

COUNCIL Public Meeting Agenda

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha



Agenda

DATE Wednesday 19 August 2026
TIME 9:00am
VENUE Council Chamber, Level 6, Matariki Building

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WELCOME & KARAKIA

<i>Kia hora te marino</i>	<i>May peace be widespread</i>
<i>Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana</i>	<i>May the sea be like greenstone</i>
<i>Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei</i>	<i>A pathway for us all this day</i>
<i>Aroha atu, aroha mai</i>	<i>Let us show respect for each other,</i>
<i>Tātou i a tātou katoa</i>	<i>for one another</i>
<i>Hui e! Tāiki e!</i>	<i>Bind us all together!</i>

1. APOLOGIES

2. REGISTER OF INTERESTS

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3. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Every Council Member has an obligation to declare any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest with any University of Canterbury activities and to ensure that such conflicts of interest are noted and managed appropriately.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Confirming minutes of meeting held on 24 June 2026 – For Approval

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5. MATTERS ARISING

6. FROM THE CHANCELLOR

6.1. Degrees Conferred in Absentia – For Information

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7. FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

7.1. Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report – For Information

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7.2. Academic Board Report (17 July 2026) – For Information
(Associate Professor Alison Griffith)

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8. PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING

Motion by the Chancellor for resolution to exclude the public pursuant to s48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

Item on Public Excluded Agenda	General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
4.0 4.1	Minutes Confirm public excluded minutes of 24 June 2026	These items concern matters that were previously dealt with during proceedings of Council from which the public was excluded.	Refer to previous minutes
5.0 5.1 5.2	Matters Arising Action Schedule Information Papers	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(f)(i)
6.0	Council-Only Time	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
7.0 7.1	Health & Safety Monthly Health & Safety Report	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
8.0 8.1	Digital Services Updated Workday Project Status Report	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
9.0 9.1	Strategy & Planning Statement of Service Performance 6-month Update	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
10.0 10.1 10.2	Finance Monthly Financial Update (July 2026) International Student & UCIC Fees 2027-2028	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
11.0 11.1 11.1.1 11.1.2	Student Accommodation Ilam Student Accommodation Development Development Options Enabling Works Update	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
12.0 12.1 12.2 12.3 12.4	Other Arbitration Matter Update Trust Amalgamation Verbal Update Proposed Regulation Changes Honours & Appointments Committee Verbal Report	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
13.0 13.1 13.2 13.3 13.4	From The Chancellor Council Member Fees Chancellor Meetings & Correspondence Verbal Update Council Workplan Update Strategy Day Action Schedule	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
14.0 14.1 14.2 14.3 14.4	From The Vice-Chancellor Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report Emeritus Professor Nomination Academic Board Report (17 July 2026) Academic Board Minutes (12 June 2026)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
16.0	Council-Only Time	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between members of Council. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, its activities. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)

I also move that staff identified by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor as having knowledge relevant to particular matters to be discussed be permitted to remain at this meeting.

9. REPORT FROM THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

11. NEXT MEETING

- Wednesday 30 September 2026 starting at 9.00am

KARAKIA

Unuhia, unuhia

Te pou, te pou

Kia wātea, kia wātea

Āe, kua wātea

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in order to be free.

Yes, it has been cleared.

University of Canterbury Council Register of Interests (19 August 2026)

Council Member	Date Notified	Name of Interest (Organisation, Person or Entity)	Nature of Interest
Amy ADAMS (Chancellor)	2021	AMDON Farms Limited	Director and Shareholder
	2021	AMDON Investments Limited	Director and Shareholder
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2026	Cornish Point Co-op	Director and Shareholder
	2025	Crown Facilitator – Water Services	Specialist - Adhoc
	2025	Gas Industry Company Limited	Director and Chairperson
	2026	HA Murdoch	Independent Trustee
	2021	Hampton Downs Trust	Trustee and Beneficiary
	2021	Melanoma NZ	Director (finishing 1 August 2026)
	2021	Montford Trust	Trustee and Beneficiary
	2025	Police Commissioner’s Assurance Risk Committee	Member (Acting Chair to end of May 2026)
	2021	St John	Volunteer Ambulance Officer & causal paid role
	2025	Southern Cancer Society	Chairperson
	2022	University of Canterbury Foundation	Trustee
	2026	Waitaki Council	Crown Facilitator (finishes 30 June 2026)
Sina COTTER TAIT	2025	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2025	Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Review Panel	Panel member
	2025	Christchurch City Council	Aunt is a Councillor
	2025	Christchurch City Holdings Ltd	Director
	2025	Collective Success Ltd	Director, shareholder
	2025	Consulting Engineers Advancement Society	Board member
	2025	Cotter Tait Family Trust	Trustee
	2025	Engineering NZ	Chartered Fellow
	2025	Indemnity & General Ltd	Director
	2025	Institute of Directors	Chartered Member
	2025	KiwiRail Holdings Ltd	Director
	2025	Lewis Bradford and Associates Ltd (local government)	Shareholder
	2025	Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust	Trustee
	2026	Russell McVeagh	Son is an employee
	2025	Te Waihanga (The Infrastructure Commission)	Director
	2025	University of Canterbury	Adjunct Researcher

