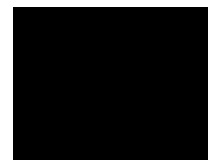


# COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare  
Wānanga o Waitaha



## Minutes

Date	<b>Wednesday 29 April 2020</b>
Time	4.00 pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki and via video-link
Present	Ms Sue McCormack (Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor) Via video-link: Mr Steve Wakefield (Pro-Chancellor), Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Liz Bond, Ms Rachael Evans, Ms Keiran Horne, Ms Tori McNoe, Professor Roger Nokes, Mr Warren Poh, Ms Gillian Simpson, Mr Shayne Te Aika.
Apologies	None
In Attendance	Via video-link: Mr Paul O’Flaherty, Acting University Registrar and Council Secretary Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Mr Keith Longden, Executive Director, Planning, Finance and IT Mrs Raewyn Crowther, University Council Coordinator  Four members of the public attended via video-link.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts advised for the public section of the meeting.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **MATTERS ARISING**

None

### **FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

#### **Council Work Plan**

Mr O’Flaherty noted that the work plan would be revised in light of the need to reprioritise items given the current situation. Members were to advise the Chancellor of any matters they wished to see remain on the work plan.

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 awaht*

continuing with TEC and the Ministry of Education to seek assistance for students.

The Vice-Chancellor then discussed the impact of the pandemic on the University:

The university had continued to operate remotely: planned events had gone ahead utilising the zoom platform, webinars had been run and the Senior Leadership Team continued to operate.

The biggest impact would be in the reduction in international enrolments.

The Business Continuity Group was working on mitigations and exploring opportunities.

The full impact was still to be seen but models were being developed based on the following assumptions:

- Best case scenario - a return to campus in full at level two, and worst case scenario – a continuation of the status quo for the remainder of the year
- Borders remained closed for 2020. It was hoped that in 2021 international students would be able to return to campus following a period of quarantine.

FutureU had been created to explore opportunities such as Business to Business Partnerships and growing our traditional domestic market.

The Vice-Chancellor would continue to meet weekly with UNZ to develop a sector-wide approach, and had been invited to join an international panel convened by the United States National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, to discuss the impact of the virus on universities internationally and what the future might look like.

The capability of IT to support online delivery was questioned and it was noted that the team had worked well providing full help-desk support, establishing a site-wide zoom licence and boosting the software to enable remote connections. A support company was being appointed to assist with advice on dealing with increased support requirements of LEARN.

In closing the Vice-Chancellor commended the full team effort and the important contribution of the UCSA to the planning efforts.

Moved

***That: Council note the Vice-Ej cpegnqt au O qpvj if Tgr qtv.***

Carried

## **FROM THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

Professor Wright presented the report noting that the Vice-Chancellor had commenced chairing the meetings and a deputy chair was to be appointed who would report to Council.

The March meeting had been held via zoom with an exceptionally high attendance and discussed the COVID-19 response and a group of proposals for course changes that would be sent to CUAP for noting or approval. The most substantive changes were the introduction of a 180 point Masters degree and a new Master of Business which combined two business degrees.







**RETURN TO  
PUBLIC MEETING**

Council returned to public meeting at 6.12pm.