

# COUNCIL

## Public Meeting Agenda

### Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

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## Agenda

**DATE** Wednesday 30 September 2026  
**TIME** 9:00am  
**VENUE** Council Chamber, Level 6, Matariki Building

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### WELCOME & KARAKIA

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| <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 19 August 2026 – For Approval

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5. MATTERS ARISING

6. FROM THE CHANCELLOR

6.1. Degrees Conferred in Absentia – For Approval

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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 (11 September 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 |
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| 4.0<br>4.1                                                   | <b>Minutes</b><br>Confirm public excluded minutes of 19 August 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<br>5.1<br>5.2                                            | <b>Matters Arising</b><br>Action Schedule<br>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                                                          | <b>Council-Only Time</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a)                               |
| 7.0<br>7.1<br>7.2<br>7.3                                     | <b>Health &amp; Safety</b><br>Monthly Health & Safety Report<br>HSE Global Review of H&S Reporting<br>6-monthly Annual Leave Liability Update                                                                                                                                                                                                 | To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons.                                                                                                     | 7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a)                                          |
| 8.0<br>8.1                                                   | <b>Strategy &amp; Planning</b><br>Draft Triennial Plan 2027-2029 (incl 2027 KPIs)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)                                          |
| 9.0<br>9.1<br>9.2<br>9.2.1<br>9.2.2<br>9.2.3                 | <b>Audit and Risk Committee</b><br>ARC Meeting (30 September 2026) Verbal Update<br>ARC Recommendations to Council (Summary List)<br>External Audit Fee Proposal Letter (Audit Fees 2026-2028)<br>Insurance Renewal 2027 Delegation<br>Treasury Management Framework Review                                                                   | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)                                          |
| 10.0<br>10.1                                                 | <b>Digital Services</b><br>Digital Enablement Programme 6-Monthly Update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)                                          |
| 11.0<br>11.1<br>11.2<br>11.2.1<br>11.2.2<br>11.2.3<br>11.2.4 | <b>Capital and Investment Committee</b><br>CIC Meeting (30 September 2026) Verbal Update<br>CIC Recommendations to Council (Summary List)<br>Workday Project Options<br>Ilam Student Accommodation Development Options<br>UC Trust Funds Draft Budget 2027<br>UC Trust Funds EriksensGlobal Report (30 June 2026) & Investment Recommendation | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a)                               |
| 12.0<br>12.1<br>12.2                                         | <b>Finance</b><br>Monthly Financial Update August 2026 (including MIP Summary)<br>30 June 2026 Summary Consolidated Financial Statements<br>Student Fees 2027                                                                                                                                                                                 | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a)                               |

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| 12.3<br>12.3.1<br>12.3.2<br>12.3.3 | Domestic Fees 2027<br>UC Online Fees 2027<br>Student Services Levy 2027                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| 13.0<br><br>13.1<br>13.2<br>13.3   | <b>Teaching, Research and Innovation</b><br>Teaching Medal Recommendation<br>Innovation Medal Recommendation<br>Research Medal Recommendations     | To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons.                                                                                                     | 7(2)(f)(i)<br><br>7(2)(a)            |
| 14.0<br>14.1                       | <b>Other</b><br>University Appeals Committee Meeting (25 September 2026) Verbal Update                                                             | To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons.                                                                                                     | 7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a)                |
| 15.0<br>15.1<br><br>15.2<br>15.3   | <b>From The Chancellor</b><br>Chancellor Meetings & Correspondence Verbal Update<br>Trust Amalgamation Verbal Update<br>Council Workplan Update    | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br><br>7(2)(a) |
| 16.0<br>16.1<br>16.2<br>16.3       | <b>From The Vice-Chancellor</b><br>Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report<br>Emeritus Professor Nomination<br>Academic Board Minutes (11 September 2026) | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br><br>7(2)(a) |
| 17.0                               | <b>Council-Only Time</b>                                                                                                                           | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>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 28 October 2026 starting at 9.00am

