

COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

Minutes

Date	Wednesday 30 September 2020
Time	4.20 pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki
Present	Ms Sue McCormack (Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Steve Wakefield (Pro-Chancellor), Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Liz Bond, Ms Rachael Evans, Ms Keiran Horne (via Zoom), Ms Tori McNoe, Professor Roger Nokes, Mr Warren Poh, Ms Gillian Simpson, Mr Shayne Te Aika.
Apologies	None
In Attendance	Ms Adela Kardos, General Counsel/Registrar and Council Secretary Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Mr Keith Longden, Executive Director, Planning, Finance and IT Mr Paul O’Flaherty, Executive Director, People, Culture and Campus Mrs Raewyn Crowther, University Council Coordinator

The meeting was opened with a karakia timatanga.

REGISTER OF INTEREST	Corrections and updates were to be supplied to the Registrar.
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	There were no conflicts advised for the public section of the meeting.
MINUTES	The minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising.
FROM THE CHANCELLOR	The Chancellor offered Council’s condolences to the Vice-Chancellor on the recent loss of her mother-in-law. She also congratulated Tori

McNoe on her nomination for Woman of Influence - Young Leader Award.

Chancellor's Meetings

The list of Chancellor's meetings was noted with the Chancellor adding her attendance at the UCSA Staff of the Year Awards and noting that she had been an apology at the UC Foundation DSG meeting and the FPRC agenda setting meeting.

Moved

That: Council note the report on the Chancellor's meetings.

Carried

Degrees Conferred in Absentia

Ms McCormack advised Council that the schedule of degrees awarded in absentia had been approved and the names of the graduates were entered into the public record.

Moved

That: Council approve the degrees awarded in absentia for the public record.

Carried

FROM THE VICE- CHANCELLOR

Monthly Report

The Vice-Chancellor presented her report, highlighting in particular:

- The semester had commenced with a "combo option" of online and attendance in person being available to students.
- The family of Mason Pendrous indicated they would visit next week to place a plaque on his memorial tree and to meet informally with the Vice-Chancellor.
- Kay-Lee Jones, College of Education, Health and Human Development had won a Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award in the Kaupapa Māori category.
- Work was progressing on the Knowledge Commons.
- UC sponsorship of the Young New Zealander of the Year had generated extra interest in the award.
- UC would be joining leading universities in a panel discussion on The Use of Zoom in Education, at the Zoomtopia conference.
- Open Day had been cancelled but domestic enrolments were looking strong.
- UC was working on the basis of there being no international students at the beginning of semester 1, 2021.

In discussion it was noted that:

- International students remaining in Christchurch would be supported through the summer with pastoral care and study opportunities.
- All universities were looking at cutting costs in light of reduced international student enrolments. TEU had engaged with the Minister of Education.

- A South Island quarantine possibility was being pursued by UC, Otago and Lincoln Universities, though there had been no meaningful shift in the government's position.
- UNZ was hosting a workshop with VCs regarding international education.
- Online education opportunities were available to students and new offerings would be developed with the appointment of a dean with experience in creating online courses. Significant investment was required up front with returns on investment possibly taking three years.
- Applications for the halls of residence were up compared with last year and it was anticipated that all places would be taken.
- The Endeavour Fund had mostly gone to research institutions. Professor Wright noted that the ideas presented by UC had been highly ranked but that round had been cancelled by MBIE. Better performance in identifying opportunities was being worked on by the Research and Innovation team. Aspects of Climate Change research were noted in this regard, with opportunities in low carbon energy production, high knowledge industries, climate change mitigation and adaptation being noted.

Moved

That: Council note the Vice-Chancellor's Monthly Report.

Carried

FROM THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Professor Matthew Turnbull joined the meeting to present the report of the Academic Board. In discussion of the report it was noted that:

- The university's financial position had been discussed at length.
- The request from the UCSA for all lectures to be recorded had sparked a wider debate on the merits of lectures as an information delivery mechanism. Prof Nokes indicated that international research suggested that academic outcomes were degraded when presentations were recorded. UCSA had requested a consistent policy on this for equity reasons, to enable those who could not attend lectures, (due to sickness, work responsibilities or personal situations such as language difficulties), to receive the same input as those who could attend in person. This was an important discussion on engagement versus delivery in a world where content was available in many ways other than lecturing. There was also a desire to use online for content and to open lectures up to more interactive learning. Academic Board had resolved to establish a working group to look further into this matter and would report back to the November meeting.

Moved

That: Council note the report of the Academic Board.

Carried

PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING

Moved

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	Minutes of the meeting held on 26 August 2020 with the public excluded	These items concern matters that were previously dealt with during proceedings of Council from which the public was excluded.	
5.0 5.1	Matters arising from those minutes Equity Report	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(f)(i)
6.0 6.1 6.2	From the Chancellor Honours and Appointments Committee Council Work Plan	To protect the privacy of natural persons. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(a) 7(f)(i) and 7(h)
7.0 7.1 7.2	From the Vice-Chancellor The Vice-Chancellor's report IT Transformation Progress Report	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(f)(i) 7(f)(i)
8. 8.1 8.2 8.3 8.4 8.5	From the Finance, Planning and Resources Committee Draft minutes FPRC meeting 21 September 2020 Domestic Fees 2021 Student First Ecosystem Business Cases Financial Forecast UCTF/UCF Amalgamation	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(f)(i) 7(h) 7(h) 7(h) 7(h)
9.0	General Business	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(f)(i)

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. This knowledge would be of assistance in relation to the matters discussed, and was relevant because of their

involvement in the development of the reports to Council on these matters.

Carried

RETURN TO PUBLIC MEETING

Council returned to public meeting at 6.44pm.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There were no items of general business.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 3.00pm on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: _____

DATE: _____