

COUNCIL

Public Meeting Minutes

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha



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 Tamaru 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> Carried
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:

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
4.0 4.1	Minutes Confirm public excluded minutes of 24 March 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 & Vice-Chancellor Only Time	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(2)(h)

		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)
7.0 7.1	Strategy & Planning Strategy Implementation Q1-2026 Update	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
8.0 8.1	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)
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)
10.0 10.1	Finance Monthly Financial Update (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.	7(2)(h) 7(2)(f)(i)
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)
13.0 13.1 13.2 13.3	From The Vice-Chancellor Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report Emeritus Professor Nominations Academic Board Minutes (20 February 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)
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)
15.0	Council-Only Time	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between members of Council. To protect the privacy of natural persons. 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)

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			