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 (30 September 2026)

| Council Member                    | Date Notified | Name of Interest (Organisation, Person or Entity)                  | Nature of Interest                             |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Amy ADAMS<br/>(Chancellor)</b> | 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)      |
| <b>Sina COTTER TAIT</b>           | 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                             |

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|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                               | 2025          | University of Canterbury – Building Innovation Partnership (Faculty of Engineering) Advisory Board                           | Advisory Board member         |
|                                               | 2025          | Whitestone Contracting Limited                                                                                               | Director                      |
| <b>Cheryl DE LA REY<br/>(Vice-Chancellor)</b> | 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               |
| <b>Jack HEINEMANN</b>                         | 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               |
| <b>Bruce IRVINE</b>                           | 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)                                                              |
| <b>Tumarū MATAIO</b>     | 2026          | Canterbury Educational Reserves Sale and Leasing Act 1876 (CERSLA)      | Trustee and Trust Beneficiary                                                       |
|                          | 2026          | University of Canterbury Students' Association (UCSA)                   | President                                                                           |
| <b>Rachel ROBILLIARD</b> | 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                                                 |
| <b>Gillian SIMPSON</b>   | 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                                                              |
| <b>Lisa TUMAHAI</b>      | 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<br>2026  | Pokeka Poutini Ngai Tahu Ltd                                            | CEO<br>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                            |
| <b>Poto WILLIAMS<br/>(Pro-Chancellor)</b>             | 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                             |
| <b>Catherine WOODS</b>                                | 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                              |
| <b>Adela KARDOS<br/>(General Counsel   Registrar)</b> | 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



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| <b>DATE</b>                            | Wednesday 19 August 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>TIME</b>                            | 9:00am                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>VENUE</b>                           | Council Chamber, Level 6, Matariki Building                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>PRESENT</b>                         | Hon. Amy Adams (Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Sina Cotter Tait, Professor Jack Heinemann, Ms Rachel Robilliard, Ms Gillian Simpson, Ms Lisa Tumahai (via Zoom), Hon. Poto Williams (Pro-Chancellor) via Zoom, Ms Catherine Woods.                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>                   | Associate Professor Alison Griffith, Professor Lucy Johnston, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Innovation), 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), Paul O’Flaherty, Executive Director People, Culture & Campus Life. |
| <b>APOLOGIES</b>                       | Mr Bruce Irvine, Mr Steve Wakefield, Ms Tumaru Mataio.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>WELCOME</b>                         | The Chancellor opened the meeting with a Karakia. Council congratulated Ms Tumaru Mataio on being re-elected as UCSA President for 2027.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>REGISTER OF INTERESTS</b>           | The Chancellor requested that the Registrar be advised of any amendments to the Register of Interests.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</b>           | No conflicts of interest were advised for the public meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> | <b>Confirming Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b><br><u>Moved:</u><br><i>That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2026 were confirmed as a true and correct record.</i><br><div>Carried</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>MATTERS ARISING</b>                 | There were no matters arising.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**FROM THE  
CHANCELLOR**

**Degrees Conferred in Absentia**

Moved:

*That Council noted the Executive Committee, on 5 August 2026, approved the August list of degrees for amendment and conferral, as well as diplomas and certificates 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.

The alignment of qualifications and skills with evolving industry requirements was discussed.

It was noted that the upcoming week was expected to be busy due to Spring Graduation and Open Day activities.

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.

Changes to Māori course offerings and education student numbers was discussed.

