



<b>PRESENT:</b>	Ms Tarrant (Chair), Professor Freshwater (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Tolmie, Ms Kinser, Mr Mason, Mr Paitai, Ms Barakat, and Ms Skipper, Ms Quinn	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Mrs Cleland, Professors Linton, Kool and Bloomfield F, Ms Moss, Mr Bluett, Ms Catanach, Mr Thomas, Mr Brandon, Mr Rose, and Ms Verschaeren	
<b>COUNCIL BRIEFINGS</b>	The briefings took place prior to the meeting	
<b>KARAKIA</b>	The meeting started with a karakia.	
<b>1. APOLOGIES</b>	Ms Arnott-Neenee and Mr McDonald	
<b>2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>With regard to item 5.1.2 <b>Domestic Student Fees 2025 and International Student Fees 2026</b>, Professor Tolmie, Ms Barakat, and Ms Kinser disclosed that they were students or had family members who were studying at the University.</p> <p>It was agreed that these declared conflicts would not preclude the members participating in the discussions and voting.</p>	<b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/ Ms Skipper): That the disclosures be noted, and the action taken be endorsed.
<b>3. COUNCIL MEETINGS</b>	3.1 <b>Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 26.08.2024</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/ Vice-Chancellor): that the Minutes (Part A), 26.08.2024 be taken as <b>read</b> and <b>confirmed</b> .
	3.2 <b>Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 26.08.2024 not elsewhere on the Agenda</b>	

<p><b>4. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT</b></p>	<p>The Report was taken as read.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Freshwater, presented this item.</p> <p>She provided the following supplementing information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Blues awards ceremony took place recently in Building 210 and the Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the achievements of the Blues Award winners and thanked the Chancellor for attending that ceremony.</li> <li>• She advised Council that today the embargo on the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2025 had been lifted, and it was pleasing to see that the University of Auckland was able to maintain its strong position. In an increasingly competitive landscape, with more than 300 additional universities being ranked, the University was ranked at 152 compared to 150 last year which meant that the University was sitting in the top 7.3 percent of universities in the world, up slightly from being in the top 7.9 percent in 2024. The University of Auckland remained No 1 in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Vice-Chancellor added that this achievement needed to be acknowledged in the community, as it was the work of all staff and students that had made this possible. The Vice-Chancellor also commented that in December, the University's rankings strategy would be presented to Council in the briefings.</li> <li>• A second round of meetings of the Universities with the University Advisory Group led by Sir Peter Gluckman had been planned for November-December.</li> <li>• Council would have noted that concerns raised at Senate regarding CFT were on the agenda for today's meeting.</li> </ul> <p>In the discussion that followed, the Chancellor commented that the Blues Award Ceremony was a splendid event. On that occasion, the University also acknowledged Alan Shaker who had been the President of AUSA for the last two years. Council noted that feedback loops back to all staff would be in place for the newly developed engagement survey tool. In addition, Council thanked the Vice-Chancellor and all staff on achieving high results in the recent rankings.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be <b>noted</b>.</p>
<p><b>5. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES</b></p>	<p>5.1 <b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>5.1.1 <b>Minutes, (Part A), 18.09.2024</b></p> <p>5.1.2 <b>Domestic Student Fees 2025 and International Student Fees 2026</b></p> <p>This item was introduced by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Corporate Services, Mr Bluett. The paper was taken as read.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Barakat): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A) 18.09.2024 be <b>received</b>.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Kinser): that</p> <p>i) The Report on Domestic Student Fees 2025 and International Student Fees 2026 be <b>received and noted</b>; and</p>

