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### **4.3 Health Centre**

In late 2018 the Ministry of Health (MoH) amended the way funding for services would be administered through the Public Health Organisation (PHO) to frontline practices such as ours. The impact was a change to how funds would be allocated through enrolled domestic patients, with a greater percentage of funding going to those patients who held a Community Services Card (CSC). A communications plan was launched encouraging all students to enrol for a CSC to avoid additional fees.

### **4.4 Careers**

In 2018 there were over 16,500 student engagements with UC Careers through career consultations, seminars, workshops and Career Fair events, a 64% increase on 2017. The team hosted 167 employer recruitment presentations for over 5000 students, over 2100 career consultations, and 1619 students registered for the Co-curricular Record. We plan to build on this in 2019.

The Law and Justice Recruitment Evening | Taiopenga Rapuara Ture and Commerce Careers Fair | Taiopenga Rapuara Tauhokohoko will be held in early March; each have sold 15 and 17 sites respectively. The Engineering and Science and ICT Careers Fairs have been combined in 2019 to form the STEM Careers Fair | Taiopenga (science, technology, engineering and math) which will be held in May in the Engineering Core and Ernest Rutherford buildings.

### **4.5 Pasifika**

Plans are in place for the Pasifika welcome on 23 February sicesse

### **5.3 Health, Safety and Wellbeing**

### *Learning Evaluation*

In order to understand student experience and inform our learning and teaching, the survey team has set the survey calendar for 2019. As the first of a suite of student life-cycle research, the Early Experience Survey (EES) will be delivered in week three of Semester 1, which allows UC to better understand the characteristics of the first-year intake, with a view to tailoring support and enhancing retention and student success.

### *Academic Development*

The call for participation in tutor training has gone out, and work is continuing on developing a framework on micro-credentials. An enhanced user-friendly Graduate Profile website is ready for launch.

### *Timetabling*

Ensuring a high-quality teaching experience through an appropriate timetable and use of spaces is the aim. Courses scheduling into Manawa is going well despite usual challenges of scheduling across multiple institutions. It is exciting to be able to add the Rehua teaching rooms to our pool of central spaces, and we look forward to seeing how the academic community makes use of these.

## **7. Research**

R&I is supporting academics for proposal submissions to the two major funding rounds of the year – the MBIE Endeavour Fund and the Marsden Fund. UC submitted 28 Smart Idea proposals to the Endeavour Fund, and are developing 12 Research Programme proposals for submission in early March. Concurrently, UC is developing 119 Marsden Fund applications, due in late February. Both the Endeavour and Marsden funds have a two-stage process, with invitations for full proposals later in the year. An external review of the strategies, processes, and incentives for capturing external research income generation across R&I and the commercial director has resigned to return to the private venture-capital sector.

For 2019, 15 contracts worth a total of \$1.6 million have been executed to date, and 37 contracts worth at least \$14m are pending (in the process of being executed). UC currently holds 77 National Science Challenges contracts worth \$24m and 65 CoRE contracts worth \$33.7m (with three NSC/CoRE contracts pending, worth \$19,000).

## Postgraduate Research

Professor Bryce Williamson has begun a one-year term as Dean of Postgraduate Research, following Professor Jon Harding

Veer has assumed the role as Associate Dean of PGR (Scholarships), while Associate Professor Bronwyn Hayward continues as the other Associate Dean responsible for admissions. The Summer Undergraduate Research Scholar programme has been completed, and research and financial efficacy of the programme will be reviewed in the coming weeks. The number of doctoral students, including those post-submission but excluding those on suspension, was 831, which is a slight decrease for the same time in 2018 and 2017. T and research) was 1,238, substantially higher than the figures of 1,086 and 926 in the previous two years.

### 8. Biculturalism

In 2019, focus on bicultural competence and confidence (BICC), with this content continuing to be embedded in course content and programmes of study. We will meet regularly with Deans to ensure our BICC work

Chinese students visiting UC, on the unique bicultural history and society of Aotearoa. Te Ohu Reo have received a large number of naming and te reo content requests over the summer. Staff professional development courses have begun, with seven general sessions of Ora and several college sessions to be held this year. will be held seven times in 2019.

forward to the March 2019 enrolment statistics, which will confirm the conversion rate.

will be paralleled with a whole-of-office review, with the aim of ensuring we meet the aspirations d achievement.

### 9. Finances

Actual Year to Date \$000	Budget Year to Date \$000	Budget Variance Year to Date \$000
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We had been budgeting for an operating deficit as at the end of January 2019 of (\$9.867) million, but have returned an operating deficit of (\$5.225) million. This is a favourable variance to budget of \$4.642 million. \$2.197 million of this favourable variance relates to leave provision adjustment, with \$1.820 million of this in colleges. Capital expenditure is \$19.162 million below budget. \$2.850 million of the expenditure incurred to date is UC Futures-related (RRSIC, Rehua, and CETF) against a year-to-date budget of \$20.175 million. The January 2019 cash position of \$316.808 million is higher than budget by \$37.919 million due largely to higher than expected balances at 31 December 2018, and lower operating and capital spend. For further details please refer to the latest monthly financial report.









### **13. COLLEGE SUMMARIES (PROVIDED BY PVCs)**

#### **College of Arts (7 H 5 — Q J Taha ZAR L)**

Changes in College leadership include Peter Field taking over as Head of Humanities and Creative Arts. The role of Dean (Research and Postgraduate) has been phased out: Deputy PVC Paul Millar now has oversight of research, and the Dean (Academic), postgraduate matters. The Dean (International), Chris Jones, has joined the management team. The BA review panel has met regularly, looking at options for introducing core, skills-oriented courses. We are moving to the online version of the workload model, incorporating metrics for service and administration as well as teaching; and have begun to examine and respond to the outcomes of the organisational culture surveys we undertook last year. The College will soon resume the scholarly and cultural events that link us to our community. The School of Music Friday lunchtime recital series starts 22 February, and the Monday evening New Music Central concerts begin on 18 February with *Mukhlisa*, blending Western jazz with Middle-Eastern percussion. On 6 April, the Teece Museum will present a new exhibition, *Fantastic Feasts*, exploring food in the ancient world.

#### **College of Business and Law (7 H 5 — Q J D L 8 F D Ored P H)**

I would like to thank all colleagues who worked over the summer to deliver a number of Business School courses and programmes. These included the MBA and BTM programmes; two outgoing Study Tour courses

**College of Education, Health and Human Development (7 H 5 — Q J D L T S H A R O R A H)**

The College has successfully shifted to Rehua, and we are very pleased to be located in the heart of campus. It has been wonderful to hear the buzz of excitement and interest in our new space from students and staff. We also appreciate the enthusiastic welcome from our colleagues. The Moana Nui a Kiwa (formerly known as Coppertop), Centre for Community Engagement, and state-of-the-art facilities enable us to further showcase and expand our research and teaching excellence. Being on Ilam campus also enables our students to be better connected to the many central support services and UCSA activities.

Thanks to the collective efforts of both professional and academic staff, our student recruitment and retention efforts have been a resounding success, showing an overall increase of 6.7% in enrolments across all programmes in the College. We are also fortunate to be welcoming 10 new staff members to our College community.

**College of Science (7 H 5 — Q J D L 3 I W D L D R)**



### 13.2 Appendix 3: VC Activities

<b>Past</b> 5 February 2019	Attended UCE EY Summer Start up Programme Showcase
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