Council Minutes Part A (Open Minutes) 13.03.2023 4:00pm



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

PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Curtin, Dr Prasa McDonald, Mr Paitai, Ms Dawson; and via Zoom: Mr Mason and Ms Newsome	nd, Ms Dunphy, Ms Barakat, Ms Quinn, Mr
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mrs Cleland, Professors Linton, Bloomfield, Metson, Kool; Dr Ten Eyck; Ms Moss, Mr Bluett, Ms Cattanach, Mr Michael and Ms Verschaeren	
COUNCIL BRIEFINGS	These took place prior to the meeting and included a Council only session.	
KARAKIA	The briefings were preceded by a Pōwhiri	
ACHNOWLEDGMENT	The Chancellor acknowledged Geoffrey Ricketts, alumnus and Chair of The University brief illness on 10.03.2023.	of Auckland Foundation who passed away after a
1. APOLOGIES	None	
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. Mr Mason declared that with regard to item 2.5.4 - Bank facility in part B, he had connections with the Westpac Bank. Although Westpac was not in scope for that item, he wanted to declare this potential conflict. It was agreed that this declared conflict would not preclude the member participating in the discussions and decision.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): That the disclosures be noted and the action taken be endorsed.
3. HONOURS/AWARDS - NEW YEAR HONOURS	DAME COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE Dame Julie Maxton DBE - For the application of science for human benefit	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor) that Council note the Honours conferred on those persons with links to the University and that the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have

THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT

Dames Companion

Professor Farah R Palmer DNZM Ms Miranda C Harcourt DNZM

Knights Companion

Dr Haare M Williams KNZM Professor Ashley Bloomfield KNZM

Companions

Dr Bruce Campbell - For services to plant and food research Mr Michael F Barnett - For services to business Mr Tawhiri R Williams - For services to Māori and education Mrs Kaa Williams - For services to Māori and education Professor Helen V Danesh-Meyer - For services to ophthalmology

Officers

Ms Christine A Rogan - For services to alcohol harm reduction

Dr Apisalome S Talemaitoga - For services to health and the Pacific community

Mr Brian P Donnelly - For services to social housing

Mr Ian MacEwan - For services to addiction services

Dr Bruce Clarkson - For services to ecological restoration

Mr Kenneth M Williams - For services to governance and the community

Ms Michele E A'Court - For services to entertainment & comedy industries

Ms Anita J Mazzoleni - For services to corporate governance

Ms Lisa-Jane Taouma - For services to Pacific arts & the screen industry

Mr Mitchell K Pham - For services to technology & NZ-Asia relations

Dr Natalie J Gauld - For services to pharmacy and health

Ms Pania C Papa - For services to Māori language and education

Members

Ms Bonnie Robinson - For services to seniors and social services

Dr Alana M Lopesi - For services to the arts

Ms Debra Lampshire - For services to mental health

Ms Penelope J Jackson - For services to art crime research & visual arts

Mr David C Chapple - For services to community & heritage preservation

Dr Timothy R Bevin - For services to health

Dr John D Armstrong - For services to Māori health

Dr Gregory H Sherley - For services to conservation

already sent congratulatory letters to the persons involved.

	Mr Paul Hodge - For services to the hospitality industry Dr Jane E Skeen - For services to children with cancer Professor Christine M Rubie-Davies - For services to education Mrs Carlotta B Dann - For services to addiction advocacy Ms Betty-Anne M Monga For services to music Mr Brian R Coffey - For services to people with disabilities Ms Mary Cornish - For services to the performing arts Ms Marilyn R Kohlhase - For services to Pacific arts and education Mr John M Inger - For services to education Mr Christopher S Rooney - For services to education Mr Charles B Wilkinson - For services to arts governance and community Dr Gina A Cole - For services to literature Mr David W Bain - For services to health and the community Ms Rosanna Raymond - For services to Pacific art Ms Shirleen V Prasad - For services to addiction service & Asia community QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER Mr John R Dobson - For services to people with disabilities QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDA Maria K Lafaele - For services to Pacific health Mrs Kinaua Ewels - For services to the Kiribati community Mr James Ngarewa - For services to the community and education	
	Mr Donald B Thomas - For services to the community & legal profession Ms Nina Kirifi-Alai - For services to education & the Pacific community Mr Geoffrey D Clews - For services to the arts and the community Mr Richard J Higham - For services to rugby and education	
4. COUNCIL MEETINGS	4.1. Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 12.12.2022	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Barakat): that the Minutes (Part A), 12.12.2022 be taken as read and confirmed .
	 4.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 12.12.2022 not elsewhere With regard to item 9.3, Philanthropic Gift Acceptance Policy, the Deputy Vice advised that the Policy would be resubmitted for rewording to the Foundation With regard to item 9.and more specifically regarding the possibility to increa Council to two years, the Returning Officer, Mrs Adrienne Cleland, advised th 	e-Chancellor Strategic Engagement, Dr Lithander n. se the length of the term of office for students on

"The <u>Gazette notice</u> states that each Council member can be appointed or elected for any period of not more than four years (and for no more than 3 such periods). This is consistent with the requirements of clauses <u>3</u> and <u>6</u> of Schedule 11 (Councils) of the Education and Training Act 2020.

Accordingly, it is Council's decision (reflected in the Council Appointments Statute) as to the term of appointment of the elected student representative, provided that the term is not more than 4 years.

The rationale for the shorter term for student representatives was most likely to allow each shifting cohort of students a voice on who should be their representative".

