

COUNCIL Public Meeting Agenda Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha



Agenda

DATE	Wednesday 24 June 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>

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(Associate Professor Alison Griffith)
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 26 May 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 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	From The Chancellor Final July Strategy Day Agenda Honorary Doctorates 2027 – Request for Candidate Names	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)

12.4	Chancellor Meetings & Correspondence Verbal Update Council Workplan Update		7(2)(a)
13.0 13.1 13.2 13.3	From The Vice-Chancellor Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report Emeritus Professor Nominations 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)
15.0	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 MEETINGS

- Wednesday 29 July 2026 starting at 9.00am (Council Strategy Day)
- Wednesday 19 August 2026 starting at 9.00am (next Council meeting)

KARAKIA

*Unuhia, unuhia
Te pou, te pou
Kia wātea, kia wātea
Āe, kua wātea*

*Remove, uplift
the posts
in order to be free.
Yes, it has been cleared.*

University of Canterbury Council Register of Interests (24 June 2026)

Name (Council Member)	Date notified	Person and/or organisation with interest	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	

Name (Council Member)	Date notified	Person and/or organisation with interest	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	Director
	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	Director/Shareholder
	2024	House of Travel Ltd and subsidiaries	Director
	2024	John Britten Trust	Trustee
	2024	Market Gardeners Ltd and subsidiaries	Director
	2024	Scenic Hotels Ltd and subsidiaries	Director

Name (Council Member)	Date notified	Person and/or organisation with interest	Nature of interest
	2024	Skope Industries Ltd	Director
	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	Kaitiaki 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
	2022	Te Taumutu Rūnanga	Kaitiakitanga portfolio member
Gillian SIMPSON	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
	2025	UC MBA Programme	Mentor
Lisa TUMAHAI	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
	2023	Te Runanga o Ngāti Waewae Inc	Trustee

Name (Council Member)	Date notified	Person and/or organisation with interest	Nature of interest
	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	
2025	Syft Limited	Shareholder	

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	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
	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)
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

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DATE	Tuesday 26 May 2026
TIME	9:00am
VENUE	Council Chamber, Level 6, Matariki Building
PRESENT	Hon. Amy Adams (Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Jack Heinemann, Mr Bruce Irvine, Ms Tumaru Mataio, Ms Rachel Robilliard, Ms Gillian Simpson, Ms Lisa Tumahai, Hon. Poto Williams (Pro-Chancellor) via Zoom, 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, Mr Keith Longden, Executive Director Planning, Finance & Digital Services, Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Mr Paul O’Flaherty, Executive Director People, Culture & Campus Life, Ms Evangeline Rong.
APOLOGIES	Dr Sina Cotter Tait.
WELCOME	Ms Lisa Tumahai 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 24 March 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">Carried</p>
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising.

**FROM THE
CHANCELLOR**

Degrees Conferred in Absentia

Moved:

That Council:

1. noted the April list of degrees to be awarded in absentia, was approved by the Executive Committee on 30 April 2026.
2. approved the May list of degrees to be awarded in absentia for the public record.

Carried

**FROM THE VICE-
CHANCELLOR**

Vice-Chancellor’s Monthly Report

The Vice-Chancellor presented her 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.

Council discussed the distinctions between certificates, diplomas and degrees, and general prerequisite for undertaking postgraduate study.

Moved:

That Council noted:

1. the 20 February 2026 Academic Board Report.
2. the new curricula proposals endorsed by the Academic Board and reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 March 2026.

Carried

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED
MEETING**

Moved:

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9.0 9.1 9.2	Capital Projects Ilam Road Student Accommodation Safety & Enabling Works Decision Business Case & Request for Delegation 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)
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11.0 11.1 11.2	Other Trust Amalgamation Verbal Update Proposed Council & Committee Dates 2027	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)
12.0 12.1 12.2 12.3 12.4	From the Chancellor Draft July Strategy Day Agenda Canterbury Museum Trust Board 6-monthly Report Chancellor Meetings & Correspondence Updated Council Workplan	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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14.0	General Business	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)
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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 12.59pm.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: _____

DATE: _____

COUNCIL ACTION SCHEDULE
from the meeting held on 26 May 2026

	Action	By Whom	Due Date	Expected
1.	No actions			

Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council



June 2026

Introduction

The King's Birthday Honours list was released on 1 June. We are proud of the 18 [UC alumni](#) who were recognised for their services to health, education, sport, engineering, governance, community and youth, people with disabilities, business and music.

