

COUNCIL

Minutes

Date	Wednesday 25 September 2019
Time	4.00 pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki
Present	Ms Sue McCormack (Chancellor), Mr Steve Wakefield, (Pro-Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Liz Bond, Mr Sam Brosnahan, Ms Keiran Horne, Professor Roger Nokes, Mr Warren Poh, Ms Gillian Simpson, Mr Shayne Te Aika.
Apologies	Ms Catherine Drayton
In Attendance	Mr Jeff Field, University Registrar and Council Secretary Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Mr Bruce White, Deputy Registrar

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts advised.

FROM THE CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor advised that there had been a sudden death of a student on campus and expressed great sadness over the tragedy. The University was providing support to the family of the student, affected students and staff.

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.	Minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2019 with the public excluded	These items concern matters that were previously dealt with during proceedings of Council from which the public was excluded.	
5.	Matters arising from those minutes		
6.1	Draft minutes FPRC meeting 16 Sept	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)
6.2.1	UC Futures Summary	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)

6.2.2	GOG 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)
6.2.3	Institutional Strategy	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)
6.3	Movements in Financial Forecast Report	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
6.4	Student First 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)
7.1	From the Chancellor Emeritus Professor nomination	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(a)
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7.1.2		Report from Honours and Appointments Committee	To protect the privacy of natural persons.
7.1.3	Innovation Medal	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(a)
7.2	From the Vice-Chancellor The Vice-Chancellor's report		
7.2.1		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)
7.3	Student Death	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(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. This knowledge will be of assistance in relation to the matters discussed, and is 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 5.37pm and confirmed that Council:

- Had adopted the Institutional Strategy.
- Had awarded the 2019 Innovation Medal, noting that a public announcement would be made through the office of the DVC.
- The award of the title Professor Emerita to Professor Islay McLeod.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2019 were approved and signed as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Professor Wright advised that he had written to the authors of the paper recommending the University join the Scholars at Risk Network outlining the actions required on their part, in providing a fuller and more detailed proposal for consideration.

A workshop on the level of preparedness of students was added to the Council workplan.

Chancellor's Meetings

The schedule of meetings was noted for information. The meeting with Deaf Action had been positive and the Vice-Chancellor would ensure that the agreed outcomes would be delivered.

Moved

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

Carried

Council Work Plan 2019

An updated copy of the Work Plan was tabled and Mr Field highlighted the changes made since the last meeting. It was noted that the Institutional Strategy would have an impact on a number of the proposed projects and the timeframes in which they were addressed would be subject to change.

Moved

That: Council note the Council work plan.

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

Carried

FROM THE VICE- CHANCELLOR

Monthly Report

Professor De la Rey presented her report noting:

- This was a pressured time of the year as exams loomed for undergraduate students.
- The success of the Women in Leadership breakfast with a 17% increase in attendance.
- Her visit to the AUT South Auckland campus to understand how AUT managed the relationships with the local community.
- Diversity Fest was running from 9 September to 11 October with a series of events promoting engagement with people from diverse backgrounds.
- The Times Higher Education ranking had been announced with UC remaining 4th in New Zealand in the 301-350 band.

In the ensuing discussion it was noted that:

- The Joint Operations Advisory Board (JOAB) had agreed to fund an additional counsellor in response to increasing demand.
- The causes of increased anxiety and depression were complex but internationally the incidence of these conditions was increasing significantly.
- There was strong evidence that participation in physical activity can mitigate the incidence of anxiety and depression.

Moved

That: The Vice Chancellor's Report be received.

Carried

**FROM THE
ACADEMIC BOARD**

Professor Catherine Moran (AVC Academic) joined the meeting.

Professor Wright advised that he was an apology for the Academic Board meeting. Professor Moran presented the report from the meeting of the Academic Board noting the main agenda items. In particular she highlighted:

- The Academic Board had favourably considered the Institutional Strategy Framework.
- The Graduating Year Reports (GYR) occurred within three years of the first graduation cohort. The reviews and review processes were presented to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP) and peer reviewed by individual universities.
- Reviews of the following programmes were undertaken:
 - Master of Linguistics
 - Doctor of Musical Arts
 - Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate in Arts
 - Master of European Union Studies
 - DASH as a minor in the Bachelor of Arts and as a subject in the Certificate in Arts
 - European and European Union Studies as a major in the Bachelor of Arts
 - Master of Business Information Systems, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Information Systems
 - Bachelor of Criminal Justice
 - Master of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
 - Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages
 - Master of Teaching and Learning
 - Mater of Specialist Teaching
 - Master of Computer Assisted Language Learning
 - Graduate Certificate in Sport Coaching
 - Bachelor of Sport Coaching – endorsements
 - Certificate in Sport Coaching
 - Software Engineering in the Master of Engineering
 - Software Engineering in the Bachelor of Engineering with honours
 - Diploma in Global Humanitarian Engineering
 - Master of Hazard and Disaster Management and as a subject in the BSc, BSc(Hons) and PGDipSc
 - Biological Sciences in the PhD, MSc, PGDipSc and BSc(Hons)

In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that:

- Whilst some courses had small numbers there was generally a rationale for this that justified their continuation.
- In the post-earthquake environment a number of new programmes were launched. In hindsight, the emphasis had been on the quantity of new programmes rather than the sustainability of those programmes.

- The recommendations of some of the GYRs appeared inconsistent with the data provided.
- Continuation of some small programmes was a disservice to students if the programmes did not have a visible cohort of graduates or market recognition.
- Council was reliant on and expected management to identify and manage the programmes that were not sustainable.
- The Vice-Chancellor would continue to monitor and manage the programmes that were subscale.

Moved

That: Council

- note the report from the Academic Board and*
- approve the Graduating Year Reports for forwarding to CUAP.*

Carried

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

Student Experience Survey

The report was taken as read and there were no questions.

Moved

That: Council note the feedback from the Student Experience Survey.

Carried

**GENERAL
BUSINESS**

Council noted that a health and safety tour of the Chemistry Department had taken place on 16 September and that no major concerns were identified.

It was agreed that Ms Tori McNoe (UCSA President-elect) be invited to all Council and Committee meetings for the remainder of the year.

The meeting ended at 6.25pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 4.00pm on Wednesday 30 October 2019.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: _____

DATE: _____