Council recommended for University management to consult with the students about the possibility to extend the term of office for the elected student representative on Council up to a maximum of two years or for the remainder of their degree. This consultation would include the student associations.

5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Report was taken as read.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item. The following was noted:

- The Vice-Chancellor thanked all staff and students, noting in particular the work undertaken by the Incident Management Team and the Strategic response Team during the floods in January and the cyclone in February. She also thanked staff who worked through the Christmas break to ensure students would get their grades awarded.
- About 10% of visas for international students were currently taking longer than 41 days which was a significant improvement compared to 15% at the end of last year and the beginning of this year.
- This morning astronauts Senator Bill Nelson and Pamela Melroy, the two most senior administrators at NASA visited the University Campus and more specifically, Te Pūnaha Ātea - Space Institute. The visitors were welcomed with a Pōwhiri at Waipapa Marae and gave a presentation in the Unleash Space.
- Universities New Zealand <u>Te Pōkai Tara</u> had shared an Economic Impact Assessment, produced by NZIER, which included a high-level analysis of the economic impact of the New Zealand University Sector.
- The University will meet with the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) on Friday 17.03.2023 to discuss the future of funding for the entire tertiary sector in the Auckland area.
- The 2023 University staff experience survey would be going live on 20.03.2023
- The Senior Leadership Culture Transformation Programme had been launched recently.

In a discussion that followed Council suggested that, as the white paper on the future of research in NZ would be creating the framework for research funding, it might be useful to have a briefing on the University focus on research in the next two years.

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

6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	6.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 6.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 02.03.2023	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 02.03.2023 be received .
	6.3 FINANCE COMMITTEE 6.3.1 Minutes, (Part A), 01.03.2023	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 01.03.2023 be received .
7. SENATE MATTERS	Part A1 a-c: Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council Part A2 1-6: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Matters handled under Delegated Authority The Vice-Chancellor advised Council that further work was being undertaken Free Speech Policy and a revised paper would be submitted to Senate discussion and endorsement at its meeting of 03.04.2023. The work on the Review of Senate was also progressing: a short survey had been developed and would be sent out to relevant staff in the near future. The Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, Professor Bridget Kool drew Council's attention to the following two items: • Delegations to the Academic Programmes Team: This related to a delegation to enable editorial amendments to Statutes and Regulations in the Calendar, including the correction of minor errors or consequential renumbering of Statutes or Regulation clauses to be actioned by the Academic Programmes Team. Previously these changes required approval from Academic Programmes Committee or Education Committee, followed by Senate and Council. It also included a schedule of the proposed changes that were in scope • Amendments to the Student Discipline and Student Academic Conduct Statute: The currently proposed amendments to the statute were minor while the Statutes were also being consolidated and undergoing a more substantial review.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 27.02.2023 be adopted and C be noted.

8.	CORRESPONDENCE	The Discipline Committee had seen a steady increase in caseload over the past few years due in part to an increase in academic misconduct but also as a result of increased awareness of academic integrity among staff & students (including the introduction of Academic Integrity Advisors and the new case management system) In order to deal with the increase, it was proposed to: a. Redefine the quorum for meetings: two students (as before), from four to one member of Senate, from one to two subprofessorial members; and b. Address the backlog and flow of 'review' cases (minor and category 1 exams cases) by enabling the Provost to appoint alternative reviewers and decide upon these cases. Council noted: • It was expected that internal conversations about the final reviewed consolidated Statute would be starting in May this year. • At the Discipline Committee level, care would be taken to ensure that there was consistency with regard to the expertise level of the members on the panel. • It was necessary to make the Student Appeals Process efficient and inform the students that, at the appeals level, the facts on which the decision was made wouldI not be relitigated. Council asked to include Dr Prasad, as Chair of the Student Appeals Committee, in the review of the Statute and asked if, later in the year a presentation could be given on the impact of the amendments to the Student Discipline and Student Academic Conduct Statute.	
	REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	no items received	
9.	OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	 9.1 SEAL Since the Council meeting on 12.12.2022 the seal has been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: Deed of Variation of Lease – 7 Kitson Place, Mt Wellington - Kitson Investment Ltd (Landlord) and the University of Auckland (Tenant) 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Paitai): that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be noted .

	Deed of Renewal of Sublease - 19A Princes St, Auckland - Grange Road Holdings Ltd (sublandlord) & the University of Auckland (sub-Tenant)
10. ELECTIONS - APPOINTMENTS	None
11. GENERAL BUSINESS	None
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	for the meeting of 27.04.2023 Ms Dawson, Dr Prasad, Mr McDonald and Ms Quinn requested leave for this meeting.

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): 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 12.12.2022)
Item No. 2.1.1	Auckland health Research Ethics Committee
Item No. 2.2.1	University of Auckland Biological Safety Committee
Item No. 2.3.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee
Item No. 2.4.1	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes Part B 02.03.2023
Item No. 2.4.2	2022 Draft Annual Report
Item No. 2.4.3	Pastoral Care Code of Practice Attestation
Item No. 2.5.1	Finance Committee Minutes Part B, 02.03.2023
Item No. 2.5.2	Financial Performance 2022
Item No. 2.5.3	Treasury Policy Report and updates
Item No. 2.5.4	Bank facility
Item No. 2.6.1	University Honours Committee
Item No. 4.1	UniServices

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, Bloomfield and Metson, Andrew Phipps, Dr Ten Eyck, Tim Bluett, Pamela Moss, Helen Cattanach, Julian Michael, 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 5.55pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.00pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor

Date