The Government released the 2026/27 budget on 28 May. Overall funding for both the tertiary education and science sectors was relatively flat. Whilst additional tertiary education places are being funded, it is still expected that actual 2027 enrolments, particularly at Universities, will exceed funded volumes in 2027. Per-student subsidy rates are also generally unchanged between 2026 and 2027.

The Minister for Tertiary Education has signalled a review beginning later in 2026 to consider, amongst other matters, whether the proportion of tertiary education funded by the student compared to the government should be changed.

Engagement

On 4 June UC hosted Te Rā Tūhura | Discovery Day on Ilam campus. The event attracted 2,000 Year 12 students from Christchurch High Schools to experience university life, explore different subject areas and learn more about the study pathways available. The event is an early step in shaping their future study plans.

NZ Story works with government agencies and exporters/industry to tell the story of NZ tech and innovation internationally. On 18 June, NZ Story featured three tech spin-offs that originated at UC. The companies were: Zethos, which has patented low cost and low carbon methods to extract zinc and other critical minerals from industrial waste streams; Swaltech, which helps people with dysphagia (swallowing difficulties) through world-first rehabilitation technology; and Zuuka, which has developed wearable insulin pump technology designed to make diabetes management simpler and more accessible. Content will be shared with NZ Inc colleagues, including High Commissions and Embassies in over 60 countries with over 140 social media accounts, as well as other partner organisations. UC created website stories to complement the project and engaged on social media.

The latest in the UC Business School's Thought Leadership Series, *Dyslexic Thinking: An Untapped Strategic Advantage for Modern Business?*, took place on 18 June. Dorenda Britten, Chris Cole, Graham Grant and Michelle Sharp were led in discussion by MBA Director Ekant Veer on how dyslexic thinking could unlock New Zealand's 30-year old productivity puzzle. The event attracted around 80 people.

On 23 June, UC hosted day one of Mātāpuna Mātātahi | Children's University's two-day Campus Experience event, welcoming more than 250 participants from eight schools. Tamariki took part in hands-on learning activities including chemistry experiments, volcano demonstrations, bug investigations using microscopes, earthquake engineering challenges, and building and testing marble runs. Day two of the Campus Experience will take place on 24 June.

UC's School of Music brought together students and staff for the World Drumming Festival, which was held in Christchurch on 30 May 2026. The event was sold out due to popularity.

Education – Accessible, Flexible Future Focussed

As Semester One nears conclusion, the examination period is underway. Student support is in high demand over the exam period, and the Student Care team drop-in service has been expanded to enable students who are seeking wellbeing support to engage with advisors without requiring an appointment. In addition, options for extended appointment times have been increased so students can take their time and maximise their experience with an advisor.

The Centre for Entrepreneurship (UCE) ran another successful 48 hour Disrupt Challenge in May. The Beyond Boundaries Challenge, delivered in partnership with 2degrees, was timed to discover potential use cases for the 2026 launch of 2degrees' satellite communications service. The students provided innovative ideas on how unlimited connectivity around New Zealand could benefit IoT, telemetry, data science and digital equity. There were 75 students from undergraduate to PhD level accepted for the Challenge, with a waitlist of another 12 students.

The end of semester provides an opportunity to evaluate the impact of student success initiatives. While final grades are not yet available, early indicators point to strong engagement and positive longer-term outcomes. Approximately one-third of first-year students have engaged with Kaitoko first-year advisors in 2026, demonstrating the reach of proactive support models. The number of students who participated in Peer Assisted Learning Support (PALS) continues to grow. In addition to ongoing improved completion rates for students who attend PALS, Semester 1 feedback from the UCSA student class representatives has reinforced the perceived benefit for students as well.