Moved:

*That Council noted:*

- 1. the Academic Board Report 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.*

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:*

| 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 |
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| 4.0<br>4.1                     | <b>Minutes</b><br>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                                      |

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| 5.0<br>5.1<br>5.2                    | <b>Matters Arising</b><br>Action Schedule<br>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                                  | <b>Council-Only Time</b>                                                                                                                                                              | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a) |
| 7.0<br>7.1                           | <b>Health &amp; Safety</b><br>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.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons.                                                                                                     | 7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a)            |
| 8.0<br>8.1                           | <b>Digital Services</b><br>Updated Workday Project Status Report                                                                                                                      | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)            |
| 9.0<br>9.1                           | <b>Strategy &amp; Planning</b><br>Statement of Service Performance 6-month Update                                                                                                     | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)            |
| 10.0<br>10.1<br>10.2                 | <b>Finance</b><br>Monthly Financial Update (July 2026)<br>International Student & UCIC Fees 2027-2028                                                                                 | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)            |
| 11.0<br>11.1<br>11.1.1<br>11.1.2     | <b>Student Accommodation</b><br>Ilam Student Accommodation Development<br>Development Options<br>Enabling Works Update                                                                | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>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)<br>7(2)(f)(i)            |
| 12.0<br>12.1<br>12.2<br>12.3<br>12.4 | <b>Other</b><br>Arbitration Matter Update<br>Trust Amalgamation Verbal Update<br>Proposed Regulation Changes<br>Honours & Appointments Committee Verbal Report                        | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a) |
| 13.0<br>13.1<br>13.2<br>13.3         | <b>From The Chancellor</b><br>Chancellor Meetings & Correspondence Verbal Update<br>Council Workplan Update<br>Strategy Day Action Schedule                                           | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a) |
| 14.0<br>14.1<br>14.2<br>14.3<br>14.4 | <b>From The Vice-Chancellor</b><br>Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report<br>Emeritus Professor Nomination<br>Academic Board Report (17 July 2026)<br>Academic Board Minutes (12 June 2026) | To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.<br>To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons. | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a) |
| 16.0                                 | <b>Council-Only Time</b>                                                                                                                                                              | To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between members of Council.<br>To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, its activities.<br>To protect the privacy of natural persons.                                              | 7(2)(h)<br>7(2)(f)(i)<br>7(2)(a) |

*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 30 September 2026 at 9:00am in the Council Chamber.

**MEETING CLOSED**        The public meeting closed with a Karakia at 3.14pm.

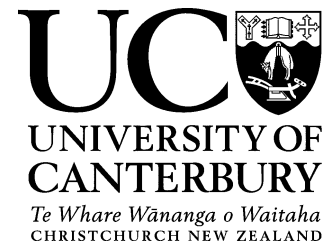
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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL ACTION SCHEDULE**  
from the meeting held on 19 August 2026

|    | <b>Action</b> | <b>By Whom</b> | <b>Due Date</b> | <b>Expected</b> |
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| 1. | No actions    |                |                 |                 |

# Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council



September 2026

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## Introduction

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While most students are moving into the final quarter of the academic year, a large cohort of graduates participated in the Spring Graduation Celebrations at Wolfbrook Arena on 25 August, with over 1,000 graduates and approximately 4,500 whānau and friends celebrating their achievements. UC also awarded an Honorary Doctorate to Tan Sri Datuk Oh Siew Nam P.S.M., P.J.N., who graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering with Honours in Electrical Engineering in 1962. The honorary doctorate recognised Tan Sri Oh's outstanding contribution to business, finance, public service and philanthropy, as well as his enduring connection to UC and support for Malaysian students.

The University of Canterbury and Ara Institute of Canterbury signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Friday 14 August to create clearer, more flexible pathways for students. The partnership agreement establishes pre-approved pathways between Ara and UC qualifications, creating opportunities for a wider pool of talent. It is the first of its kind in New Zealand between a university and a polytechnic. The Minister for Tertiary Education, Hon Penny Simmonds, was the main speaker with the Ara CE Darren Mitchell and I speaking on behalf of our institutions. Also in attendance was Deputy Mayor Victoria Henstock and senior leaders and staff from both institutions.

At a recent Project Canterbury event the Prime Minister highlighted the significant contribution of the University of Canterbury to Canterbury's economic growth and innovation ecosystem, recognising the University's role in developing talent, supporting research, and helping to drive the region's expanding technology and start-up sectors. He noted that UC had been an important contributor to Christchurch's post-earthquake transformation and future growth, providing the skilled graduates, expertise, and industry connections needed to support the region's ongoing economic development and competitiveness.

