; Associate Professor Kool; Mrs Cleland, Mr Creahan, Mrs Moss, Ms Toft, Ms Naidoo, Mrs Fitzpatrick, and Mrs Verschaeren	
1. APOLOGIES	Ms Quinn, Mrs Dunphy and Mr Paitai.	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 of the meeting as set out in in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training No further disclosures were made.	
3. HONOURS/AWARDS- NEW YEAR HONOURS	3.1 ORDER OF NEW ZEALAND Member Professor Dame Anne Salmond ONZ, DBE for services to New Zealand 3.2 THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell) that Council note the Honours conferred on those persons with links to the University and that the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have already sent congratulatory letters to the persons involved.
	Dames Companion Professor Dame Juliet Gerrard for services to Science Professor Dame Cindy Kiro for services to child wellbeing and education Knight Companion Mr David Carter for services as a Member of Parliament and as Speaker of the House of Representatives	
	Companions Dr Kirsten Finucane for services to health, particularly paediatric heart surgery Mr Rob Fyfe for services to business and tourism Emeritus Professor Louise Nicholson for services to neuroscience and education Distinguished Professor Ian Reid for services to medicine	

6. COUNCIL MEETINGS	6.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2020	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2020 be taken as read
5. AWARD OF DIPLOMA	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor awarded the diploma, as per the schedule provided to the meeting.	
4. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degrees as per the sche	edule provided to the meeting.
	3.3 THE QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL Companion Mrs Yvonne Boyes for services to health, particularly nursing and cancer treatment Mr Michael Drake for services to education and the community Therese Weir for services to people with disabilities	
	Professor Michael Baker for services to public health science Ms Christina Barton for services to art history and curation Dr Sally Harbison for services to forensic science Professor Shaun Hendy for services to science Mr Rodney Jones for services to economics and public health research Dr Glenda Keam for services to music and music education Dr Jann Medlicott for services to philanthropy, the arts and radiology Ms Denise Ritchie for services to prevention of sexual violence and exploitation Dr Gagrath Singh for services to health Mr William Trubridge for services to freediving	
	Officers Dr Christine Foley for services to victims of sexual assault Dr Janette Irvine for services to women and women's health Mr Burton Shipley for services to basketball Associate professor James Tully for services to journalism and education Mr Chloe Wright for services to philanthropy, education and health Dr Timothy Malloy for services to health	
	Mr Arch Jelley for services to athletics and the game of bridge Honourable Tony Randerson for services to the judiciary Honourable Lyn Stevens for services to the judiciary and the community Professor Phillipa Howden-Chapman for services to public health	

		and confirmed , subject to the requested addition.
	6.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2020 not elsewhere o	n the Agenda.
	With regard to item 5 and Council's request to assess the potential health and Building, the Health and safety Team responded the following: "Whilst storage throughout the School [of Biological sciences], it does not normally impact greatering glassware on trolleys in a corridor, awaiting sterilisation in the Autoclass There are a number of precautions in place to minimise the risks involved: • The corridor does not have heavy through-traffic due to the extrass of the trolleys are normally attached to the wall; • The trolleys are "lipped" to prevent contents falling to the ground. The facility has been operating in this manner for years without incident. Given the above, the overall risk of injury – and particularly of serious injury – Council noted the response of the safety team, but also acknowledged the important.	(and the lack thereof) is an issue in general atly on Health and Safety. Ve Room on Level 3 is common practice. Wipe-card door in the corridor; is assessed as low".
7. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	The report was taken as read. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater made the following comments: • This would be the last time that the report was presented in the current	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted .
	 format; from the next meeting onwards, the report would be based on the new Strategic Plan of the University. Since the Report was submitted, there had been some changes to the funding requirements for MIQ which affected international students. Last year the Government had announced that 250 PhD students would be allowed to come into the country in 2021. 49 Of these would be coming to the University. However, this was a slow process and, so far, only thirteen of these students came through MIQ in New Zealand. This year, the 	
	Government announced that 1000 students would be allowed into New Zealand. Universities New Zealand had identified 930 students who met the required criteria and of these about 240 were reserved for the University of Auckland. These students would be subjected to the revised MIQ fees. Concessions had been made to support 50% of the fees for the 930 eligible students. • With regard to the PBRF review, it was clear that there would be no further funding allocated for research in future budgets. It would be important for the University to be well represented in the sector reference group for the PBRF to lobby against some of the issues that could be detrimental for the University sector.	