Council Member	Date Notified	Name of Interest (Organisation, Person or Entity)	Nature of Interest
	2025	University of Canterbury – Building Innovation Partnership (Faculty of Engineering) Advisory Board	Advisory Board member
	2025	Whitestone Contracting Limited	Director
Cheryl DE LA REY (Vice-Chancellor)	2020	Association of Commonwealth Universities	Council Member
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2019	Universities New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee	Member
	2025	Universities New Zealand Education Committee	Chair
	2019	University of Canterbury Foundation	Trustee (Ex-officio)
	2019	University of Canterbury Trust Funds	Vice-Chancellor
Jack HEINEMANN	2023	Academic Board (ex officio Council)	Member
	2022	Academic Freedom Aotearoa (TEU)	Member
	2023	American Society for Microbiology	Member
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2023	Centre for Integrated Research in Biosafety (UC)	Director
	2023	Cluster for Community and Urban Resilience (UC)	Member
	2023	European Network of Scientists for Social and Environmental Responsibility	Honorary Member
	2023	Higher Education Academy	Fellow
	2024	Informal group of co-mentors for academics in governance roles	Member
	2023	Institute for Health and Environmental Research (Australia)	Board Member
	2023	International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Member
	2023	New Zealand Society of Microbiology	Member
	2023	Queenstown Molecular Biology Society	Member
	2021	Tertiary Education Union	Member
	2021 & 2023	University of Canterbury – Faculty of Science, School of Biological Sciences (and sub-committees) and biochemistry programme	Employee
	2023	University of Wisconsin Alumni Association	Lifetime Member
Bruce IRVINE	2024	Air Rarotonga Ltd	Chair
	2024	B.R. Irvine Ltd	Director/Shareholder
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2024	CSO Foundation	Trustee
	2024	Heartland Bank Ltd and subsidiaries	Chair/Shareholder
	2024	House of Travel Ltd and subsidiaries	Director
	2024	John Britten Trust	Trustee
	2024	Market Gardeners Ltd and subsidiaries	Chair
	2024	Scenic Hotels Ltd and subsidiaries	Director

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	2024	Skope Industries Ltd	Chair
	2026	University of Canterbury - Employability Innovation Establishment Group	Advisor
	2024	University of Canterbury - Innovation Medal	Judge
	2024	University of Canterbury - MBA Course	Presenter (occasional)
Tumarū MATAIO	2026	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2026	University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA)	President
Rachel ROBILLIARD	2025	Anderson Lloyd	Employee
	2022	Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board	Board member / Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu appointee
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2022	Kaihautū Matua, Executive Director, Office of Treaty Partnership UC	Aunty
	2023	Kōwhai Enterprises Limited	Shareholder
	2022	Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd	Kaitaiki rep for Te Taumutu Rūnanga
	2023	Robby Robilliard Family Trust	Trustee
	2023	Tāwhaki Joint Venture	Riaka Te Aka Matua Rōpū
	2025	Southbridge Playcentre	Bi-Cultural Officer / Office Holder
Gillian SIMPSON	2022	Te Taumutu Rūnanga	Kaitiakitanga portfolio member
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2024	Christ's College	Board Deputy Chair
	2019	Ministry of Education Statutory Services Provider	Independent Contractor
	2019	New Zealand Education Scholarship Trust	Trustee
	2022	Sport New Zealand Governance Services	Independent Consultant
Lisa TUMAHAI	2025	UC MBA Programme	Mentor
	2023	Arahura Holding Ltd	Director
	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2026	Environmental Protection Authority	Board Member
	2023	Hauora Māori Advisory Group (Ministerial advisory)	Board Member
	2023	He Pou A Rangi Climate Change Commission	Deputy Chair
	2023	Hinemoana Halo Partnership Fund Ltd	Director
	2026	Infectious Diseases Research Platform	Transitional Oversight Group Member
	2023	Ngāi Tahu Research Centre (UC)	Advisory Board Member
	2023 2026	Pokeka Poutini Ngai Tahu Ltd	CEO Community Clinical Learning Centre outreach submission (part of UC proposal)
	2023	Te Kura Taka Pini Ltd	Director