## Engagement

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Rā Tōmene | Open Day was held on 28 August. Record numbers of prospective students and their whānau registered from across New Zealand, to explore what studying and living at UC could look like. Throughout the day, visitors explored study options through information sessions and faculty activities, toured campus and accommodation, experienced demonstrations and facilities, and spoke directly with UC staff and students about study and student life.

UC hosted its annual Rongo o te Wā | Careers Advisors Update Conference during 27–28 August, bringing careers advisors from across New Zealand to campus to hear about the latest developments at UC, including new programmes and study options, accommodation and teaching facilities.

The annual Raising the Bar event was held on 15 September, with 20 free talks by UC academics across 10 local bars. The event attracted 1,285 alumni, staff, students and members of the wider community, showcasing the breadth and relevance of our research while creating an accessible way for people to engage with UC beyond campus.

UC partnered with WORD Christchurch Festival again this year and presented two sessions: Booker Prize Winner Shehan Karunatilaka (an Ursula Bethell Writer in Residence), and UC Senior Fellow Dr Lucy Hone's talk called *How Will I Ever Get through This?* A new book published by Canterbury University Press was launched during the WORD festival, *Emergence: New Writing from the University of Canterbury Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha*, featuring the work of 26 students and graduates of UC's Master of Writing degree. We also hosted the successful Inspiring Minds: Secondary Schools Day at our campus.

The University launched New Zealand's first Media Innovation Lab to support public-interest journalism through funded 12-week residencies, providing journalists with time, resources, technology, and academic expertise to develop innovative storytelling projects. Backed by a \$50,000 contribution from the Acland Foundation, the programme was established to help journalists experiment with new forms of digital storytelling, strengthen connections with communities, and explore the use of technology for social good. The Lab appointed Charlie Mitchell of The Press as its inaugural journalist-in-residence, where he developed a project focused on the cultural, environmental, and social significance of Te Waihora|Lake Ellesmere, using new storytelling approaches to engage audiences with complex issues.

On Thursday 20 August, UC hosted members of our Auckland alumni community for a panel featuring three UC alums, Julia Pahina, Guy Horrocks and Dean Anderson. The discussion explored career pivots, leadership, purpose, and navigating change. The event provided a valuable opportunity to strengthen engagement with our Auckland alumni and donor community.

## **Education – Accessible, Flexible, Future Focussed**

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The past month has had a strong focus on employability. Several recent activities highlight the importance of strong partnerships between UC and industry to prepare our students for the workforce. For example, Mechanical Engineering hosted an industry connect event which attracted over 100 industry members, UC staff and students, to show industry around the labs, and provide an event to enable useful conversations between students, UC staff and industry members. Dr James Williams, Senior Lecturer at the School of Mathematics and Statistics, recently published an article in The Times Higher Education on *How to run industry-enriched project-based learning in STEM*, outlining strategies to deliver real value to industry partners and prepare graduates for professional practice.

The University's Centre for Employability and Career Development convened an industry panel bringing together employers, industry leaders, and UC staff for a conversation on graduate workforce readiness. Panellists Jeremy Podany (CEO, The Career Leadership Collective), Helen Mason (Head of Workforce Strategy, ASB), Seren Wilson (Director, Talent Solutions), and Roger Ford (Managing Director, Innovise NZ) led an engaging conversation, sharing their expertise in the areas of workforce strategy, graduate recruitment, higher education, and AI's impact on the workplace.

UC continues to be a sector leader in Student Success as well. Building on the work of He Kokonga on developing a student-centric data base, UC led a Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) webinar on *Data for Accelerating Student Success*.