	<p>He started by describing the context in which the fees were being proposed, recognising that the economy remained tight in New Zealand while trying to bring inflation under control. The financial sustainability considerations for the University and the tertiary sector were very important, noting also the uncertainty while waiting for the outcome of the reviews undertaken by the University Advisory Group. It was also important to acknowledge the increased cost of living.</p> <p>The paper addressed the component of domestic fees that the students would have to pay which was governed by the AMFM (Annual Maximum Fee Movement), set by the Government which, since the Finance Committee meeting of 18.09.2024 had been confirmed at 6% for 2025 while the Government tuition subsidy (previously SAC) was confirmed at 2.5%. Those two components had not retained parity with inflation since 2020. The paper recommended the full maximum increase of 6%, also recommending the same increase to the micro-credential courses. For international fees a 5% increase was proposed for 2026 and a 4% study abroad increase.</p> <p>The Compulsory Student Services Fee (CSSF) required consultation with students which took place around the maximum fee increase of 4%. This included funding for the increasing demand for advocacy services provided by AUSA.</p> <p>During the discussion that followed, Council noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee had discussed the University’s financial environment to better understand where the need for the proposed 6% increase originated from, and it was important to be transparent in communicating the decision making to students.</li> <li>• International students would look at world rankings when making a decision about studying overseas but they also considered other factors that would determine where they want to go. (e.g. proximity to family, safety etc)</li> <li>• The consultation with students about the CSSF included the provision of additional funding to AUSA.</li> <li>• The University’s hardship funds remained often underspent and the information about the availability of these funds needed to be made widely available to the student communities.</li> </ul> <p>Council voted unanimously in favour of the resolution.</p>	<p>THAT Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <b>Approve</b> the attached Domestic Fees Schedule for 2025</li> <li>ii) <b>Approve</b> the attached International Fees Schedule for 2026 including the ELA Fee Schedule;</li> <li>iii) <b>Authorise</b> the Vice-Chancellor to assign any new programmes, including Government (DQ7+) funded micro-credentials, or programmes becoming newly available to international students in 2026, to an appropriate band to enable offers to be made during the recruitment cycle, and report these decisions back to Council;</li> <li>iv) <b>Approve</b> the Compulsory Student Services Fee at \$9.24 per point (GST inclusive) a 4% increase and the associated changes to the student fee schedule A; and</li> <li>v) <b>Approve</b> the attached Other Fees Schedule for 2025.</li> </ol>
<p>5.2 <b>AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>5.2.1 <b>Minutes, (Part A), 13.09.2024</b></p>		<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Mr Mason): that the Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A) 13.09.2024 be <b>received</b>.</p>

<p><b>6. SENATE MATTERS</b></p>	<p><b>was discussed together with item 8.2</b></p>	
<p><b>7. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>8. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING</b></p>	<p>8.1 <b>SEAL</b></p> <p>Since the Council meeting on 26.08.2024 the seal had been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deed of Rent Review - 49-51 Symonds Street, Auckland - University of Auckland (Landlord) &amp; Wilson Car Parking New Zealand Ltd (Tenant)</li> <li>• Deed of Covenant on Transfer of Lease - Apartment 63 Shed 24, Princes Wharf, Auckland - Dockland Apartment Leases Ltd (Lessor) &amp; the University of Auckland (Covenantor)</li> <li>• Storage Unit License - Locker 204 Level 3 Shed 23, Princes Wharf, Auckland (Relating to Apartment 63 Shed 24) - Dockland Storage Ltd (Licensor) &amp; the University of Auckland (Licensee)</li> </ul>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Skipper): that the affixing of the seal to the listed document be <b>noted</b>.</p>
<p><b>6. SENATE MATTERS</b> (discussed together with item 8.2 below)</p>	<p>6.1 <b>REPORT OF SENATE, SPECIAL MEETING 27.08.2024: Council to consider the advice from Senate</b></p> <p>6.2 <b>REPORT OF SENATE MEETING 16.09.2024</b></p> <p>Part A1 Policy and other matters requiring to be considered/received by Council</p> <p>Part A2, 1-2: Policy and other matters requiring Council <b>approval</b></p> <p>Part B, 1-3 Items to note by Council</p> <p>Part C, 1-3: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor advised Council that on 16.09.2024 there had been an extensive discussion about the Freedom of Expression (FoE) and Academic Freedom (AF) Policy. The University had been working on its stance on FoE and Academic Freedom since 2019 including via a Senate working group led by Professor Sir Peter Hunter in 2022/2023. The draft policy considered by Senate considered the broader legal context as well as other internal policies. A wide consultation took place about the Policy. Senate, however, voted not to</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): that the Report of the Senate special meeting 27.08.2024 be <b>received</b> and the in Part A of the Report of Senate, 16.09.2024 be <b>adopted</b> and Part C be <b>noted</b>.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note</b> the motion submitted by Senate on 27 August 2024;</li> <li>• <b>Note</b> that the CFT has been discussed by Council during the briefings;</li> <li>• <b>Note that, as confirmed at the Senate meeting on September 16, the course optimisation process run by the PDDC has been stopped and the decisions about courses and programmes were now continuing through the normal faculty process;</b></li> </ul>

recommend the Policy to Council for adoption. Accordingly further work would need to be undertaken on this to determine a way forward..

