

# Council Minutes

4:30pm  
Council Room  
21 August 2017



- Present:** Mr St John (Chair), Professor McCutcheon (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Daniell, Ms Dawson (by telephone), Mrs Dunphy, Associate Professor Kawharu, Mr Kiely, Associate Professor Sims, Ms Tarrant, Mr Matthews
- In Attendance:** Mrs Cleland, Professors Morrow and Metson, Ms Davila, Mr Gudsell, Mrs Moss, Mrs Verschaeren
- Welcome:** The Chancellor welcomed the participants in the University's Women in Leadership Programme, who were observing Part A of this Council meeting.

## PART A – Open Minutes

### 1. APOLOGIES

Sir Ralph Norris, Mr Ferrier

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor): That the apologies be noted.

### 2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

No further disclosures were made.

### 3. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES

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

### 4. AWARD OF DIPLOMAS

With the authority of Council, the Chancellor **awarded** the diplomas as per the schedule provided to the meeting.

### 5. COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### 5.1 Council, Draft Minutes (Part A), 19.06.17

A minor correction was made to Item 11.4, p. 6, fourth paragraph, second sentence; to read: *"A difficult issue was that of the academic staff members who left the University in the last 18 months, most taught in the four compulsory courses in Part 2 Law and that, when the semester started, there had been only one replacement for these staff members"*.

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/ Mrs Dunphy): That the Minutes (Part A) of the Council meeting held on 19.06.17 be taken as **read** and **confirmed**, subject to the above correction.

#### 5.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 19.06.17 not elsewhere on the Agenda.

No matters arising.

## 6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor's report was taken as read.

The Vice-Chancellor drew Council's attention to the passing of Sir John Graham, former Chancellor of the University of Auckland (point 2.1) and extended Council's deepest sympathy to Lady Shiela and their family.

With regards to point 1.1, it was noted that the wording on p.11: "*It is understood that there was no exposure*" meant that, based on the information available to Property Services at the time of the discovery, there had been no exposure to asbestos.

With regards to point 9.1, it was noted that the criteria to establish a university were set out in Section 162 of the Education Act 1989 and an organisation that met these criteria, could apply to become a university. It would, however, not be appropriate for any institution that did not meet the statutory criteria of universities to be called a university.

Council raised the question whether, for clarifying purposes, it would not be preferable to consult with Māori colleagues and investigate whether the University of Auckland's Māori name: "Te Whare Wānanga o Tamaki Makaurau" should be replaced by a name that did not include the word "wānanga".

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/ Ms Tarrant): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be **noted**.

## 7. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

### 7.1 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE

#### 8.2.1 Minutes (Part A), 27.07.17

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Capital Expenditure Committee Minutes (Part A), 27.07.17 be **received**.

### 7.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE

#### 7.2.1 Minutes (Part A), 25.07.17

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 25.07.17 be **received**.

#### 7.2.2 Financial Performance to 31 March and Forecast for 2017

The Chief Financial Officer, Mr Peter Gudsell presented this item. He reiterated that the financial position of the University remained strong. The aspects that were causing some risks to the operating surplus, were unusual cost items related to construction, demolition and especially asbestos removal.

A formal forecast for 2017 was currently in the making.

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mr Matthews): that the Financial Performance to 31 March and Forecast for 2017 Report be **received**; and that Council **note** the Finance Committee report that the University's forecast performance against budget, TEC financial risk criteria, the University's own financial management parameters, Strategic Plan objectives related to financial and resource management and debt-related and other external covenants are satisfactory.

## 8. SENATE MATTERS

### 8.1 Report of Senate, 31.07.17

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Morrow, introduced the Report of Senate.

Part A: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval  
Part B, 1: Matters for noting by Council  
Part C, 1-3: Matters handled under Delegated Authority

He commented that, at the request of the Faculties involved, the 2018 Programme Limitations had been tweaked since the Meeting of Senate, 31.07.17 and the following changes had been made:

- The limitation for the Bachelor of Property (BProp) increased from 135 to 165; and
- A limit of 150 was set for the Postgraduate Diploma in Education (PGDipEd) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Social Work (PGDipSW).

With regards to the Review of the Discipline of History, the Report mentioned that the last review took place in 2004. Council asked if there had not been another review since then, as this seemed a long time and reviews usually follow a seven-year cycle.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) responded that he would follow up on this.

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Associate Professor Kawaharu): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 29.05.17 be **adopted**, and Parts B and C be **noted**.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR

No items received.

## 10. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING

### 10.1 SEAL

Since the Council meeting on 19.10.16 the seal had been applied to the following documents in accordance with the Council resolution of 18.02.1991:

- (1) Deed of Assignment of Lease : 59 Park Road, Grafton, Auckland: Up Aqua Foods Ltd and The University of Auckland
- (2) Deed of Lease : 55 Symonds Street, Auckland : New Zealand Education Holdings Ltd and The University of Auckland
- (3) Deed of Renewal of Lease: University House, 19A Princes Street, Auckland : Nineteen Princes LLC and The University of Auckland

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Professor McCutcheon): that the affixing of the seal to the above documents be **noted**.

### 10.2 RESCINDMENT

#### 10.2.1 Student Lisa Maree Stowers ID: 9455546

Memorandum, 10.08.17 from the Director of Academic Services, Mrs Joanna Browne.

At its meeting of 19.10.16, Council conferred a Graduate Diploma in Arts on the student.

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Memorandum, 10.08.17 from the Director of Academic Services be **received** and that Council **rescind** the

Graduate Diploma in Arts conferred on 19 October 2016 and **confer** a Postgraduate Diploma in Arts.

**11. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**11.1 UPDATE REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DILIGENT BOARDS**

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Mrs Dunphy): that Council **receive and note** the memorandum, 07.08.17 from Mrs Wendy Verschaeren, University Committee Executive regarding the implementation of Diligent Boards

**12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (for Council meeting of 16 October 2017)

None requested at this time.

## **PART B**

### **PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS**

**RESOLVED** (Chancellor/Professor McCutcheon): 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. 13.1	Council Meeting Minutes (Part B), 19.06.17
Item No. 14.1	University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee, 04.08.17
Item No. 14.2.1	Capital Expenditure Committee, Minutes (Part B), 27.07.17
Item No. 14.2.2	Proposal relating to Park West, Grafton
Item No. 14.3.1	Finance Committee, Minutes (Part B), 25.07.17
Item No. 14.4	University Honours Committee Reports, 03.08.17 and 07.08.17
Item No. 14.5	Naming Committee Report, 07.08.17
Item No. 14.6	Vice-Chancellor's Review Committee
Item No. 15.1	Memorandum regarding the appointment of Esquires Bedell

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, Professor Jim Metson, Peter Gudsell, Gabriella Davila, Peter Fehl, Brendan Mosely, Michael Rengers, Pamela Moss 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 it relates to aspects of the administration of The University of Auckland for which those persons are responsible.

**The Meeting moved into Public Excluded Session at 5.20pm**

**The Meeting closed at 5.50pm**

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

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**Scott St John, Chancellor**

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**Date**