## Research – Impact on a Changing World

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The annual Research Student Showcase was held at the Court Theatre on Wednesday 19 August, attracting an audience of approximately 300 and providing a valuable stewardship opportunity for donors and supporters of UC research, including the Canterbury Medical Research Foundation, ENVCO and Beca Christchurch. The event featured 10 finalists from across faculties competing in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition, where they explained the what, how and why of their thesis research in just three minutes, and also recognised the winners of the Exhibit Your Thesis competition and the Thesis Film Festival. Feedback from both attendees and supporters was exceptionally positive, with many valuing the opportunity to see the breadth of research being undertaken at UC, the talent of current postgraduate students, and the benefits of hosting the event in the city rather than on campus.

Associate Professor Tim Chambers and Christina Pike (Ngāi Tahu Research Centre) and collaborators from the Universities of Auckland and Otago have been awarded a Canterbury Medical Research Foundation Major Project Grant. Their national retrospective cohort study will investigate nitrate in drinking water and adverse pregnancy outcomes, providing important New Zealand evidence on the potential health effects of nitrate exposure during pregnancy.

On Friday 14 August, on behalf of UC, Professor Lucy Johnston signed a Deed of Agreement at Tāwhaki National Aerospace Centre on Kaitorete, to formalise the relationship between Tāwhaki Joint Venture and UC that has developed since Tāwhaki was established in 2021. The partnership will expand opportunities for Canterbury rangatahi to pursue careers and research in aerospace, environmental science and whenua rejuvenation, grounded in mātauranga Māori, providing a framework for aligning UC research, education, and innovation expertise with the mana whenua-led aspirations of Tāwhaki for Kaitorete. UC students and researchers are already involved in collaborative projects at Kaitorete spanning meteorology, engineering, ecology, and environmental research. Joint programmes such as Space Camp also introduce rangatahi to aerospace, environmental science and STEM, including mātauranga Māori, through hands-on learning.

## People – Nurturing Staff, Thriving Students

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A number of student events have been run by the UCSA throughout August and September. Term 4 started, among other events, with a welcome barbeque, a quiz night and a karaoke night. There was also the re-launching of English Cafés, which are conversational practice sessions for international students, and a cultural festival, Barrio Fiesta 2026. DramaSoc hosted student theatre performances at the Ngaio Marsh Theatre.

UC has been named the most attractive employer in New Zealand's education sector in the 2026 Randstad Employer Brand Research – a global study that spans 34 markets and is based on opinions from workers and job seekers aged 18 to retirement age. The education sector was ranked the second-most attractive sector overall in New Zealand, behind professional services. UC also performed strongly against the country's leading employers, sitting just 0.1 percentage points outside the top 10 most attractive organisations.

954 staff took the opportunity to have their influenza vaccination paid by UC this winter, up from 750 staff in 2024. For the past two years the University Pharmacy has offered a walk-up service. This has increased overall numbers protected by the vaccine, and also means that about 450 staff have transferred from the Health Centre's bookable service, freeing capacity for services to students. The Pharmacy also offer Covid vaccinations.

The STEPtember challenge is being re-run for staff and students in 2026, following a successful 2025 campaign. This campaign has been extended to include WELLtember, designed to include non-physical challenges such as building good sleep and dietary habits.

New additions to the staff development programme include two leadership workshops *The Strategic and Operating Environment* and *Culturally Responsive Leadership*, a course on *Digital Information Management at UC*, and a workshop on *Finance Cybersecurity Awareness*.

A range of activities for students and staff marked Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) in mid September. Te Akatoki, the Māori Students Association, hosted daily events to encourage ākonga (students) and kaimahi (staff) to engage with the language through learning-based games. The UC Māori team and Te Akatoki jointly hosted a quiz night, during which attendees had the opportunity to test their knowledge about, and to practise, their reo. The UC Māori Facebook page ran virtual tours of taone (towns) and marae across Christchurch, highlighting vocabulary, phrases and historical milestones.

### **Health and Safety**

HSE Global delivered the final Safety Leadership training sessions in early September, targeted at Academic Heads of Department and Service Unit Managers. HSE Global are delivering train-the-trainer sessions to the UC Health and Safety team, enabling the Safety Leadership training programme to be facilitated in-house for staff in the future.

