### Council Minutes Part A
(Open Minutes)
15 March 2021

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<th>PRESENT:</th>
<th>Mr St John (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Dr Prasad, Mr Daniell, Professor Curtin, Ms Newsome, Mr Wang, Ms Tarrant, and, remotely via telephone: Ms Dawson (for item 2.4 in Part B).</th>
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<td>IN ATTENDANCE:</td>
<td>Professors Morrow, and Metson; Associate Professor Kool; Mrs Cleland, Mr Creahan, Mrs Moss, Ms Toft, Ms Naidoo, Mrs Fitzpatrick, and Mrs Verschaeren</td>
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1. **APOLOGIES**

   Ms Quinn, Mrs Dunphy and Mr Paitai.  
   **RESOLVED** that the apologies be noted.

2. **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

   The attention of Members was drawn to the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the need to disclose any interest in an item on the Agenda of the meeting as set out in Schedule 11, Clause 8 of the Education and Training Act 2020.

   No further disclosures were made.

3. **HONOURS/AWARDS-NEW YEAR HONOURS**

   3.1 **ORDER OF NEW ZEALAND**

   Member
   Professor Dame Anne Salmond ONZ, DBE for services to New Zealand

   3.2 **THE NEW ZEALAND ORDER OF MERIT**

   Dames Companion
   Professor Dame Juliet Gerrard for services to Science
   Professor Dame Cindy Kiro for services to child wellbeing and education

   Knight Companion
   Mr David Carter for services as a Member of Parliament and as Speaker of the House of Representatives

   Companions
   Dr Kirsten Finucane for services to health, particularly paediatric heart surgery
   Mr Rob Fyfe for services to business and tourism
   Emeritus Professor Louise Nicholson for services to neuroscience and education
   Distinguished Professor Ian Reid for services to medicine

   **RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr Daniell) that Council note the Honours conferred on those persons with links to the University and that the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor have already sent congratulatory letters to the persons involved.
Mr Arch Jelley for services to athletics and the game of bridge
Honourable Tony Randerson for services to the judiciary
Honourable Lyn Stevens for services to the judiciary and the community
Professor Phillipa Howden-Chapman for services to public health

**Officers**
Dr Christine Foley for services to victims of sexual assault
Dr Janette Irvine for services to women and women’s health
Mr Burton Shipley for services to basketball
Associate professor James Tully for services to journalism and education
Mr Chloe Wright for services to philanthropy, education and health
Dr Timothy Malloy for services to health

**Members**
Professor Michael Baker for services to public health science
Ms Christina Barton for services to art history and curation
Dr Sally Harbison for services to forensic science
Professor Shaun Hendy for services to science
Mr Rodney Jones for services to economics and public health research
Dr Glenda Keam for services to music and music education
Dr Jann Medlicott for services to philanthropy, the arts and radiology
Ms Denise Ritchie for services to prevention of sexual violence and exploitation
Dr Gagrath Singh for services to health
Mr William Trubridge for services to freediving

**3.3 THE QUEEN’S SERVICE MEDAL**

**Companion**
Mrs Yvonne Boyes for services to health, particularly nursing and cancer treatment
Mr Michael Drake for services to education and the community
Therese Weir for services to people with disabilities

**4. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES**
With the authority of Council, the Chancellor conferred the degrees as per the schedule provided to the meeting.

**5. AWARD OF DIPLOMA**
With the authority of Council, the Chancellor awarded the diploma, as per the schedule provided to the meeting.

**6. COUNCIL MEETINGS**

6.1 **Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2020**

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2020 be taken as read
6.2 **Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 09.12.2020 not elsewhere on the Agenda.**

With regard to item 5 and Council’s request to assess the potential health and safety aspect of the storage issue in the Thomas Building, the Health and safety Team responded the following: "Whilst storage (and the lack thereof) is an issue in general throughout the School [of Biological sciences], it does not normally impact greatly on Health and Safety.

Storing glassware on trolleys in a corridor, awaiting sterilisation in the Autoclave Room on Level 3 is common practice. There are a number of precautions in place to minimise the risks involved:

- The corridor does not have heavy through-traffic due to the extra swipe-card door in the corridor;
- The trolleys are normally attached to the wall;
- The trolleys are “lipped” to prevent contents falling to the ground.

The facility has been operating in this manner for years without incident. Given the above, the overall risk of injury – and particularly of serious injury – is assessed as low".