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	2023	Te Runanga o Ngāti Waewae Inc	Trustee
	2023	Waitangi National Trust Board	Representative South Island
	2023	West Coast Health	Trustee
Steven WAKEFIELD	2025	199 Johns Road Limited	Shareholder, Director
	2025	Accord Group Holdings Limited	Director, Shareholder
	2025	Brackenridge Services Limited	Director
	2025	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2025	Carolina Homes Limited	Director, Shareholder
	2025	Christchurch Cathedral Reinstatement Limited	Director, Chairman
	2025	Christchurch Heritage & Arts Walking Tours Ltd	Director, Shareholder
	2025	Church Property Trustees of the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch	Trustee, Deputy Chair
	2025	Cookie Time Group	Director
	2025	Court Theatre Trust	Chairman
	2025	Deloitte Limited	Former Partner
	2025	East Lake Trust	Trustee
	2025	EVNEX Limited	Director
	2025	Greater Christchurch Schools Network Trust	Chairman of Trustees
	2025	HealthOne (General Partner) Limited	Director
	2025	Innovative Software Limited	Director, Shareholder
	2025	Lincoln Medical (2024) Limited	Director
	2026	Mana Puaka Limited Partnership	Director
	2025	MastaPlex Limited	Shareholder
	2025	MedSalv Limited	Director
	2025	NZ Health Innovation Hub Limited (t/a NZ Health Ventures)	Chairman of Directors
	2025	Old Boys Collegians Cricket Club	President, Life Member
	2025	Paenga Kupenga Limited	Director
	2025	Performing Arts Parking Limited	Director
	2025	Ravenscar Capital Trust	Trustee
	2025	Ravenscar Trust	Chairman
	2025	St Barnabas Church (Fendalton Parish)	Vestry member
	2025	St Barnabas Fendalton Trust	Chairman
	2025	Steve Wakefield Services Limited	Shareholder and Director
	2025	Streamliners NZ Limited	Director
	2025	Swallowing Technologies Limited	Chairman, Shareholder

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	2025	Syft Limited	Shareholder
	2025	Te Whata Limited	Director
	2025	Townsend Fields Limited	Managing Director
	2025	Wakefield Holdings Limited	Director
Poto WILLIAMS (Pro-Chancellor)	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2024	Eastern Community Sport & Rec	Board Member
	2026	Institute for Climate and Peace	Executive Director
	2024	John Macmillan Brown Estate Trust	Special Trust Advisor
	2024	New Brighton R.S.A.	Patron
	2024	South Island NRL Bid	Board Member (Community Engagement)
	2026	Te Pai Ora o Aotearoa (Social Service Providers Aotearoa)	Advisor
Catherine WOODS	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trustee and Trust Beneficiary
	2023	Public Service Association	Member
	2023	Statistics New Zealand	Husband - Employee
	2026	UC Business School – Health & Safety Committee	Member
	2023	UC Student	Daughter
	2023	UC Wellbeing Advisory Group	Member
Adela KARDOS (General Counsel Registrar)	2024	Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)	Trust Beneficiary (All Staff)
	2024	Christchurch Hungarian Club Incorporated	Executive Committee Secretary
	2020	University of Canterbury	Employee

COUNCIL

Public Meeting Minutes

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha



DATE	Wednesday 24 June 2026
TIME	9:00am
VENUE	Council Chamber, Level 6, Matariki Building
PRESENT	Hon. Amy Adams (Chancellor), Dr Sina Cotter Tait, Professor Jack Heinemann, Mr Bruce Irvine, Ms Tumarū Mataio, Ms Rachel Robilliard, Ms Gillian Simpson, Mr Steve Wakefield, Ms Catherine Woods.
IN ATTENDANCE	Ms Heather Couch, Academic Quality & Records Team Leader, Associate Professor Alison Griffith, Mr Grantley Judge, Governance & Compliance Manager, Ms Adela Kardos, General Counsel & Registrar, Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Ms Lucy Johnston, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), Ms Evangeline Rong, Ms Cathleen Wang.
APOLOGIES	Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Ms Lisa Tumahai, Hon. Poto Williams (Pro-Chancellor).
WELCOME	The Chancellor opened the meeting with a Karakia.
REGISTER OF INTERESTS	The Chancellor requested that the Registrar be advised of any amendments to the Register of Interests.
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	No conflicts of interest were advised for the public meeting.
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	Confirming Minutes of the Previous Meeting <u>Moved:</u> <i>That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record.</i> Carried
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising.

