

# COUNCIL

## Minutes

Date	<b>Wednesday 27 January 2016</b>
Time	4.05 pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki
Present	Dr John Wood (Chancellor), Ms Sue McCormack (Pro-Chancellor), Dr Rod Carr (Vice-Chancellor), Mr James Addington, Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Catherine Drayton, Mr Bruce Gemmell, Mr Tony Hall, Professor Roger Nokes.
Apologies	Mr Warren Poh, Mr Malcolm Peterson Scott.
In Attendance	Mr Jeff Field, Registrar and AVC Mr Bruce White, Deputy Registrar Ms Alex Hanlon, Director, Learning Resources Mr Keith Longden, Chief Financial Officer Ms Raewyn Crowther, University Council Co-ordinator
<b>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</b>	The following conflicts of interest in terms of matters on the public agenda were disclosed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Poh had advised a conflict of interest due to being enrolled in a block course for ENGR403 until 5 February, which also provided for free parking.</li> </ul>
<b>MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2015 were approved.
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>	There were no matters arising that were not included in the agenda.
<b>FROM THE CHANCELLOR</b>	<p><b>Agenda</b></p> <p>The Chancellor noted that item 9.5 on the public excluded agenda had been originally positioned in the public agenda as part of the wider paper on the Christchurch City Council (CCC) District Plan process. It had been moved to the public excluded agenda to allow free and frank discussion of the item as per 7(f)(i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, and to enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities in terms of 7(h) of that same Act.</p>

Moved

***That: Item 7.2.3 of the public agenda, Airport Noise Contour Issue, be moved to the public excluded agenda in terms of 7(f)(i) and 7(h) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.***

Carried

### **Chancellor's Meetings**

The schedule of meetings was noted.

### **Council Workplan 2016**

The proposed workshop schedule for 2016 had been expanded to include a schedule of 15 minute Pro-Vice-Chancellor (PVC)/Director conversations with Council. It would be further developed in the coming weeks to include workflows from the Senior Management Team (SMT) to the Finance, Planning and Resources Committee (FPRC) and to Council, to become a full workplan for the year.

The Chancellor proposed inviting the new Council and newly-appointed Vice-Chancellor of Lincoln University to the June meeting at 5.00pm, which would mean a 3.00pm start to the Council meeting. This proposal was strongly supported and an invitation would be extended as soon as the Vice-Chancellor appointment had been announced.

### **Governance Training**

The Chancellor advised that Jane Huria would be providing a Governance Training session for Council on 29 February from 2pm to 6pm. This differed from the date originally advised. The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) would also be conducting an induction course on 3 March, on which 3 members of Council have been registered and a fourth was awaiting confirmation. TEC would be holding a further course later in the year and courses were also available through the Institute of Directors.

### **Arts Centre Trust Board**

The profiles of the newly appointed members of the Arts Centre Trust Board were provided to Council members for information. Disappointment was expressed that with the UC nomination to the board not being appointed, the special relationship between UC and the Arts Centre was not reflected in the selection process. It was agreed that the Chancellor write to the Chair of the Trust expressing that view.

### **Memorandum of Understanding with UC Foundation**

A Memorandum of Understanding had been considered by both the UC Foundation and UC Council.

In discussion concern was raised with respect to the source of donated funds and whether UC had any control over, or policy on what sources of funding would be acceptable. The Chancellor advised that this was currently managed on a case by case basis by

the Foundation with Council being advised of any obviously contentious donations. However it was noted that it is not possible to know exactly how individual donors may have accrued their wealth.

It was also noted that the Rhodes and Erskine estates had been created through extractive industries and that judgements change over time. It was agreed that the appropriate place for this discussion would be when the investment policy was reviewed.

Moved

***That: Council approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding with the UC Foundation and authorises the Chancellor to sign it on behalf of Council.***

Carried

### **Further award for Professor Roy Kerr**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences had decided to award The Crafoord Prize in Astronomy for 2016 to Professor Roy Kerr, University of Canterbury, and Roger Blandford, Stanford University, California, “for fundamental work concerning rotating black holes and their astrophysical consequences”. Professor Kerr’s share of the prize would be in excess of \$500,000. Professor Kerr had been awarded an honorary doctorate from UC in 2015.

Moved

***That: A letter of congratulations be sent to Professor Roy Kerr to acknowledge being awarded the Crafoord Prize in Astronomy for 2016.***

Carried

## **FROM THE VICE- CHANCELLOR**

### **Monthly Report**

Dr Carr presented a verbal report which covered a number of matters:

- Centre for Entrepreneurship – UC Innovators’ Summer Startup presentations would be held from 4pm on 3 February. Council members were welcome to attend.
- UC would be hosting a visit by the Governor-General in March.
- Minister Steven Joyce had been invited to open the Structural Engineering Laboratory.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the February 2011 earthquakes would be marked in a low-key fashion and it was acknowledged that some would wish to attend memorial services in the city. The UC ecumenical chaplain would hold a brief service on Okeover lawn from 12.50 – 1.00pm. It was noted that this would be the first day of lectures and disruption would not be beneficial.
- Applications to enrol in 2016 showed increases of 22% in full-fee international students and 23% in domestic new-to-UC students, which was encouraging. Tony Hall also noted a similar position at Lincoln University.