### **Internationalisation – Locally Engaged, Globally Networked**

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UC's first India Open Day series commenced in Mumbai on 31 August, with further events in Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai and Kochi. Prospective students and their families were able to explore UC degree and pathway options, speak directly with academics and staff, hear from Indian UC graduates about their study and career experiences, and learn more about student life in Christchurch. The events have also provided tailored guidance on entry pathways, academic and student support, and career and employability opportunities.

UC sponsored 2 tables at the Malaysia Business Council's annual Malaysia Day Dinner in Christchurch on Friday 28 August, supporting our ongoing engagement with Malaysian alumni and strengthening connections with the wider Malaysian community. Executive Dean of Engineering Professor Saurabh Sinha and Assistant Dean of Engineering Pedro Lee joined other UC representatives and alumni guests at the event, with Professor Sinha representing the University as a featured speaker on the programme. The dinner provided a valuable opportunity to deepen relationships with key local donors and influencers while supporting UC's broader engagement with alumni and partners in Malaysia.

The Faculty of Law signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Carleton University that will allow students who have successfully completed a BA in Legal Studies at Carleton University to pursue an LLB at UC in 3 years (instead of the usual 4 year LLB degree). This is the first New Zealand Law School with such an agreement with a Canadian University.

I was a speaker at an Indian Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony on 15 August. The event marked the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of India's Independence and brought together members of the community to celebrate the occasion and the friendship between India and New Zealand.

## Organisational Efficacy

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A recent TEC report to Minister Penny Simmonds showed that 354,695 people were enrolled in tertiary education and training, a 1% decrease compared with the previous year. This decline was driven by a 5% reduction in vocational education and training enrolments, although higher education enrolments increased by 4%. Overall participation equated to 203,918 equivalent full-time students (EFTS), representing 2% growth year-on-year. Universities experienced increases in EFTS delivery, with the largest gains recorded at the University of Auckland and the University of Canterbury, both achieving 8% growth. Together, these institutions accounted for nearly half of the overall increase in higher education delivery.

Student Management Release 60 was successfully deployed in August, delivering a redesigned Internal Student Transcript in ourUC that improves access to academic records and reduces reliance on legacy systems. The release also introduced enhancements to Offer of Place, enrolment and doctoral administration processes, helping improve the staff experience and the reliability of UC's student administration platform.

## Environmentally Sustainable

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Dr David Pedley graduated on 25 August. As part of his PhD he developed geospatial and deep-learning methods using aerial imagery and LiDAR data to measure tree-canopy loss at individual-property level. His research found that Christchurch lost about 14.5% of its urban tree canopy between 2016 and 2021. Dr Pedley is now applying this UC-developed expertise at Christchurch-based MyNativeForest, assessing land across New Zealand for native planting and New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme projects that support biodiversity, carbon sequestration and long-term retention of native bush.

New international research involving UC environmental psychologist Dr Claudia Schneider was published in *Nature Sustainability* in August, providing timely evidence about how to encourage more effective personal climate action. Across three studies involving 2,924 participants, the researchers found that people often overestimate familiar actions such as recycling and reducing food waste, while underestimating higher-impact choices such as flying less, driving less and reducing red-meat consumption. The study, *Psychological barriers to improving carbon competence*, shows that climate communication must address habits and psychological biases rather than simply provide more information. A local follow-up study now underway is examining how New Zealanders understand climate action and which communication strategies can best support meaningful reductions in emissions.