Council noted the response of the safety team, but also acknowledged the importance to remain vigilant.

| 7. **VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REPORT** | The report was taken as read. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater made the following comments:

- This would be the last time that the report was presented in the current format; from the next meeting onwards, the report would be based on the new Strategic Plan of the University.
- Since the Report was submitted, there had been some changes to the funding requirements for MIQ which affected international students. Last year the Government had announced that 250 PhD students would be allowed to come into the country in 2021. 49 Of these would be coming to the University. However, this was a slow process and, so far, only thirteen of these students came through MIQ in New Zealand. This year, the Government announced that 1000 students would be allowed into New Zealand. Universities New Zealand had identified 930 students who met the required criteria and of these about 240 were reserved for the University of Auckland. These students would be subjected to the revised MIQ fees. Concessions had been made to support 50% of the fees for the 930 eligible students.
- With regard to the PBRF review, it was clear that there would be no further funding allocated for research in future budgets. It would be important for the University to be well represented in the sector reference group for the PBRF to lobby against some of the issues that could be detrimental for the University sector. | **RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Vice-Chancellor’s Report be noted. |
• The University was in the very last stages of the recruitment of a Provost and an announcement would be made by the end of this month. In addition, the recruitment of a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategic Engagement) was well underway. The new Chief Financial Officer (CFO) would be starting his position on 25.03.2021 and the Vice-Chancellor acknowledged Mr Andrew Creahan who had been acting in this role since the departure of the previous CFO.
• The Vice-Chancellor recognised that 2020 with the COVID-19 situation had been a difficult year for staff and students and the University would be sending out a short survey to staff shortly on how COVID was managed and how staff was coping with the situation. This would allow the University to ascertain how to best support staff in these circumstances. Similar surveys would be going out to students.
• After adoption of the new Māori name of the University, work had been undertaken to investigate how the new name could be added as part of the University branding and the new strategy.
• The Royal Society Te Apārangi had recently elected new Ngā Ahurei a Te Apārangi Fellows and Ngā Ahurei Honore a Te Apārangi Honorary Fellows and a number of staff members at the University had been selected, including the Pro Vice-Chancellor Pacific, Associate Professor Salesa.

In response to a question, Council noted that the new role of Pro-Vice-Chancellor Education had taken over teaching and learning function of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) role, including also chairing of Education and Academic Programmes Committees. The Pro Vice-Chancellor Education was reporting to the Provost.

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<th>8. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES</th>
<th>8.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</th>
<th>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A), 03.03.2021 be received.</th>
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<td>8.1.1 Minutes, (Part A), 03.03.2021</td>
<td>8.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE</td>
<td>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 02.03.2021 be received.</td>
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<td>8.2.1 Minutes, (Part A), 02.03.2021</td>
<td>8.2.2 Finance Committee Terms of Reference</td>
<td>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that Council adopts the amended Finance Committee Terms of Reference</td>
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<td>9. SENATE MATTERS</td>
<td>9.1 REPORT OF SENATE, 01.03.2021</td>
<td>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Professor Curtin): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of</td>
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This item was presented by the Provost, Professor John Morrow. He introduced the new Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, Associate Professor Bridget Kool to Council. He further drew Council’s attention to:

- The Reviews of the Department of Exercise Science and the Discipline Grouping of Cultures and Languages. Both reviews were highly satisfactory and progress reports would be submitted in 2022.
- Regulation amendment 2020/900 which announced the deletion of Master of Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship (MCE) and the Postgraduate Certificate in Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship (PGCertCE), but also announced the addition of new Masters programmes (Master of Business Analytics (MBusAn), Master of Business Development (MBusDev) and the Master of Business Management (MBM)).
- The Code of Conduct and Guidelines were deferred to a later face-to-face meeting, as the webinar format of the Senate meeting of 01.03.2021 did not allow for an open discussion of the matter.
- The addition of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, as ex-officio member of Senate.

Council noted that the Dean of Law, Professor Mathew, would be leading the review of Senate in an effort to revitalise Senate’s attendance and the dialogue at the meetings.

### 10. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR

In response to the letters sent to the recipients of New Year Honours, the Chancellor had received two thank you notices from Professor Phillipa Howden-Chapman and Mr David Carter.

### 11. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING

#### 11.1 SEAL

Since the Council meeting on 09.12.2020 the seal has been applied to the following document in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:

- Deed of Variation of Lease – 70 Symonds St, Auckland – TGB Properties (NZ) Pvt Ltd (Lessor) & The University of Auckland (Lessee)

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that the affixing of the seal to the listed documents be noted.
### 11.2 PAYMENT OF ATTENDANCE FEES TO LAY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council at its meeting 16 April 2007, RESOLVED that:

1. Commencing 1 April 2007, the meeting attendance fee paid to lay members of Council and lay members of ‘Approved Committees’ shall be adjusted automatically on 1 April of each year by the CPI movement in preceding calendar year, unless this means the attendance fee exceeds the maximum rate fixed by the minister under Schedule 11, clause 17 of the Education and Training Act 2020, or Council at the time resolves otherwise; and

2. That for the purposes of this resolution the list of ‘Approved Committees’ be:
   - Animal Ethics Committee
   - Biological Safety Committee
   - Human Participants Ethics Committee
   - Rūnanga
   - Students Appeals Committee
   - Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee

It is appropriate to ensure that the value of the payment made to lay members is maintained and that to achieve this, the previously approved meeting attendance fee of $175 per half day should be increased to $180.00 being the CPI movement for the previous year rounded up to the nearest $5 increment.

