

PRESENT:	Mr St John (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Professor Curtin, Ms Newsome, Ms Dawson, Mr Paitai, Mrs Dunphy, Mr Wang, Ms Tarrant, and, remotely via Zoom: Mr Daniell, Ms Quinn		
IN ATTENDANCE:	Professors Morrow, and Metson; Mrs Cleland, Mr Bluett, Mr Brandon and Mrs Verschaeren		
KARAKIA	The meeting was opened with a karakia by the Māori representative on Council, Mr Paitai.		
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 in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020. All Council members disclosed that they had an interest in item 3.2 in Part B. It was agreed that these declared conflicts would not preclude the members participating in the discussions and votes.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): That the disclosures be noted and the action taken be endorsed.	
3. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degree as per the schedule provided to the meeting.		
4. COUNCIL MEETINGS	4.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 15.03.2021	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that the Minutes (Part A), 15.03.2021 be taken as read and confirmed.	
	4.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 15.03.2021 not elsewhere on the Agenda. None		

5. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The report was taken as read.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater made the following comments:

- This was the first iteration of the new reporting style. The report now included achievements against the priorities for the new University strategy. For the June meeting it will include more information around the KPIs.
- Following a meeting in the previous week with the officials from TEC and MOE, it became clear that there would not be any significant increase of international students coming to New Zealand any time soon. However, the University was working hard to get international PhD students and 25% of the 1000 students that Auckland secured as part of the agreed entry into the country.
- A positive note was the increase in domestic students and in particular the
 increase in Māori and Pacific student numbers. It was important to
 recognise that this was the single largest increase ever in the history of
 tertiary enrolment in New Zealand. It was therefore highly likely to be
 unusual and extraordinary.
- The consultation about pastoral care that was currently taking place was focusing on principles not on obligations for the University.
- Staff and students had been advised on Friday 16.04.2021 on a sexual misconduct case. The University was taking all cases of misconduct and especially cases of sexual misconduct very seriously. The Vice-Chancellor clarified that, once an employee had resigned, it was, at that point, not possible to take any disciplinary action. The University had, however, continued the investigation after the resignation and collaborated very closely with the Auckland University Students' Association (AUSA). The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged everybody who had been working on this on behalf of the University and expressed the deepest regret to anybody who had been negatively impacted by this case. This matter would be further discussed by the Audit and Risk Committee and then return to Council at a later date this year.
- A short staff survey had been completed and the results would be communicated during the all-staff forum the following week and to Council at the June meeting.
- Work on the Equity function at the University had commenced this week.
- This week the Times Higher Education Impact Summit had started. The University of Auckland previously held the first place in the rankings for two years in a row. The outcomes were anticipated later this week.
- With the announcement of the trans-Tasman bubble, the University Executive was working on advice for international business travel for its staff
- During the last week, the Executive visited the Ngāti Whātua Ōrākei Marae to discuss the implications of a memorandum of understanding the

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

	University had originally signed in 2003 but needed to be reviewed in context of Taumata Teitei– Vision 2030 and Strategic Plan 2025. In a discussion that followed, Council applauded the new way of reporting.	
6. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	6.1 STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE 6.1.1 Report Student Appeals Committee, 19.03.2021	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that the Student Appeals Committee report, 19.03.2021 be received and noted .
7. SENATE MATTERS	Part Aii, 1-2: 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 Morrow. He drew Council's attention to the discussion at Senate about the freedom of expression. A freedom of expression working group had been set up and Chaired by Professor Hunter. The findings of the working group were put to Senate for further discussion. After a robust and productive discussion, the paper of the working group was currently being revised and would be presented at the next meeting of Senate. The Provost also advised Council about new programmes that would be submitted to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) in the near future. These included the Bachelor of Communication, (with conjoint options), which was an important initiative of the Faculty of Arts. Other new programmes included a practice component like the Master of Property Practice, Master of Infrastructure Asset Management and Master of Physiotherapy Practice. These programmes were part of the strategic move to provide enhanced study opportunities for people who were already in the workforce, enabling them to change the focus of their careers.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 29.03.2021 be adopted, and Parts B and C be noted
8. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	No items received	
9. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	9.1 SEAL Since the Council meeting on 15.03.2021 the seal has been applied to the following document in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mrs Dunphy): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be noted .

	Deed Recording Rent Review – Takahe Properties Limited (Landlord) & The University of Auckland (Tenant) – South Auckland Campus, 6 Osterley Way, Manukau	
10. ELECTIONS – APPOINTMENTS	10.1 ELECTION OF PRO-CHANCELLOR FROM 03.06.2021 Nominations were called for the position of Pro-Chancellor. One nomination only was received, for Ms Cathie Quinn (Chancellor/Professor Curtin). There being no other nominations, the Chancellor declared Ms Quinn elected as Pro-Chancellor for a term starting on 03.06.2021 and ending 31.12.2021. Carried by acclamation.	
11. GENERAL BUSINESS	None	
12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	(for the meeting of 14.06.2021) None requested	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): 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), 15.03.2021

Item No. 2.1 EFTS forecast 2021-2022 Item No. 2.2 Payments to Council members

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, Tim Bluett, Anthony Brandon, Pamela Moss 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 6pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 4.30pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Scott St John, Chancellor Date