**FROM THE
CHANCELLOR**

Degrees Conferred in Absentia

Moved:

That Council approved the June list of degrees to be conferred and diplomas and certificates to be awarded in absentia for the public record.

Carried

**FROM THE VICE-
CHANCELLOR**

Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report

Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), presented the report, which included an update on health and safety matters, and responded to questions.

Moved:

That Council noted the Vice-Chancellor's monthly report.

Carried

Academic Board Report

Associate Professor Alison Griffith presented the Academic Board Report and responded to questions.

Moved:

That Council:

- 1. noted the 12 June 2026 Academic Board Report.*
- 2. approved the semester dates for 2028 and curricula proposals that were to be reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 August 2026.*

Carried

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED
MEETING**

Moved:

That the public be excluded from the following parts of this meeting, pursuant to section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

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8.0 8.1 8.2	Audit & Risk Committee ARC Meeting (8 June 2026) Verbal Update Fraud and Corruption Control Policy & Control Plan	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
9.0 9.1 9.2 9.2.1 9.2.2 9.2.3	Capital & Investment Committee CIC Meeting (8 June 2026) Verbal Update CIC Recommendations to Council (Summary List) Meremere Building Works Decision Business Case Campus Heating Solutions Recommendation Updated Ilam Road Student Accommodation Safety & Enabling Works Decision Business Case	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
10.0 10.1 10.2	Finance 31 March 2026 Summary Consolidated Financial Statements Monthly Financial Update (May 2026)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
11.0 11.1 11.2 11.3 11.4 11.5 11.6 11.7	Other Workday Delegations of Authority Changes Ilam Accommodation Development Agreement Verbal Update Arbitration Matter Update Trust Amalgamation Verbal Update Freedom of Expression Processes Revised Honorary Awards Policy Revised Council & Committee Meeting Dates 2027	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
12.0 12.1 12.2 12.3 12.4	From The Chancellor Final July Strategy Day Agenda Honorary Doctorates 2027 – Request for Candidate Names Chancellor Meetings & Correspondence Verbal Update Council Workplan Update	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
13.0 13.1 13.2 13.3	From The Vice-Chancellor Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report Emeritus Professor Nomination Academic Board Minutes (10 April 2026)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i) 7(2)(a)
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and that staff identified by the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, as having knowledge relevant to particular matters to be discussed, be permitted to remain at this meeting.

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS There were no items of general business.

NEXT MEETING The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 9:00am in the Council Chamber.

MEETING CLOSED The public meeting closed with a Karakia at 1.27pm.

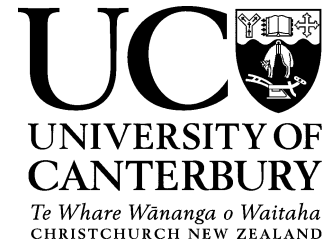
SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: _____

DATE: _____

COUNCIL ACTION SCHEDULE
from the meeting held on 24 June 2026

	Action	By Whom	Due Date	Expected
1.	No actions			

Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council



August 2026

Introduction

The second semester started well with the campus busy as students returned to classes. We also welcomed 33 leading academics as part of the Erksine Fellowship programme. The Erksine Fellows will be teaching across a range of faculties, providing our students with global perspectives on a range of topics.

Semester 2 enrolments reached a new record for UC, with growth in both domestic and international enrolments. Overall, international new-to-UC enrolments are tracking approximately 36% ahead of the same time last year, measured in EFTS. On 8 July UC hosted its largest second semester international student welcome ever. The increased international enrolments were reflected in strong uptake of orientation activities and information sessions, aimed to embed our international students into UC's student-centred learning and campus culture.

Lectures for Semester 2 will conclude on 21 August, followed by graduations on 25-26 August.

Engagement

UC's contribution to major events and public engagement received national recognition in August, when the Adaptation Futures 2025 event was named Business Event of the Year at the New Zealand Events Awards. Co-hosted by UC, the flagship event of the World Adaptation Science Programme brought nearly 2,000 global delegates to Christchurch, making it the largest climate adaptation event hosted in New Zealand. UC's leadership and expertise were prominent throughout, from the opening event through to a number of panels and presentations.

During 23-24 June, 433 students from 17 schools participated in the Children's University Campus Experience, delivered in partnership with Lincoln University. The programme encourages tamariki aged 7-14 to pursue engaging learning experiences outside the classroom. At UC, they explored a range of subjects and met volcanologists, engineers, chemists, glaciologists and many others.

The annual Volunteering Expo on 4 August extended this focus on learning through experience, connecting students with 28 not-for-profit organisations across Waitaha Canterbury. By contributing to their communities and stepping into new experiences, students can connect their learning with real world challenges and recognise the knowledge, skills and perspectives they are developing.

