Council Minutes Part A (Open Minutes) 12.06.2023 4:00pm



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

PRESENT:	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Ms Dunphy, Ms Barakat, Ms Quinn, Mr McDonald, Mr Paitai, Ms Dawson; Mr Mason and Ms Arnott-Neenee	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms Newsome, Mrs Cleland, Professors Linton, Bloomfield, Stinear and Kool; Drs Lithander and Ten Eyck; Ms Moss, Mr Bluett, Mr Neale, Ms Cattanach, Mr Brandon and Ms Verschaeren	
COUNCIL BRIEFINGS	These took place prior to the meeting	
KARAKIA	The briefings were preceded by a Mihi Whakatau led by John Paitai	
1. APOLOGIES	Professor Curtin	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that the apologies be noted .
2. FAREWELL	The Chancellor thanked Ms Rachael Newsome for her contributions to the working of Council and the University and wished her the best for the future.	
3. WELCOME	The Chancellor welcomed Ms Julia Arnott-Neenee as Ministerial appointee.	
4. 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.	
5. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degrees as per the attached list.	
6. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS	With the authority of Council, the Chancellor awarded the diplomas as per the attack	hed list.

7. HONOURS/AWARDS	The Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor would send congratulatory letters to those persons with links to the University.	
8. COUNCIL MEETINGS	8.1.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 13.03.2023	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Barakat): that the Minutes (Part A), 13.03.2023 be taken as reac and confirmed , subject to a typographical correction.
	8.1.2 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), May e-meeting	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Paitai): that Counciratify the actions of the May e-meeting.
	8.2.1 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 13.03.2023 not elsewhere of	n the Agenda
	With regard to item 4.2: Follow up on 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 was deferred to the meeting in August. With regard to item 5 and more specifically Council's request to have a briefing on the University focus on research in the next two years, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research (DVCR), Professor F Bloomfield, and Professor Metson responded the following: the white paper on the future of research in NZ did not give much detail and was not really informing the framework for research focus at present. There would be significant focus on the opportunity presented by New Zealand becoming an Associate Member state for Horizon Europe. This was expected to be signed mid-year but New Zealand institutions already were eligible to be part of consortium bids in anticipation of the formal signing. With regard to item 7.1: A presentation regarding the review of the Discipline Statute had been scheduled for the Council briefings of 21.08.2023. Dr Prasad had yet to receive the relevant information with regard to the review and this would be followed up as ideally, he would see the revised statute in advance of the presentation to Council.	
9. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	 The Report was taken as read. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item. The following was noted: The staff pulse survey took place in March 2023 and the results of the survey would be presented to Council in a briefing on 21.08.2023. With the results and the preliminary analysis available, the Vice-Chancellor undertook a tour around the campuses the previous week. In total, 3588 responses had been received (62% of the University staff) an increase in engagement compared to previous years. 11,000 qualitative comments were made. Teacher education programmes were struggling nationally and the University together with the Faculty of Education and Social work is considering the future of its own teacher education programmes. 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted .

	 The Autumn graduation ceremonies were successful; a review would be taking place to determine why graduates were leaving straight after they had received their certificates with a view to stopping this from happening. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Operations) and Registrar, Mrs Cleland had just finalised the terms of reference for the review of the current processes. A robust debate took place at the May Senate meeting in response to the paper prepared by the Freedom of Expression (FoE) Working Group in combination with work undertaken by the Pro Vice-Chancellors Māori, Pacific and Equity. This resulted in a number of recommendations for the Vice-Chancellor. The next step would be to integrate the work that had been undertaken into the Code of Conduct_taking into account Academic Freedom (AF), the collective agreement and employment legislation. The Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Operations) and Registrar and the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Bluett attended the annual finance update meeting with the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) last week. The decline of the national student numbers was discussed at this meeting. 	
10. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES	10.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 10.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 19.05.2023	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 19.05.2023 be received .
	10.2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE 10.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 29.05.2023	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): that the Capital Expenditure Committee Minutes (Part A) 29.05.2023 be received .
	 10.3 FINANCE COMMITTEE 10.3.1 Minutes, (Part A), 24.05.2023 Note: The Chancellor asked the Chairs of the Audit and Risk and Finance Committees to consider whether more matters could be included in Part A of the Meetings 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr McDonald): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 24.05.2023 be received .
	10.4 STUDENT APPEALS COMMITTEE (SAC) 10.4.1 Report of the Student Appeals Committee 07.03.2023 10.4.2 Report of the Student Appeals Committee 14.03.2023	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that Council note the Reports, 07.03.2023 and 14.03.2023 of the Student Appeals Committee.