Council noted that thus far only the student members of Council received a fee.

### 11.3 APPLICATION OF SEAL AND QUALIFICATIONS – DELEGATED AUTHORITY

 Council at its meeting 19 June 2006 resolved:

That acting pursuant to section 273 of the Education and Training Act 2020, the Council hereby authorises the person for the time being holding Office as Registrar of The University (and thereby a member of the staff of the University) to execute on behalf of the University documents conferring a degree or awarding a diploma granted by the University or replacing such documents previously conferred or awarded by the University by:

i) affixing the common seal of the University to each of those awards pursuant to this resolution; and

ii) counter-signing the affixing of the seal by the application of a facsimile of his or her signature.

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the affixing of the common seal of the University to the above certificates consistent with Council’s delegation of 19 June 2006 be noted.
In accordance with this resolution, the Seal was applied to:

- **6,989** degree and diploma certificates presented at the Spring 2020 graduation ceremonies;
- **802** degree and diploma certificates presented at the December 2020 graduation ceremonies; and
- **24** degree and diploma certificates presented at the Tai Tokerau 2020 graduation ceremony.

In addition, **2,023** degrees and diplomas certificates were conferred/awarded in absentia at Council meetings and certificates were subsequently issued. During the year 2020, the Registrar’s signature was also applied to:

- **264** New certificates for Certificate level courses;
- **94** replacement certificates which were issued as the originals were declared lost or damaged;
- **12** replacement certificates which were issued to reflect graduate name changes; and
- **11** replacement certificates made on behalf of the former Auckland College of Education.

In the year 2020, Autumn Graduation was cancelled due to COVID-19 level restrictions. These qualifications were conferred/awarded at October Council.

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<th>11.4</th>
<th><strong>TAUMATA TEI TEI – VISION 2030 AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 – FINAL DRAFT OF THE STRATEGY AND UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN</strong></th>
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RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Newsome): that Council **adopt** Taumata Tei Tei – Vision 2030 and Strategic Plan 2025 and **note** the requirement of further discussion around measures for success and size, shape and composition.

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<th>11.5</th>
<th><strong>RESCINDMENTS AND RE-AWARDING MEMORANDUMS, 03.03.2021</strong> from Margaret Allen, Manager, Scholarships and Graduation, regarding the rescindment and re-awarding of Degree and Postgraduate Diploma.</th>
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RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that Council **rescind** the conferral of the qualification of the Master of Nursing for Julie Lysaght rescinded and **re-award** it with First Class Honours.

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Wang): that Council **rescind** the conferral of the qualification of the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences for Shanah Tini and **re-award** it with Merit.

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<th><strong>13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE</strong></th>
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PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public was excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution were as follows:

General subject of each matter considered:
Item No. 1.1 Council Minutes (Part B), 09.12.2020, and 22.02.2021
Item No. 2.1 Auckland Health Research Ethics Committee Annual Report
Item No. 2.2 University of Auckland Biological Safety Committee Annual and Membership Report
Item No. 2.3 University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee Annual and Membership Report
Item No. 2.4 Audit and Risk Committee, (Part B), 03.03.2021 and Draft Annual report 2020
Item No. 2.5 Finance Committee, Minutes (Part B), 02.03.2021, Financial Performance 2020, Treasury Management, Recreation and Wellness Centre – Stage Gate Review
Item No. 2.6 Honours Committee
Item No. 3.1 Exercise of delegation to refuse to permit enrolment on good character grounds
Item No. 3.2 Size, Shape and Composition
Item No. 5.1 Council Appointments Procedures

The protection of the interests mentioned below.

Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution:
Those in Section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 namely:
   i) To protect the privacy of the persons referred to in the recommendations and to maintain the confidentiality of those recommendations;
   ii) To enable the University to carry on without prejudice or disadvantage negotiations; and
   iii) To prevent the disclosure or use of Official Information for improper gain or advantage.

AND THAT Adrienne Cleland, Professors Metson and Morrow, Andrew Creahan, Pamela Moss, Todd Somerville, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Sharmaine Naidoo, and Wendy Verschaerens be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public had been excluded, because of their knowledge of, or need to be briefed about, the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, was relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons were responsible.

The meeting closed at 4.50pm.

The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 6.00pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Scott St John, Chancellor                       Date