Pathways into future study and work was the focus of STEMinism, hosted on campus on 25 June, where young women in Years 11-13 and their whānau were encouraged to consider engineering study. The event attracted 110 people in person and online, with 97.4% of survey respondents rating it positively and staff rating it 9.6/10 on average.

UC's first cohort of Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology Assistance students also came together on campus on 24 July for their first in-person learning since beginning their studies at the start of Semester 2. Minister for Mental Health Hon Matt Doocey visited UC to meet and speak with the students.

At the Great Hall on 7 July, *UC Presents: Under One Sky - Matariki Across Cultures* brought together experts from Māori and Indigenous Studies, languages, history and classics to explore how different cultures understand and celebrate the star cluster known in Aotearoa as Matariki. Professor Te Maire Tau, Associate Professor Peter Field, Dr Susan Bouterey and Associate Professor Enrica Sciarrino helped engage the wider community in conversations about shared human traditions.

The UC-led immersive installation *Desiderium: What Stood Here* won the Best New Zealand Immersive Impact Project Award at Doc Edge on 1 July. Led by School of Creative and Digital Arts Lecturer Ellie Adams, the work recreates the ancient forests that once covered Banks Peninsula and invites visitors into a long-lost landscape. It was also shown in Christchurch as part of the Doc Edge Festival's free three-day event at UC's Jack Mann Theatre during 31 July - 2 August, presented in partnership with Kōawa Studios and co-sponsored by Screen Canterbury.

On 11 July the UC Business School signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding with Nelson AI Sandbox (NAIS), a Nelson-based charitable trust that has helped more than 25,000 people build AI confidence through free community workshops and drop-in support since launching two years ago. Building on a student project and short-course collaboration already under way, the agreement creates opportunities for joint research, student and staff involvement in AI-related projects, and new short courses and learning pathways. It reflects a shared values-based commitment to helping more people across Nelson and Canterbury build the capability to thrive in an AI-centric world.

The Faculty of Law hosted its annual Town and Gown midwinter gathering on 7 August. Attendees included members of the judiciary, representatives and leaders from the local Law industry and alumni. The event also celebrated the 50-year career of Emeritus Professor Philip Joseph, KC.

Education – Accessible, Flexible Future Focussed

The second half of the year is often a time where industry engagement and employability is top of mind for many students. Across UC, there have been a range of activities building connection opportunities for students. The Centre for Employability and Career Development hosted UC's inaugural Government Careers Day on 24 July, bringing together central and local government agencies, including the Ministry for Primary Industries, Christchurch City Council and the Department of Corrections. 200 students across Arts, Law, Business, Psychology and Community Youth Leadership attended, with engagement quality exceeding expectations. All participating employers indicated they would return, and academic leaders from Arts, Law and Psychology identified opportunities to deepen curriculum-industry connections. Specific faculty and department events also provided excellent opportunities for students.

The Department of Computer Science and Software Engineering (CSSE) offered a range of events for students. One example was the 2026 Mid-Year Talent Sprint, connecting 51 students with 24 industry professionals from 12 organisations through more than 230 rapid interviews. The event strengthened industry partnerships while creating valuable pathways to internships, graduate employment and work-integrated learning opportunities, further enhancing student employability.

Preparing students for work by building AI skills into the curriculum has also been a feature of the past period. Again, CSSE were highly involved with industry, partnering with Software Innovation NZ (SINZ) to host an industry forum exploring the impact of AI on software development and Computer Science education. Researchers and industry leaders discussed emerging workforce needs, future research opportunities and curriculum development. The UC Business School has also progressed a strategic AI transformation to prepare students for AI-enabled workplaces and equip staff with AI capability.

Accessible and flexible education continues to be delivered at UC with an uplift in UC Online programmes. The newly introduced Master of Applied AI has been popular with approximately 40

enrolments in its first opening. UC Online, partnering with Professor Gail Gillon and the Child Well-Being Institute, were awarded 8 short online professional development courses for Learning Support Coordinators across New Zealand.

In Engineering, Dr Daniel van der Walt, Rodney Young, Lulu Barry and the UC Online team received a national Risk NZ Award of Excellence for Networking and Partnership in Risk Management at the RiskNZ Awards of Excellence on 22 July. The national award recognises the outstanding collaboration and impact behind the development of the UC Enterprise Risk Management Master's courses, which combine academic excellence with industry expertise to prepare the next generation of risk professionals.

Student success initiatives such as Kia Angitu and He Kokonga have continued to progress. The Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS) programme continues to provide impactful outcomes for students, with those who attend as few as 2 sessions performing at least 1 grade point average above their matched-pair peers. The 2 scholarship programmes, Takere and Te Kakau a Māui, have both shown positive outcomes for the students who commenced Semester 1, 2026.