UC's commitment to accessible education is extending across borders through the IIT-Madras initiative, enabling Master of Applied Data Science students to begin their studies online. Two UC short courses were launched on the IITM-NPTEL platform, India's public education network, further expanding international access to UC education and strengthening the University's global reputation.

Research – Impact on a Changing World

The Science Investment Plan 2026–2036 was released, confirming a strategic shift to four priority pillars with increased emphasis on commercialisation, mission-led research, and consolidation of key funds, alongside significant reallocation of funding across the system. The plan signalled tighter expectations on research relevance and impact for New Zealand, and ongoing development of new funding mechanisms and system settings.

Research projects underway demonstrate UC's commitment to undertaking research with *Impact in a Changing World*:

Professor Kathryn MacCallum (School of Learning and Professional Practice) is leading work on the Scaffolded AI Literacy (SAIL) framework. SAIL supports learners and educators to understand artificial intelligence (AI) and to think critically about when, how and why it should be used.

Research by Associate Professor David Denkenberger (Mechanical Engineering) and Juan Garcia Martinez is exploring how leaves from crops and forage plants can be processed into leaf protein concentrate for human consumption, while some of the remaining fibre is converted into sugar. The project aims to make better use of plant material that is not typically consumed, potentially increasing food production from existing land. This work forms part of a broader effort to identify practical ways to strengthen global food resilience in the event of severe disruption to food systems.

Associate Professor Matt Hobbs (Health) has been awarded \$1.2million from the Health Research Council to lead a project investigating the health impacts of community water fluoridation, and a \$1.39 million Health Delivery Project examining equitable access to treatment for people with kidney disease.

The Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, in partnership with Creative New Zealand, strengthened its engagement with Pacific communities and cultural sectors through the appointment of leading Samoan musician and producer Posenai Mavaega as the 2026 Pacific Artist in Residence.

The PhD Publishing Scholarship, funded through philanthropic donations, provides short-term support to doctoral students after they submit their thesis for examination, enabling them to prepare their research for publication. In the first three months since its introduction, 35 scholarships have been awarded and 5 articles have been submitted for publication.

People – Nurturing Staff, Thriving Students

As part of New Zealand Sign Language week in May, Te Ratonga Whaikaha | Student Accessibility Service offered short, introductory, skill-based New Zealand Sign Language training for students and staff which was well attended. This engagement strengthened accessibility and language education for participants.

An interactive education event for students and staff took place during the nationwide Road Safety Week. Representatives from the New Zealand Police, Fire and Emergency NZ, and Hato Hone St John engaged with students and staff to share life-saving messages.

Staff development was supported through academic promotion workshops, where staff considering promotion at all levels took part in practical guidance and question-and-answer sessions with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and People and Culture. These workshops also provided an opportunity for academic staff to connect, share experiences and strengthen practice.

With the challenge of rising fuel costs, a commuting carpool scheme was launched for staff, with the aim to foster connection and support staff both off and on campus. It allows staff to connect online and arrange shared rides.

On campus, the People and Culture team ran a *Know Your Neighbour* Challenge during the month of May, inviting colleagues to engage in a range of activities. This initiative encouraged connections within and across teams.

A new feature in the UC Mobile App was released in May. The *Student Employability Assessment* feature is an interactive self-reflection tool designed to help students better understand their readiness for future careers and provides insights to our Employability team.

Health and Safety:

Health and Safety leadership training was delivered to Heads of Department and Heads of Service areas in May. The course was delivered in two half day sessions and covered practical health, safety and wellbeing content. The course is part of the ongoing strengthening of health and safety for all staff and students.

Internationalisation – Locally Engaged, Globally Networked

On 4 June UC hosted the newly appointed Indian High Commissioner, Her Excellency Ms Muanpui Saiawi, and Sunil Kaushal, Chief Executive, India New Zealand Business Council. During a tour of Engineering's Formula One lab, students met the High Commissioner and delivered a presentation on the project, which was very well received.