	 The University was in the very last stages of the recruitment of a Provost and an announcement would be made by the end of this month. In addition, the recruitment of a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement) was well underway. The new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) would be starting his position on 25.03.2021 and the Vice-Chancellor acknowledged Mr Andrew Creahan who had been acting in this role since the departure of the previous CFO. The Vice-Chancellor recognised that 2020 with the COVID-19 situation had been a difficult year for staff and students and the University would be sending out a short survey to staff shortly on how COVID was managed and how staff was coping with the situation. This would allow the University to ascertain how to best support staff in these circumstances. Similar surveys would be going out to students. After adoption of the new Māori name of the University, work had been undertaken to investigate how the new name could be added as part of the University branding and the new strategy. The Royal Society Te Apārangi had recently elected new Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi Fellows and Ngā Ahurei Honore a Te Apārangi Honorary Fellows and a number of staff members at the University had been selected, including the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific, Associate Professor Salesa. In response to a question, Council noted that the new role of Pro-Vice-Chancellor Education had taken over teaching and learning function of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) role, including also chairing of Education and Academic Programmes Committees. The Pro Vice-Chancellor Education was reporting to the Provost. 	
8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	8.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 8.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 03.03.2021	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A), 03.03.2021 be received .
	8.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE 8.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 02.03.2021	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 02.03.2021 be received .
	8.2.2 Finance Committee Terms of Reference	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that Council adopts the amended Finance Committee Terms of Reference
9. SENATE MATTERS	9.1 REPORT OF SENATE, 01.03.2021	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Professor Curtin): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of

	Part Ai, 1-3: Reviews to be received by Council Part Aii, 4-6: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Part B, 1: Matters for noting by Council Part C, 1-2: Matters handled under Delegated Authority This item was presented by the Provost, Professor John Morrow. He introduced the new Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, Associate Professor Bridget Kool to Council. He further drew Council's attention to: • The Reviews of the Department of Exercise Science and the Discipline Grouping of Cultures and Languages. Both reviews were highly satisfactory and progress reports would be submitted in 2022. • Regulation amendment 2020/900 which announced the deletion of Master of Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship (MCE) and the Postgraduate Certificate in Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship (PGCertCE), but also announced the addition of new Masters programmes (Master of Business Analytics (MBusAn), Master of Business Development (MBusDev) and the Master of Business Management (MBM). • The Code of Conduct and Guidelines were deferred to a later face-to-face meeting, as the webinar format of the Senate meeting of 01.03.2021 did not allow for an open discussion of the matter. • The addition of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, as ex-officio member of Senate. Council noted that the Dean of Law, Professor Mathew, would be leading the review of Senate in an effort to revitalise Senate's attendance and the dialogue at the meetings.	
10. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	In response to the letters sent to the recipients of New Year Honours, the Chancellor Professor Phillipa Howden-Chapman and Mr David Carter.	r had received two thank you notices from
11. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	 SEAL Since the Council meeting on 09.12.2020 the seal has been applied to the following document in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: Deed of Variation of Lease – 70 Symonds St, Auckland – TGB Properties (NZ) Pvt Ltd (Lessor) & The University of Auckland (Lessee) 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be noted .

11.2 PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE FEES TO LAY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the COUNCIL COMMITTEES Attendance Fee of \$175.00 per half day be

Council at its meeting 16 April 2007, RESOLVED that:

- Commencing 1 April 2007, the meeting attendance fee paid to lay members
 of Council and lay members of 'Approved Committees' shall be adjusted
 automatically on 1 April of each year by the CPI movement in preceding
 calendar year, unless this means the attendance fee exceeds the maximum
 rate fixed by the minister under Schedule 11, clause 17 of the Education
 and Training Act 2020, or Council at the time resolves otherwise; and
- 2. That for the purposes of this resolution the list of 'Approved Committees' be:
 - Animal Ethics Committee
 - Biological Safety Committee
 - Human Participants Ethics Committee
 - Rūnanga
 - Students Appeals Committee
 - Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee

It is appropriate to ensure that the value of the payment made to lay members is maintained and that to achieve this, the previously approved meeting attendance fee of \$175 per half day should be increased to \$180.00 being the CPI movement for the previous year rounded up to the nearest \$5 increment.