Research – Impact on a Changing World

The Government announced a revised National Intellectual Property Management Policy effective 1 July 2026, alongside new commercialisation guidelines and funding support. The updated policy provides greater clarity on IP ownership, benefit-sharing and the roles of researchers and institutions, underpinned by principles addressing good-faith negotiation, national benefit and Māori interests.

Four UC researchers and innovators were selected as finalists for the 2026 KiwiNet Research Commercialisation Awards, which recognise research being transformed into new ventures, emerging industries, and lasting economic and societal benefit. The UC finalists are Professor Matthew Watson (*Driving new industries for a lower-emissions future*), Dr Jake Campbell (*Making insulin drug delivery work for real life*), Zac Hemmings (*Turning household clutter into a business opportunity*), and Mark Campbell (*A bright idea protecting those with light-sensitive conditions*).

The Coalition for Books has named Dr Madi Williams as one of its 2026 New Voices of Aotearoa, an annual initiative that highlights distinctive emerging New Zealand writers across fiction, poetry and non-fiction. The programme is designed to connect readers with authors who have already demonstrated early critical and commercial success, and to raise the profile of New Zealand books. The 2026 list was selected by an expert judging panel and includes 8 writers identified as shaping the future of New Zealand literature.

The National Geographic documentary, *Secrets of the Penguins*, was awarded 2 Emmy Awards for Outstanding Nature Documentary and Outstanding Cinematography for the episode *Heart of the Emperors*. Professor Michelle LaRue served as Science Consultant for this episode.

UC Researchers Dr Felipe Kuncar, Professor Brendon Bradley, Dr Robin Lee and collaborators received the 2025 Earthquake Spectra Outstanding Paper Award for their article *Methods to account for shallow site effects in hybrid broadband ground-motion simulations*. This award is the highest honour from the earthquake engineering field's premier international journal.

Associate Professor Matthew Hobbs was awarded the 2026 Australasian Epidemiological Association Mid-Career Professional Development Award.

UC engineering students Derek Dossmann and Emmanuel Bourgeois are investigating the use of coral sand as a low-cost material for household water filters in Tonga. The research had gained the attention of the Tongan Ministry of Education and Tonga Health Promotion Foundation, with a pilot project now underway in 9 Tongan schools.

People – Nurturing Staff, Thriving Students

A Start of Semester 2 communication campaign helped support students to transition into the second half of the academic year. It provided new and returning students with the information and resources needed to successfully begin university or reset for the new semester, and promoted UC's academic, wellbeing and pastoral support services. It reminded students of the standards outlined in the Student Code of Conduct and promoted a safe, respectful and inclusive campus environment. It also encouraged participation in campus activities, events and student communities. The campaign was also an opportunity to remind students about what support tools are available on campus for their health and safety, and to encourage proactive reporting of any incidents with Assura.

The UCSA hosted a successful series of Re Ori 2026 Festival events throughout July. These included a welcome event, quiz night, an International Student Mayoral Welcome, a Gaming Expo, themed evening musical events, and a Winter Wellness Expo.

Flu Vaccines remain available and fully subsidised for students and staff.

A Leadership Webinar series has been designed for aspiring University leaders. The July workshop was entitled *What Science Tells Us About How to Motivate Ourselves and Othersd*.

64 staff from a range of faculties and service units have participated in a Project and Change Management coaching programme. This focusses on current work projects and supports participants to apply practical approaches that address real organisational challenges, improve delivery outcomes, and consider the needs of those affected by change.

Health and Safety

On 30 July the Health and Safety at Work (Hazardous Substances) Amendment Regulations 2026 came into force. They are designed to ease compliance burdens for teaching, research, and testing laboratories. The main changes are:

- Recognition that these laboratories operate on a smaller scale, and generally have a larger range but smaller quantities of chemicals than industrial chemical manufacturing laboratories;
- Risk Management plans should be tailored to specific risks, rather than a one-size-fits-all industrial laboratory plan;
- Chemical storerooms will have the same rules as the laboratories they service.

An Approved Code of Practice to support the amended regulations is currently being codesigned with the Science Sector, with publication likely to take 12-18 months.

Internationalisation – Locally Engaged, Globally Networked

On 7 August the school of Civil Engineering hosted a South Korean delegation to showcase UC's internationally recognised research and expertise in earthquake engineering, resilient infrastructure, and disaster recovery, including lessons learned from the 2010-2011 Canterbury earthquakes and Christchurch's ongoing revitalisation. UC's innovative research facilities were showcased, and opportunities for collaboration were explored. Attendees included members of the Korea National Assembly, the Korea Society of Civil Engineers, and a representative from the Korean Embassy in New Zealand.