	Dr Prasad, Chair of SAC, advised Council that in one of the meetings the penalty of the Discipline Committee was partially reduced while at the other meeting the decision was upheld.	
	Council asked, if in the future, the reports could include some of the reasoning leading to the decisions.	
	10.5 UNIVERSITY EQUITY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (UELC) 10.5.1 June 2023 Report	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dawson): that the Equity leadership Report – June 2023 be received.
	This item was presented by the Pro Vice-Chancellor Equity, Professor Stinear. Council noted that the definition of gender pay gap included the average hourly rate for all women across all jobs compared to the average hourly rate for all men across all jobs. This was not the same as the definition of equal pay which referred to the requirement for all people to be paid the same for the same job. Council noted that the term "gender pay gap" was potentially misleading, a there were more women in lower paying jobs; however, it provided a good challenge to hiring practices.	
11. SENATE MATTERS	Part A1 a-c: Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council Part A2 1-4: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Part C 1-3: Matters handled under Delegated Authority	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Dr Prasad): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 03.04.2023 be adopted and C be noted
	Part A1 a-c: Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council Part A2 1-7: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval Part B 1: Items from Senate for noting by Council Part C 1: Matters handled under Delegated Authority The Vice-Chancellor had already mentioned the ongoing work with regard to FoE under item 9.	be noted

12. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	The work on the review of Senate, under the leadership of Professor Mathew, was still ongoing. Shifting the Senate meeting time to 1pm instead of 4pm and including topics like FoE and AF had made a significant difference with regard to meeting attendance and engagement with the members. The Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, Professor Kool, drew Senate's attention to the Master Programme Structure Recommendations which was part of the Curriculum Framework Transformation (CFT) work. This included the following four recommendations recommended by Senate to Council for approval: 1.Recommendation 1: Consistent application of criteria for generic and named masters degrees 2.Recommendation 2: Offer research components in 30-point increments 3.Recommendation 3: Review structure of each masters programme in relation to its purpose 4.Recommendation 4: Introduce a 120-point Master of Research	
13. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	 SEAL Since the Council meeting on 13.03.2023 the seal has been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991: Deed of Partial Surrender of Lease - 49-51 Symonds St, Auckland - Wilson Car Parking NZ Ltd (Tenant) & the University of Auckland (Landlord); Variation to the Deed of Lease - 128 Anzac Ave & 131A Beach Road Central Auckland - NZ Education Holdings Beach Ltd (Landlord) & the University of Auckland (Tenant); Deed of Rent Review - 70 Symonds St, Auckland - TGB Properties (NZ) Pte Ltd (Landlord) & the University of Auckland (Tenant); and Deed of Variation and Renewal of Lease - 8th Floor, 38 Waring Taylor St, Wellington - Midland Towers Ltd (Lessor) & the University of Auckland (Assignee & Lessee) Deed of Partial Surrender of Lease - 49-51 Symonds St, Auckland - Wilson Car Parking NZ Ltd (Tenant) & The University of Auckland (Landlord) 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Arnott-Neenee): that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be noted .