Moved

**That: *The Vice Chancellor's verbal report be noted.***

Carried

### **Confirmation of 2016 Investment Plan Funding**

A letter from TEC had been received confirming TEC's on-going funding for programmes and activities described in UC's 2015-16 Investment Plan.

Moved

**That: *The Council note the confirmation of the 2016 Investment Plan funding.***

Carried

### **Draft Education Legislation Bill Submission**

The Education Legislation Bill was currently with the Select Committee. The University's submission related to investments by universities of trust funds through a common fund as the Education Act, 1989 had removed the common fund provisions provided for in the University of Canterbury Act, 1961. The Charities Commission had indicated a desire to report against each of the funds individually which would be prohibitive. Council members were invited to provide suggestions for the submission to the Registrar by Friday 29 January.

### **FROM THE FINANCE, PLANNING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Chair of the Finance, Planning and Resources Committee, Ms Drayton, presented the items.

### **Statement of Investment Policy Objectives (SIPO) Amendment**

The proposal was deemed to be very sensible by FPRC and there was no further discussion.

Moved

**That: *the Distribution Policy of the UC Trust Funds Statement of Investment Policy Objectives be amended to read: "Once the Revenue Reserve has reached an amount equal to two years average trust outgoings, the trustees may, at their discretion, provide additional distributions to the beneficiaries and/or transfer funds to the capital accounts of the individual trust from time to time."***

Carried

### **CCC Proposed Replacement District Plan Hearing Process**

#### CCC Replacement District Plan Process

The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Christchurch City Council District Plan review had been accelerated in 2015 and management had been asked to identify issues where current uses would be compromised. Some changes to the plan would require UC to seek consent for some activities.

### District Plan Chapter 9 - Heritage

The Heritage chapter had been activated ahead of consultation which was now taking place. Changes had been notified to the heritage boundary around the gardens and Okeover which would impact on use. Following consultation there had been some pull back on these boundaries, and further consultation would take place.

The Chancellor noted again his concern that Council had not been involved in this process despite its long-founded policy to protect campus heritage buildings and gardens. The Executive Committee had minuted this concern on 18 January 2016. Council had an expectation that issues on matters contained in Council policies would be referred to Council for consideration. The Executive Committee minute of 18 January noted that the Vice-Chancellor had been asked to report any significant and sensitive matters to the Chancellor.

The Director Learning Resources was asked to ascertain the status of heritage trees both on campus and on surrounding properties in light of heritage protection being lifted on many such trees, as this could impact on landscaping plans.

Moved

***That: Council note the report on the CCC proposed replacement District Plan hearing process.***

Carried

### **Health and Safety**

Ms Drayton advised that Warren Poh had been continuing with planning for Health and Safety worksite visits for Council and had suggested some possible timings for these. A paper would be presented to FPRC in February detailing the programme.

### **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
6	From the Chancellor	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	From the Vice-Chancellor	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
8.	From the Finance, Planning and Resources Committee		
8.1	UC Futures		
8.1.1	- UC Futures Summary	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
8.1.2	- Exercise of delegated authority (NEB)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)

8.1.3	- Exercise of delegated authority (RSIC)	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
8.2	Quake CoRE Contract	To enable the University to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	7(i)
8.3	ICT Grad School Update	To enable the University to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	7(i)
9	Other Business		
9.1	Governance Oversight Group		
9.1.1	- Terms of Reference for EFTS Review	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)
9.1.2	- GOG agenda	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)
9.2	High Country Leases	To protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment.	7(c)
9.3	Student Management System Update	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)
		To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
		To enable the University to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).	7(i)
9.4	Recreation Centre Fees	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)
9.5	Airport Noise Contour Issues	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)
		To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)

*and that the Deputy Registrar, UC Directors and the University Council Co-ordinator be permitted to remain at this meeting because of their knowledge of the various matters being discussed. 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

Members returned to public meeting at 6.23pm and confirmed discussion of items 6 – 9.5 on the public excluded agenda.

### Recreation Centre Fees

The resolution of Council passed in the Public Excluded section of the meeting was affirmed:

Moved

***That: Council approve the fees and charges for access and use of the Recreation Centre for 2016, as specified in Schedule A.***

Carried

## Schedule A:

1. Fees	3mth	6mth	12mth	Other
	<b>Proposed</b>			
UC Students	Free			
Non-UC Students	\$109	\$159	\$279	
UC Staff	\$119	\$189	\$329	
UC Alumni & Affiliates	\$169	\$269	\$439	
Community	\$209	\$329	\$549	
Short Term Trial month				\$99
Casual Entry				\$11
10 Concession Entry card				\$99

**GENERAL BUSINESS**      There were no items of general business.

The meeting closed at 6.24pm.

**NEXT MEETING**              The next meeting is scheduled for 4.00pm on Wednesday 24 February 2016.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: \_\_\_\_\_

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