The Faculty of Education is one of only three recipients of the 2026 New Zealand–China Tripartite Partnership Fund awards. The funded project, delivered in collaboration with Shanghai Normal University and Qufu Normal University, will focus on digital leadership in early childhood education. Of particular significance is the involvement of two of the University's transnational education (TNE) partners, strengthening the integration of research and teaching within these strategic international partnerships.

Dr Serena Kelly, UC Senior Lecturer Above the Bar in Political Science and International Relations, has been elected Chair of the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs (NZIIA) for the 2026–27 term. Dr Kelly previously served as Vice Chair and as Chair of the Institute’s Christchurch Branch. The NZIIA is New Zealand’s leading public organisation for the discussion of international affairs and has a long-standing reputation for fostering informed dialogue on issues shaping New Zealand’s engagement with the global community.

Professor Gail Gillon has been appointed New Zealand’s Permanent Representative to UNESCO as the Asia-Pacific representative on the UNESCO Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report Advisory Board for a two-year term. The Advisory Board provides strategic guidance to UNESCO’s flagship education monitoring programme and brings together representatives from the United Nations, national governments, civil society organisations, and internationally recognised education experts. Professor Gillon’s appointment reflects the international standing of her expertise and contribution to the education sector.

On July 1 UC held an event at the New Zealand High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The event was hosted by His Excellency, the New Zealand High Commissioner, Mike Walsh and by Executive Dean Engineering Professor Saurabh Sinha, and was supported by Global Engagement and UC Advancement. The event was an opportunity to celebrate the success of UC’s large alumni community in Malaysia, many of whom are senior industry or government leaders. Smaller alumni and stakeholder events were also hosted in Sibuluan and Kuching, where UC has robust and highly engaged alumni communities.

On 6 July, the delegation led by Professor Sinha completed a programme of engagements in Malaysia associated with international teaching, research and partnership activities. Across the visit, members of the delegation and the wider UC team engaged with a range of industry, government, university, alumni and other stakeholders.

Starting from 19 July, UC is hosting 6 students from Wuhan Sports University, supported by the UC Recreation Centre. In addition to general English learning and global competency training, the students will experience the best cultural and sporting experiences that Christchurch has to offer.

Organisational Efficacy – of a sustainable scale by 2030

Three significant releases were delivered through UC Mobile this quarter: Course Information - providing access to course details, upcoming classes and course progression information; Personalisation - enabling students to customise their experience around frequently used features; and the Student Employability Survey helping students assess career readiness while providing valuable insights to support employability initiatives.

The new Student Hub (my.canterbury.ac.nz) went live in July for 2 UC Online programmes. The Hub provides a single-entry point across Ako|Learn and UCO Moodle, simplifying access to learning resources and establishing the foundation for a broader student portal experience. This new unified experience will now be progressively expanded to all students over the remainder of 2026.

During July 2026, coinciding with the start of Semester 2, Digital Services frontline teams in Te Pātaka delivered 678 walk-up support interactions for approximately 557 unique users, achieving a 98.7% resolution rate. Demand was consistent with the same period in 2025, highlighting the continued value of accessible, face-to-face support during a key stage of the student journey. Supported by UC student casual staff working alongside Digital Services team members, this service helped students quickly connect to WiFi, access Microsoft 365, complete MFA setup, activate accounts, and resolve personal device issues. This support enabled students to access learning resources, university systems and campus services, helping them engage confidently with their studies from the start of the semester.

Responding to the current and future growth of the Canterbury region and the University, UC Accommodation Services recently hosted the Ōtautahi Student Accommodation Forum. This event brought together over 90 stakeholders, including staff and students from all tertiary education providers, current and prospective private sector developers, owners and operators, property managers, and City Council elected representatives and planning managers. The Forum heard from a student panel, discussed the nature of future demand for student housing, examined a model developed in Australia for collaboration and quality assurance (Student Accommodation Association), and workshopped what would be required to achieve sustainable growth in the accommodation sector. This resulted in new connections and plans to continue to work together on a whole-of-sector approach to provision of accommodation for students across Christchurch.

Environmentally Sustainable

A multidisciplinary UC student team has begun laboratory testing to determine whether spent brewery grain can be converted into high-value nanocellulose using synthetic biology and engineering. Spent grain accounts for approximately 85% of brewing waste and can generate carbon emissions when sent to landfill. Nanocellulose has potential applications in packaging, cosmetics, electronics, wound care, and biodegradable materials. If successful, the Nanobrew project could transform a costly and highly perishable waste stream into a valuable low-carbon resource. This initiative advances UC's sustainability objectives through waste reduction, circular production, and bio-based material development, while providing students with practical experience in research-led innovation alongside industry and community partners.