Council noted that thus far only the student members of Council received a fee.

11.3 APPLICATION OF SEAL AND QUALIFICATIONS – DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Council at its meeting 19 June 2006 resolved:

That acting pursuant to section 273 of the Education and Training Act 2020, the Council hereby authorises the person for the time being holding Office as Registrar of The University (and thereby a member of the staff of the University) to execute on behalf of the University documents conferring a degree or awarding a diploma granted by the University or replacing such documents previously conferred or awarded by the University by:

- i) affixing the common seal of the University to each of those awards pursuant to this resolution: and
- ii) counter-signing the affixing of the seal by the application of a facsimile of his or her signature.

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Attendance Fee of \$175.00 per half day **be increased** to \$180.00 with effect from 01.04.2021.

RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Ms Tarrant): that the affixing of the common seal of the University to the above certificates consistent with Council's delegation of 19 June 2006 be **noted**.

	In accordance with this resolution, the Seal was applied to: 6,989 degree and diploma certificates presented at the Spring 2020 graduation ceremonies; 802 degree and diploma certificates presented at the December 2020 graduation ceremonies; and 24 degree and diploma certificates presented at the Tai Tokerau 2020 graduation ceremony. In addition, 2,023 degrees and diplomas certificates were conferred/awarded in absentia at Council meetings and certificates were subsequently issued. During the year 2020, the Registrar's signature was also applied to: 264 New certificates for Certificate level courses; 94 replacement certificates which were issued as the originals were declared lost or damaged; 12 replacement certificates which were issued to reflect graduate name changes; and 11 replacement certificates made on behalf of the former Auckland College of Education. In the year 2020, Autumn Graduation was cancelled due to COVID-19 level restrictions. These qualifications were conferred/awarded at October Council.	
	11.4 TAUMATA TEITEI – VISION 2030 AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 – FINAL DRAFT OF THE STRATEGY AND UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that Council adopt Taumata Tei Tei – Vision 2030 and Strategic Plan 2025 and note the requirement of further discussion around measures for success and size, shape and composition.
	11.5 RESCINDMENTS AND RE-AWARDING MEMORANDUMS, 03.03.2021 from Margaret Allen, Manager, Scholarships and Graduation, regarding the rescindment and re-awarding of Degree and Postgraduate Diploma.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that Council rescind the conferral of the qualification of the Master of Nursing for Julie Lysaght rescinded and re-award it with First Class Honours. RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that Council rescind the conferral of the qualification of the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences for Shanah Tini and re-award it with Merit.
12. GENERAL BUSINESS	None	

13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	(for the meeting of 19.04.2021)
	None requested

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be 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 were as follows:

General subject of each matter considered:

Item No. 1.1	Council Minutes (Part B), 09.12.2020, and 22.02.2021
Item No. 2.1	Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee Annual Report
Item No. 2.2	University of Auckland Biological Safety Committee Annual and Membership Report
Item No. 2.3	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee Annual and Membership Report
Item No. 2.4	Audit and Risk Committee, (Part B), 03.03.2021 and Draft Annual report 2020
Item No. 2.5	Finance Committee, Minutes (Part B), 02.03.2021, Financial Performance 2020, Treasury Management, Recreation and Wellness
	Centre – Stage Gate Review
Item No. 2.6	Honours Committee
Item No. 3.1	Exercise of delegation to refuse to permit enrolment on good character grounds
Item No. 3.2	Size, Shape and Composition
Item No. 5.1	Council Appointments Procedures

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 Metson and Morrow, Andrew Creahan, Pamela Moss, Todd Somerville, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Sharmaine Naidoo, and Wendy Verschaeren be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public had 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, was relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons were responsible.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm.

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 6.00pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Scott St John, Chancellor

Date