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13.2.1	 RESCINDMENTS Memorandum, 28.05.2023 from the Graduation Office requesting the rescindment of the conferral of a Master of Science, Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours), Master of Urban Planning (Professional) and Master of Urban Planning (Professional) and Urban Design degrees awarded to the listed students with an incorrect milestone or no milestone. Council is also asked to re-award the degrees with a class of honours where applicable. Council noted that: While included in the itemised list, the introductory paragraph in the memorandum did not include the Master of Science and Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours). A process would be set up, as part of CFT, to avoid these kinds of rescindments in the future. 	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Paitai): that Council rescind the conferral of a Master of Science, Bachelor of Urban Planning (Honours), Master of Urban Planning (Professional) and Master of Urban Planning (Professional) and Urban Design degrees to the listed students, and re-award these to them with a class of honours where applicable in accordance with the memorandum of 28.05.2023.
13.3.1 13.3.2	KNOWLEDGE EQUITY NETWORK (KEN) Memorandum, 27.04.2023 from the Vice-Chancellor Declaration on Knowledge Equity The Vice-Chancellor introduced this item. She commented that the University was part of the World University Network (WUN). The universities that are part of the network were engaged in decolonisation of their	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that Council Support the University to develop its own Knowledge Equity statement. RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Dunphy): that Council Support further engagement with the Knowledge Equity Network to explore alignment.

	curricula and developing indigenous partnerships through collaboration between key stakeholders and communities. The Vice-Chancellor presented at the inaugural KEN conference in 2022 on the work undertaken in this regard at the University of Auckland. The University of Auckland was at that occasion asked if it wanted to join the KEN. KEN was not specifically a university network but rather a group of people within universities who operate within equity portfolios. Their aim was to raise the opportunity for people to develop their careers and also publish information in a similar way as their peers. A principles statement, the Declaration on Knowledge Equity, had been developed by KEN and the University had been asked to develop its own specific knowledge equity statement, as a partner of the KEN of the WUN. Council was currently asked to approve the direction of travel for this work Council noted that the KEN declaration included guiding principles and the opportunity for the University to develop its own statement in alignment with Taumata Teitei. After a discussion Council asked if this could be the subject of a briefing later this year.	
	13.4 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS STATUTE 2022 – REVIEW 13.4.1 Council Appointments Statute 2022 with mark up 13.4.2 Council Appointments Statute 2022 clean copy	RESOLVED (Ms Quinn /Mr Mason): that Council Approve the revised Council appointments statute 2022
14. ELECTIONS - APPOINTMENTS	Professor Jennifer Curtin, elected representative of academic staff on Council whose term of office was scheduled to end on 31.12.2023, has resigned from Council with effect on 01.07.2023. This creates a casual vacancy, and another person must be appointed by the procedure by which the Council member became a member. However, if the office becomes vacant within 6 months before the end of the member's term of office, Council may decide that the vacancy does not need to be filled under this clause. (Education and Training Act 2020, Schedule 11, section 9 (1) and (3). The election of a new academic staff representative would take place during the Council elections later this year.	 RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Dunphy): that: Council Note the resignation of the academic staff representative with effect on 01.07.2023; and Decide not to fill the casual vacancy.

15. GENERAL BUSINESS	15.1 Report of Vice Chancellor exercise of Delegation to set fees for non-SAC funded microcredentials. At the October 2022 meeting of Council, it was resolved to "authorise the Vice-Chancellor to set fees for non-SAC funded Microcredentials and for University programmes delivered offshore, subject to such fees being reported to the Council meeting immediately following." The Vice Chancellor has exercised this delegation to approve a tuition fee for the microcredential The New Science of Mind and Brain being \$1,300 (\$86.67 per point) inclusive of GST.	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that Council note that the Vice Chancellor has exercised this delegation to approve a tuition fee for the microcredential The New Science of Mind and Brain being \$1,300 (\$86.67 per point) inclusive of GST.
16. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	for the meeting of 21.08.2023	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): 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 13.03.2023)
Item No. 2.1.1	Animal Ethics Committee
Item No. 2.2.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee
Item No. 2.3.1	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes
Item No. 2.4.1	Capital Expenditure Committee, Minutes
Item No. 2.4.2	Business Case
Item No. 2.5.1	Finance Committee, Minutes
Item No. 2.5.2	Financial Performance 2023 to 2025
Item No. 2.5.3	Fees Statute amendment
Item No. 2.6	University Honours Committee Reports
Item No. 2.7	University Naming Committee Report
Item No. 3.1	Appointment of a Council member
Item No. 4.1	Drug checking licence

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, Tim Bluett, Simon Neale, Brian Ten Eyck, Pamela Moss, Helen Cattanach, 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 7.00pm

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.30pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor

Date