With regard to CFT, a special meeting took place on 27 August 2024, and it was further discussed at the subsequent meeting of 16 September 2024. In addition, there was the paper submitted for item 8.2 further down the agenda.

The Chancellor summarised the discussion about CFT that took place during today's Council briefings and invited further discussion. The items discussed during the briefings included:

- Acknowledging that Senate had expressed concern at the special meeting of 27.08.2024 about the course optimisation process that took place through the Provost, Deans and Directors Committee (PDDC) in addition to concerns about other aspects of CFT.
- Noting that the course optimisation process through PDDC had been stopped and the normal process would continue within faculties.
- Discussing the Waipapa Taumata Rau (WTR) and Transdisciplinary (TD) courses, enabling Council to understand the content and process.
- Noting there was a WTR course piloted this year and would be reviewed when the pilot would finish. Next year there would be a WTR course in all faculties except Law.  
There were two TD courses piloted this year and six scheduled for 2025 as part of the General Education schedule. The shift away from General Education and the formal inclusion of 12 TD courses is planned for 2026.

In the subsequent discussion, Council noted the following:

- To date, the student feedback related to the pilot 2024 WTR course and TD courses is positive.
- Whilst the University had well-developed top-down processes for developing strategies like the CFT, the same ground-up processes were not as robust. This could mean that there might need to be broader consultation processes built in to consult with the levels below faculty Heads or Associate Deans about projects like the CFT.
- Although there had been workshops about CFT in the faculties that had been attended by many staff members, the way that CFT was submitted to Senate remained challenging for some academic staff and care would be taken to signal the CFT processes more clearly to Senate.
- Since concern had been raised about the CFT processes, changes had been implemented by management to remediate this and the collaboration between academic and professional staff to make all the taumata of CFT happen was acknowledged.
- Regulations relating to TD courses are being drafted and would be submitted to Senate through Education Committee in due course.

- **Acknowledge** the concerns raised by Senate about the PDDC coordinated course optimisation process and the overall programme of implementing CFT and encouraged management to continue to engage with all areas of the university on the CFT;
  - **Note**, however, that it is important that the courses and programmes at the University be reviewed regularly to maintain a contemporary suite of offerings for students and to ensure coherence and relevance of the qualifications being offered by the University and to ensure the continued financial viability of the University,
  - **Request** that Council receive at its March meeting in 2025 a report on the reviews of the piloted WTR and TD courses that ran in 2024;
  - **Request** that a review be conducted on the WTR courses at the end of 2025 and a report of that review be presented to Council at its meeting in March 2026;
  - **Request** that Council receive a report on the review that will be conducted on the TD courses at the end of 2025;
- That**, following the discussion, the implementation of the **CFT should continue** in the manner set out in the paper presented to Council **on the CFT** under item 8.2.

	<p>8.2 <b>CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK TRANSFORMATION</b> (Discussed together with Item 6 Senate Matters)</p> <p>The Chancellor thanked management for the work undertaken as part of the CFT and also thanked academic and professional staff, and students for their feedback to Council.</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Pro Chancellor/Ms Quinn): that Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>NOTE</b> the Curriculum Framework Transformation (CFT) programme is a framework comprising several elements.</li> <li>• <b>NOTE</b> that the course optimisation process coordinated via the Provost, Deans and Directors Committee has been stopped and that any ongoing changes to course portfolios will be undertaken by Faculties through the normal academic processes.</li> <li>• <b>NOTE</b> that Senate has already endorsed, and Council has subsequently approved, policies and regulations relating to elements of the CFT, including the Graduate Profile and the Waipapa Taumata Rau courses with the latter now effective for 2025 undergraduate degree enrolments.</li> <li>• <b>NOTE</b> that implementation work continues on the approved CFT elements coming into effect in 2025.</li> <li>• <b>NOTE</b> that regulations pertaining to 2026 changes, including the Transdisciplinary (TD)-related course and programme-specific TD course-related regulations, are in development.</li> <li>• <b>REQUEST</b> management, Senate and Faculty sub-committees to provide further advice on the direction and benefits of the remaining CFT elements at its March 2025 meeting through the normal channels. Noting that whilst preparatory work may continue in the meantime, such advice to be received prior to further policy and regulatory decisions being made.</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. ELECTIONS - APPOINTMENTS</b></p>	<p>9.1 <b>APPOINTMENT OF THE ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE ON COUNCIL</b></p> <p>The Chancellor yielded the chair to Ms Quinn for this item and left the meeting. Ms Tarrant was the alumni representative on Council and was appointed</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (Pro Chancellor/Ms Kinser): that Council <b>re-appoint</b> Cecilia Tarrant for a four year term commencing 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2028, to fill the position on Council provided for in s.3(g) of the Constitution of the</p>