The China Ministry of Education has announced that both of UC's applications for Joint Education Institutes have been approved. A Science and Engineering focussed institute with Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, and an Education focussed institute with Shanghai Normal University will begin operation in China in September 2026, with student volume scaling up until 2029. The two new institutes add to UC's existing joint programme in Mathematics with Qufu Normal University.

Organisational Efficacy – of a sustainable scale by 2030

Based on the student numbers published in the University 2025 Annual Reports, UC is now the 3rd largest provider of student tuition in the country by head count, and Equivalent full time students (EFTS).

See the table below:

Consolidated	Auckland	AUT	Waikato	Massey	VUW	UC	Lincoln	Otago	TOTAL 2025
Total EFTS	39,183	20,668	13,095	16,384	16,332	19,396	3,664	19,126	147,848
Total Headcount	49,901	27,608	16,493	26,285	21,143	27,121	5,474	21,549	195,574

Environmentally Sustainable

UC contributed a significant new research resource for New Zealand’s low-emissions transition through publication of a Data Descriptor in Scientific Data (Nature Portfolio). Led by Rafaella Canessa, the open-access dataset projects national energy demand to 2050 across five transition pathways, and covers electricity, heating and transport. It provides regional demand data for solid, liquid and gaseous fuels - including fossil, bio-based and synthetic carriers - plus hourly electricity demand across sectors, creating a concrete evidence base for planners, researchers and industry modelling a more sustainable and resilient energy system.

UC’s environmental sustainability impact is also visible through its graduates. Seanoa Junior Harry Leiataua, who recently completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and International Relations, with a minor in Human Resources Management, is now working in Samoa as a Research Policy Planning Development Officer. A member of Pacific Youth Activists for Climate Change since 2019, he is contributing to responses to sea-level rise, coastal flooding, saltwater intrusion into freshwater and farmland, cyclone damage, and threats to food security and cultural heritage. His work demonstrates how UC is helping build sustainability capability beyond New Zealand by supporting Pacific leaders responding directly to climate impacts in their own communities.

Memorandum/Pukapuka

Report To:	Council
Date of Meeting:	12 June 2026
Report Title:	Academic Board Report
Date of Report:	15 June 2026
Report Author:	Professor C Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Associate Professor A Griffith, Deputy Chair Academic Board
For:	Approval

Executive Summary

Council is asked to:

- *note the 12 June 2026 Academic Board Report (attachment 1)*
- *approve the semester dates for 2028 and provisional dates for 2029 (attachment 2)*
- *approve the following new curricula proposals which were endorsed by the Board, and will be reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 August:*
 - Proposal to introduce a Master of Sport Coaching and Coach Development, a Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate in Sport Coaching and Coach Development
 - Proposal to amend the entry requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma in Organisational Psychology
 - Graduating Year Review report for the Diploma in Advancing University Studies

Recommendation

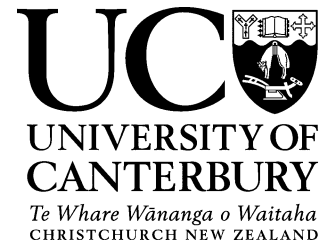
That Council:

- 1. notes the Academic Board Report from 12 June 2026.**
- 2. approves the semester dates for 2028 and curricula proposals for CUAP.**

Attachments

1. Academic Board report from its meeting on 12 June 2026
2. Semester dates for 2028 and provisional dates for 2029
3. Diligent reference - CUAP proposals - refer Diligent reference folder: "Academic Board reference papers"

ATTACHMENT ONE



TE POARI AKORANGA | ACADEMIC BOARD

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

FROM A MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

HELD ON FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

As the Vice-Chancellor was unable to attend, she asked Professor Johnston to give a brief overview of the recently announced changes related to research funding. These included transition funding for 2027, international doctoral students, TREF weightings and the Science Investment Plan.

REPORTS FROM THE UCSA

Evangeline Rong took her reports as read. She summarised the results of recent student feedback in relation to teaching and learning including submitting work in Te Reo Māori, clear guidance on where AI can and cannot be used, exams scheduling and the special considerations process.

