

COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha

Minutes

Date	Wednesday 25 November 2020
Time	3.20 pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki
Present	Ms Sue McCormack (Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Liz Bond, Ms Rachael Evans (via Zoom), Ms Keiran Horne, Ms Tori McNoe, Professor Roger Nokes, Mr Warren Poh, Ms Gillian Simpson.
Apologies	Mr Steve Wakefield (Pro-Chancellor), Mr Shayne Te Aika.
In Attendance	Ms Adela Kardos, General Counsel/Registrar and Council Secretary Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic 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 Ms Kim Fowler, Incoming UCSA President Mrs Raewyn Crowther, University Council Coordinator
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 28 October 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.
MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising.
FROM THE CHANCELLOR	Chancellor's Meetings The list of Chancellor's meetings was noted.

Moved

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

Carried

Degrees Conferred in Absentia

Ms McCormack advised Council of the schedule of degrees to be awarded in absentia following approval by Council. The names of the graduates would be entered into the public record.

Moved

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

Carried

FROM THE VICE- CHANCELLOR

Prior to the VC presenting her last report for the year, the Chancellor took the opportunity to thank Council members, management and staff for their efforts in what has been a challenging year, acknowledging in particular the response to the pandemic. The Vice-Chancellor was also thanked for her work noting her personal sacrifices. Thanks was also extended to the Chancellor for her efforts in 2020.

Monthly Report

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

- The report was the year in review from the point of view of the Strategic Vision 2020-2030.
- The Knowledge Commons programme was making satisfactory progress.
- The partnership with Ngāi Tūāhuriri was proceeding.
- Children's University had a successful year.
- Professor Moran and her team were acknowledged for their successes, especially in relation to the student success framework and the online learning provision, at short notice and requiring huge effort.
- Transdisciplinary research clusters had been funded.
- A project was underway on organisational values.
- The situation with the Pūtaiao Koirio building had been unexpected.
- UC would have an operating surplus despite the impact of border closures, with all departments making cuts to turn the expected deficit into a small surplus.
- UC Foundation fundraising had been successful.
- The Ilam boiler was the main sustainability issue. A Sustainability Board had been established and would contribute to sustainability goals.
- The VC had been appointed to the board of the Academic Quality Agency (AQA).

In discussion it was noted that:

- The achievements noted in the report were remarkable, especially given the year. The media was not proactive at reporting the successes of the University. To assist with positive media commentary a number of academics were being trained in providing comment in specialist areas.
- The Knowledge Commons was developing 150 showcase topics in the lead up to the 150th anniversary.

Moved

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

Carried

TEC Tertiary Education Strategy

The TEC Strategy provided the framework for national tertiary education and this shaped the relationship between UC and TEC. The new priorities in the plan aligned with UC's strategy and budget. TEC had recommended UC's Student Success programme to other universities as an exemplar.

Moved

That: Council note the new national Tertiary Education Strategy.

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 motion on lecture capture had been passed with clear expectations.
- The matter of the retention of examination papers had come to an amenable outcome.
- The Academic Board had been well-served by students leaders this year.
- The last meeting of the Academic Board had had a record attendance. An alternative venue would be explored.

Moved

That: Council:

- i) ***note the report of the Academic Board;***
- ii) ***approves the following proposals and forwards them to CUAP and TEC for their approval:***
 - a. ***The discontinuation of the Bachelor of Learning and Teaching with Honours;***
 - b. ***The change in name of the subject from "Applied Psychology" to "Industrial and Organisational Psychology" for MSc and PhD.***

Carried

PUBLIC EXCLUDED MEETING

Moved

That: the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

	General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	
4.0	Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 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	Matters arising from those minutes	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	From the Chancellor Emeritus Professor Nominations	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(a)
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6.3	Honorary Doctorate Recommendation	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(a)
	Council Work Plan	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(f)(i) 7(h)
7.0	From the Vice-Chancellor The Vice-Chancellor's verbal 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)
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8.	From the Finance, Planning and Resources Committee	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)
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9.0	Other Business Pūtaiao Koirio Verbal Update	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
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9.5	Amendment to the Investment Plan	To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	7(h)
	Naming Building	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(a)
	Ngai Tūāhuriri Partnership 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)
	Protected Disclosures, Legal Proceedings	To protect the privacy of natural persons.	7(a)

10.0	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)
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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 5.05pm and confirmed for the public record:

- The awarding of the titles of Emeritus Professor titles to Professor Angus Macfarlane and Professor Ray Kirk
- The awarding of an honorary doctorate the recipient to remain confidential until announced publically.

**GENERAL
BUSINESS**

- Tori McNoe was thanked for her contribution to Council during the past year as UCSA President.
- The resignation of Dave Hawkey as UCSA CEO was noted.

The meeting ended at 5.10pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 4.00pm on Wednesday 24 February 2021.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: _____

DATE: _____