	<p>though an expression of interest process from 01.01.2017 and re-appointed on 01.01.2021.</p> <p><a href="#">The UoA Constitution from 19.02.2019</a> stated under s 5: With the exception of the Vice-Chancellor, each person may be appointed, elected or co-opted as a member of the Council under the foregoing provisions for any period of not more than four years, and for no more than three such periods. In such cases where a person is a member of the Council on 31 December 2015, and has not completed their current term, they may serve up to four periods of no more than four years each.</p> <p>Ms Tarrant was a member of Council on 31.12.2015 but had at that time, not completed her term on Council allowing her to serve another term of four years on Council.</p> <p>In accordance with s 11 of the <a href="#">Council Appointments Procedures</a> it was decided not to seek expressions of interest and proposed to reappoint the current Alumni member.</p>	<p>University of Auckland for one person being an alumnus of the University of Auckland.</p>
	<p>9.2     <b>ELECTION OF THE CHANCELLOR AND PRO CHANCELLOR</b></p> <p>The Registrar, Mrs Cleland took the Chair for the first part of this item.</p> <p>9.2.1   <b>ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR FOR 2025</b></p> <p>Nominations were called for the position of Chancellor until 31.12.2025 date.</p> <p>One nomination only was received, for Ms Cecilia Tarrant (Ms Quinn/Ms Kinser)</p> <p>There being no other nominations, the Registrar declared <b>Ms Tarrant re-elected as Chancellor for a term starting on 01.01.2025 and ending 31.12.2025.</b></p> <p>Carried by acclamation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Chancellor returned to the meeting.</b></p> <p>9.2.2   <b>ELECTION OF PRO-CHANCELLOR FOR 2025</b></p> <p>The Chancellor resumed the Chair for this part of the item.</p> <p>Nominations were called for the position of Pro-Chancellor.</p> <p>One nomination only was received, for Ms Cathy Quinn (Chancellor/Mr Paitai).</p>	

	<p>There being no other nominations, the Chancellor declared <b>Ms Quinn re-elected as Pro-Chancellor for a term starting on 01.01.2025 and ending 31.12.2025.</b></p> <p>Carried by acclamation.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor thanked Ms Tarrant and Mas Quinn for standing again for this election.</p>
<b>10. GENERAL BUSINESS</b>	None
<b>11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>	<p>(for the meeting of 09.12.2024)</p> <p>Professor Tolmie requested leave.</p>



## **PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS**

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Barakat): that the public be excluded from Part B of this meeting.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is 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 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered:

Item No. 1.1	Council Minutes Part B 26.08.2024
Item No. 2.1.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee – Membership
Item No. 2.2.1	Finance Committee – Minutes Part B, 18.09.2024
Item No. 2.2.2	Financial Performance 2024 to 2026
Item No. 2.3.1	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes Part B 13.09.2024
Item No. 2.3.2	Audit and Risk Committee Minutes Part B 26.09.2024 (circular resolution)
Item No. 2.4.1	Honours Committee – Professor Emeritus proposal

Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter:

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 Linton and Bloomfield F, Andrew Phipps, Tim Bluett, Pamela Moss, Helen Cattanach, Anthony Brandon, Andrew Rose, and Wendy Verschaeren be permitted to remain for this part of the meeting, after the public has 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, is relevant to those matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons are responsible.

**The meeting closed at 6.15pm**

**The meeting went into Public Excluded session at 5.55pm**

**Approved as a true and correct record.**

**Cecilia Tarrant, Chancellor**

**Date**