KEY DATES 2028 AND PROPOSED KEY DATES 2029 (attached)

Associate Professor Griffith reminded members that the proposed key dates had been set according to the Key Dates Policy and that there are always a number of stakeholders with conflicting priorities. Dr Ross James added that the 2028 dates were uneven because they included school holidays and Anzac day in the break as per the policy. The proposed 2029 dates were the preferred 6/6 split.

RESEARCH CONTRACTS POLICY

Following discussions, the amended policy was endorsed.

Main semester Dates for 2028

Month	Date	Activity	ISO Week
January 2028	5 Jan (Weds)	UC reopens for 2028	1
	10 Jan	Summer School Starts	2
	26 Jan (Weds)	Lunar New Year (not a Statutory Holiday)	4
February 2028	7 Feb (Mon)	Waitangi Day observed	6
	11 Feb	Summer School Ends	6
	18 Feb (Fri)	Release of results for summer school	7
	21 Feb	Lectures start for semester one	8
April 2028	7 Apr (Fri)	Lectures end – mid semester break	14
	10 – 28 Apr	Mid semester lecture break	15 -17
	11 (Tues) – 13 (Thurs)	Autumn Graduation	15
	14 Apr	Good Friday	15
	17 Apr	Easter Monday	16
	18 Apr (Tues)	University Holiday	16
	25 Apr (Tues)	ANZAC Day	17
May 2028	1 May	Lectures Resume	18
June 2028	2 Jun (Fri)	Lectures end for semester one	22
	5 Jun (Mon)	King’s Birthday	23
	5 – 11 Jun	Study break	23
	12 - 25 Jun	Semester one examination period	24 - 25
July 2028	10 Jul	Release of results for semester one	28
	10 – 13 Jul	Academic Progress	28
	14 Jul (Fri)	Matariki	28
	17 Jul	Lectures start for semester two	29
August 2028	25 Aug	Lectures end – mid semester break	34
	28 Aug – 10 Sept	Mid semester lecture break	35 - 36
September 2028	11 Sept	Lectures resume	37
October 2028	20 Oct	Lectures end for semester two	42
	23 Oct	Labour Day	43
	23 – 29 Oct	Study break	43
	30 Oct – 12 Nov	Semester two/whole year examination period	44 - 45
November 2028	13 Nov	Summer School starts	46
	17 Nov (Fri)	Canterbury Anniversary Day	46
December 2028	4 Dec	Release of Results for semester two and whole year	49
	15 Dec	Lectures end – summer break	50
	23 Dec – 2 Jan 2029	Summer break – University Holidays	51-1

**Dates have yet to be set for Spring graduation in 2028.*

	Summer Teaching Week
	Semester Teaching Week
	Marking/Results/Academic Progress Week
	Study/Exam Week