The University recently announced 12 UC Connect Doctoral Scholarships for 2026, all focused on water and co-funded with external partners. The projects will address flood forecasting, groundwater contamination, microplastics, antimicrobial resistance, freshwater biodiversity, geothermal monitoring, water-intensive vineyard frost protection, and the atmospheric impacts of rocket emissions. This new research programme directly supports UC's commitment to sustainable futures by developing evidence-based approaches to water management, ecosystem protection, climate adaptation, and more efficient resource use. The partnership model will also strengthen UC's engagement with councils, government agencies, science organisations, and industry, while preparing emerging researchers to deliver practical solutions to significant environmental and community challenges.

UC researchers are currently using Christchurch's Red Zone as a living laboratory to test whether compost, biochar, sawdust, and native vegetation can stabilise heavy metals, build soil carbon, and restore contaminated urban land. Early findings indicate that locally sourced biowaste could provide a more affordable and lower-impact alternative to excavating contaminated soil and transporting it to landfill. The approach could also improve biodiversity, support productive land uses, and increase resilience to flooding, erosion, and drought. This research strongly aligns with UC's sustainability goals by combining waste reuse, carbon storage, ecological restoration and climate adaptation, with growing Council and international interest (including from Horizon Europe), highlighting its potential wider impact.

Memorandum/Pukapuka

Report To:	Council
Date of Meeting:	19 August 2026
Report Title:	Academic Board Report
Date of Report:	27 July 2026
Report Author:	Professor C de la Rey, Vice-Chancellor Professor C Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Associate Professor A Griffith, Deputy Chair Academic Board
For:	Noting

Executive Summary

Council is asked to:

- *note the 17 July 2026 Academic Board Report:*

The Vice-Chancellor confirmed that following a nomination process she was delighted to confirm that Associate Professor Alison Griffith would serve another three-year term as Deputy Chair of the Board. Members showed their appreciation to Associate Professor Griffith with a round of applause.

The Vice-Chancellor also gave an update on the discussions around national quality assurance for universities in the future.

- *note the following new curricula proposals which were endorsed by the Board, and were reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 August:*
 - (i) Create a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma and Master in Indigenous Digital Screen Production
 - (ii) Create a Master of Digital Screen
 - (iii) Add endorsements in Translation and Interpreting for Asia Pacific Diplomacy, Community Health Translation and Interpreting, and Crisis Translation and Interpreting to the Master and Postgraduate Diploma of Applied Translation and Interpreting
 - (iv) Create a Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language
 - (v) Reduce the Master of Counselling to 180 points and to introduce a Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Studies and related changes
 - (vi) Update the Master of Forestry Science from 240-points to 180-points and introduce a new course
 - (vii) Create a Bachelor of Computer Science

- (viii) Create a Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Data Science and endorsements for the Master of Applied Data Science
- (ix) Create a Master of Chemical and Process Engineering and a Graduate Certificate in Chemical and Process Engineering
- (x) Create a Bachelor of Applied Technology
- (xi) Create a Master of Software Engineering, Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate in Software Engineering
- (xii) Introduce a new minor in Geotechnical Engineering and rename a minor in Water and Environmental Systems Engineering in the BE (Hons)
- (xiii) Create a Master of Applied Biotechnology and a Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Biotechnology
- (xiv) Introduce a new major in Climate Data Analytics to the Bachelor of Data Science
- (xv) Introduce a new subject Mathematical Physics for the Master of Science and Postgraduate Diploma in Science and a Proposal for a new endorsement in Mathematical Physics for the Master of Mathematical Sciences

Deletions:

- (xvi) Proposal to delete the conjoint Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability and Youth and Community Leadership
- (xvii) Proposal to delete the Master of Māori and Indigenous Studies and Postgraduate Diploma in Māori and Indigenous Studies
- (xviii) Proposal to delete the Bachelor of Māori Innovation
- (xix) Proposal to delete the Master of Systems Change
- (xx) Proposal to delete the Master of Te Reo Māori and Postgraduate Diploma in Te Reo Māori and Postgraduate Certificate in Te Reo Māori

Recommendation

That Council notes:

- 1. the Academic Board report above from 17 July 2026.***
- 2. the new curricula proposals which were endorsed by the Academic Board and were reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 August 2026.***

Attachment

1. Diligent reference - CUAP proposals - refer Diligent reference folder: "Academic Board reference papers"