# Memorandum/Pukapuka

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| <b>Report To:</b>       | Council                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Date of Meeting:</b> | 30 September 2026                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Report Title:</b>    | <b>Academic Board Report</b>                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Date of Report:</b>  | 21 September 2026                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Report Author:</b>   | Professor C de la Rey, Vice-Chancellor Professor C Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic<br>Associate Professor A Griffith, Deputy Chair Academic Board |
| <b>For:</b>             | <b>Information</b>                                                                                                                                        |

## Executive Summary

Council is asked to:

- *note the 11 September 2026 Academic Board Report (attachment 1)*
- *note the following curricula proposals and Graduating Year Review reports which were endorsed by the Board, and will be reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 October:*

### CUAP Reports:

- Proposal to introduce a new subject Digital Screen to the PhD
- Proposal to delete the Master of Water Resource Management and the Postgraduate Diploma in Water Resource Management

### Graduating Year Review Reports:

- European and European Union Studies in the Graduate Diploma in Arts
- Master of Education (Thesis)
- Master of Product Design, Postgraduate Certificate in Product Design
- Master of Product Innovation, Postgraduate Certificate in Product Innovation
- Health Leadership and Management Endorsement in the Master of Health Sciences Professional Practice, Master of Health Sciences and Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences
- Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
- Bachelor of Data Science
- Master of Water Science and Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Water Science and Management

## Recommendation

***That Council notes:***

- 1. the Academic Board report from 11 September 2026.***
- 2. the new curricula proposals and graduation year review reports which were endorsed by the Academic Board and were reported to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) on 1 October 2026.***

### **Attachments**

1. Academic Board report from its meeting on 11 September 2026
2. Diligent reference - CUAP proposals - refer Diligent reference folder: "Academic Board reference papers"

## **TE POARI AKORANGA | ACADEMIC BOARD**

### **REPORT TO THE COUNCIL**

#### **FROM A MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

**HELD ON FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2026**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

The Deputy Chair gave an update on the academic freedom matter previously reported. The Board's sub-committee has concluded its work and reported to Council. Council has concluded its deliberations and reported its findings to the Complainant. The details of the case will not be shared with the Board due to confidentiality and privacy reasons.

#### **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

The reports to CUAP on curriculum changes and Graduating Year Reviews were endorsed. The Graduating Year Review report for the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy was deferred for further consideration.

#### **DISCUSSION ON THE NEED FOR A TWO-HOUR WINDOW FOR TIMETABLING MEETINGS ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY**

Associate Professor Mike Grimshaw requested that the Board discuss the need to ensure all staff are available for a weekly two-hour window to enable more attendance at meetings and committees across the university. The time could also be used for research if no meeting was scheduled in a particular week. Professor Johnston responded that research is a fundamental activity which must be given priority in a research-intensive University.

Kerry Sutherland, Scheduling Services Manager was asked for comment. She said due to substantial growth in teaching activities there is not sufficient time to schedule a two-hour window for all staff. She confirmed that there is less teaching on a Friday after 3pm, in part to allow Academic Board to meet. The timetabling team would be willing to talk to individual departments about scheduling a one-hour weekly meeting slot but that larger groups such as Faculties would not be logistically possible.

Professor Watson noted the distinction between attendance and engagement at meetings. He said that reading papers in advance and being informed of business is the most important factor.

Professor de la Rey recalled receiving a briefing on the Academic Board when she started at the University which stated that Academic Board had been inquorate on several occasions. That has not been the case in her tenure.

Associate Professor Grimshaw was thanked for his paper. The discussion had highlighted that everyone has a role in ensuring that the timetable runs smoothly and meetings are effective.

## **MEETINGS OF ACADEMIC BOARD**

Associate Professor Grimshaw spoke to his proposal that the Board, as senior academic body and in its role as advisor to Council, should meet every month from February to November regardless of business received. He said that it was not possible to predict what might be discussed in advance of a meeting and having three meetings cancelled in 2026 might send a poor signal to Council.

Associate Professor Griffith, Deputy Chair of the Board described the decision-making process for cancelling meetings. This occurred when nothing time sensitive or substantial had been received, being mindful of members teaching, research and other commitments. Any papers received by the deadline were now circulated to members as agreed earlier in the year. She suggested that in future the first or last meeting of the year might consider issues which could be discussed in a workshop at a meeting when there is less regular business to consider. She clarified that Council receive the full Academic Board minutes.

The motion that the Board should meet every month from February to November was defeated by a majority.