Year	2028	Provisional Dates
Easter	Sunday, 16 April 2028	
Week 1	Monday, 3 January 2028	Dates for Spring graduation in 2028 have not yet been confirmed.
1	Monday, 3 January 2028	UC reopens on 5 January (Weds) 2028
2	Monday, 10 January 2028	Summer school starts 10 Jan (SU1 WK1/SU WK6)
3	Monday, 17 January 2028	(SU1 WK2 / SU WK7)
4	Monday, 24 January 2028	(SU1 WK3 /SU WK8), Semester 2 2027 Special exams/resits (Law), Lunar NY (Weds)
5	Monday, 31 January 2028	(SU1 WK4/SU WK9), Waitangi (Sun), School T1 starts (Mon)
6	Monday, 7 February 2028	(SU1 WK5/SU WK10): Waitangi Observed (Mon)
7	Monday, 14 February 2028	Release of summer school results (Fri)
8	Monday, 21 February 2028	Lectures start for Term 1 (Mon)
9	Monday, 28 February 2028	
10	Monday, 6 March 2028	
11	Monday, 13 March 2028	
12	Monday, 20 March 2028	
13	Monday, 27 March 2028	
14	Monday, 3 April 2028	Lectures end for Term 1 (Fri)
15	Monday, 10 April 2028	Autumn Graduation (Tues – Thurs), Good Friday (Fri) Easter (Sun) School T1 ends (Thurs)
16	Monday, 17 April 2028	Easter Holiday (Mon/Tues)
17	Monday, 24 April 2028	ANZAC Day (Tues)
18	Monday, 1 May 2028	Lectures start for Term 2 (Mon), School T2 starts (Mon)
19	Monday, 8 May 2028	
20	Monday, 15 May 2028	
21	Monday, 22 May 2028	
22	Monday, 29 May 2028	Lectures end for Term 2 (Fri)
23	Monday, 5 June 2028	Study week King's Birthday (Mon)
24	Monday, 12 June 2028	Exam wk 1
25	Monday, 19 June 2028	Exam wk 2
26	Monday, 26 June 2028	
27	Monday, 3 July 2028	School T2 ends (Fri)
28	Monday, 10 July 2028	Results Released (Mon) Academic Progress Matariki (Fri)
29	Monday, 17 July 2028	Lectures start for Term 3 (Mon)
30	Monday, 24 July 2028	School T3 starts (Mon)
31	Monday, 31 July 2028	
32	Monday, 7 August 2028	
33	Monday, 14 August 2028	
34	Monday, 21 August 2028	Lectures end for Term 3 (Fri)
35	Monday, 28 August 2028	Semester 1 Special exams/resits (Law)
36	Monday, 4 September 2028	
37	Monday, 11 September 2028	Lectures start for Term 4 (Mon)
38	Monday, 18 September 2028	
39	Monday, 25 September 2028	School T3 ends (Fri)
40	Monday, 2 October 2028	
41	Monday, 9 October 2028	
42	Monday, 16 October 2028	Lectures end for Term 4 (Fri), School T4 starts (Mon)
43	Monday, 23 October 2028	Study week, Labour Day (Mon)
44	Monday, 30 October 2028	Exams wk 1
45	Monday, 6 November 2028	Exam wk 2,
46	Monday, 13 November 2028	Summer courses begin (SU2/SU WK1), Canterbury Anniversary Day (Fri)
47	Monday, 20 November 2028	(SU2/SU WK2)
48	Monday, 27 November 2028	(SU2/SU WK3)
49	Monday, 4 December 2028	Results Released (Mon) Academic Progress SU2/SU WK4
50	Monday, 11 December 2028	(SU2/SU WK5) School T4 ends (Fri)
51	Monday, 18 December 2028	Uni Holiday from Fri 22 Dec
1	Monday, 1 January 2029	Uni reopens 3 Jan (Wed)
2	Monday, 8 January 2029	Summer school starts 10 Jan (SU1 WK1/SU WK6)
3	Monday, 15 January 2029	(SU1 WK2 / SU WK7)
4	Monday, 22 January 2029	(SU1 WK3 /SU WK8)
5	Monday, 29 January 2029	(SU1 WK4/SU WK9)
6	Monday, 5 February 2029	(SU1 WK5/SU WK10) Waitangi (Tues)

Provisional semester Dates for 2029

Month	Date	Activity	ISO Week
January 2029	3 Jan (Weds)	UC reopens for 2029	1
	8 Jan	Summer School Starts	2
February 2029	6 Feb (Tues)	Waitangi Day	6
	9 Feb	Summer School Ends	6
	13 Feb (Tues)	Lunar New Year (not a Statutory Holiday)	7
	16 Feb (Fri)	Release of results for summer school	7
	19 Feb	Lectures start for semester one	8
March 2029	29 Mar (Thurs)	Lectures end – mid semester break	13
	30 Mar	Good Friday	13
April 2029	2 Apr	Easter Monday	14
	3 Apr (Tues)	University Holiday	14
	2 – 20 Apr	Mid semester lecture break	14 -16
	23 Apr	Lectures Resume	17
	25 Apr (Weds)	ANZAC Day	17
June 2029	1 Jun (Fri)	Lectures end for semester one	22
	4 Jun (Mon)	King’s Birthday	23
	4 – 10 Jun	Study break	23
	11 - 24 Jun	Semester one examination period	24 - 25
July 2029	6 Jul (Fri)	Matariki	27
	9 Jul	Release of results for semester one	28
	9 – 13 Jul	Academic Progress	28
	16 Jul	Lectures start for semester two	29
August 2029	24 Aug	Lectures end – mid semester break	34
	27 Aug – 9 Sept	Mid semester lecture break	35 - 36
September 2029	10 Sept	Lectures resume	37
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	22 Oct (Mon)	Labour Day	43
	22 – 28 Oct	Study break	43
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November 2029	12 Nov	Summer School starts	46
	16 Nov (Fri)	Canterbury Anniversary Day	46
December 2029	3 Dec	Release of Results for semester two and whole year	49
	14 Dec	Lectures end – summer break	50
	24 Dec – 2 Jan 2030	Summer break – University Holidays	51-1

**Dates have yet to be set for graduation in 2029.*

	Summer Teaching Week
	Semester Teaching Week
	Marking/Results/Academic Progress Week
	Study/Exam Week

Year	2029	Provisional Dates
Easter	Sunday, 1 April 2029	No dates set for graduation in 2029.
Week 1	Monday, 1 January 2029	No dates set for 2029 Primary and Secondary Schools.
1	Monday, 1 January 2029	UC reopens on 3 January (Weds) 2029
2	Monday, 8 January 2029	Summer school starts 8 Jan (SU1 WK1/SU WK6)
3	Monday, 15 January 2029	(SU1 WK 2 / SU WK7)
4	Monday, 22 January 2029	(SU1 WK3 /SU WK8), Semester 2 2028 Special exams/resits (Law)
5	Monday, 29 January 2029	(SU1 WK4/SU WK9)
6	Monday, 5 February 2029	(SU1 WK5/SU WK10): Waitangi (Tues)
7	Monday, 12 February 2029	Release of summer school results (Fri) Lunar NY (Tues)
8	Monday, 19 February 2029	Lectures start for Term 1 (Mon)
9	Monday, 26 February 2029	
10	Monday, 5 March 2029	
11	Monday, 12 March 2029	
12	Monday, 19 March 2029	
13	Monday, 26 March 2029	Lectures end for Term 1 (Thurs) Good Friday (Fri) Easter (Sun)
14	Monday, 2 April 2029	Easter Holiday (Mon/Tues)
15	Monday, 9 April 2029	
16	Monday, 16 April 2029	
17	Monday, 23 April 2029	ANZAC Day (Weds)
18	Monday, 30 April 2029	Lectures start for Term 2 (Mon)
19	Monday, 7 May 2029	
20	Monday, 14 May 2029	
21	Monday, 21 May 2029	
22	Monday, 28 May 2029	Lectures end for Term 2 (Fri)
23	Monday, 4 June 2029	Study week King's Birthday (Mon)
24	Monday, 11 June 2029	Exam wk 1
25	Monday, 18 June 2029	Exam wk 2
26	Monday, 25 June 2029	
27	Monday, 2 July 2029	Matariki (Fri)
28	Monday, 9 July 2029	Results Released (Mon) Academic Progress
29	Monday, 16 July 2029	Lectures start for Term 3 (Mon)
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46	Monday, 12 November 2029	Summer courses begin (SU2/SU WK1), Canterbury Anniversary Day (Fri)
47	Monday, 19 November 2029	(SU2/SU WK2)
48	Monday, 26 November 2029	(SU2/SU WK3)
49	Monday, 3 December 2029	Results Released (Mon) Academic Progress SU2/SU WK4
50	Monday, 10 December 2029	(SU2/SU WK5)
51	Monday, 17 December 2029	Uni Holiday from Fri 21 Dec
1	Monday, 31 December 2029	Uni reopens 3 Jan (Thurs)
2	Monday, 7 January 2030	Summer school starts 10 Jan (SU1 WK1/SU WK6)
3	Monday, 14 January 2030	(SU1 WK 2 / SU WK7)
4	Monday, 21 January 2030	(SU1 WK3 /SU WK8)
5	Monday, 28 January 2030	(SU1 WK4/SU WK9)
6	Monday, 4 February 2030	(SU1 WK5/SU WK10) Waitangi (Weds)