

Council Minutes Part A
(Open Meeting)
4:00pm
17 October 2018



Present: Mr St John (Chair), Professor McCutcheon (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Daniell, Mrs Dunphy, Ms Dawson, Mr Ferrier, Mr Kiely, Sir Ralph Norris, Ms Tarrant, Associate Professor Sims, Ms Cusack, Associate Professor Kawharu.

In Attendance: Mrs Cleland, Mr Gudsell, Ms Finucane, Mrs Verschaeren
Mr Phipps and Ms Litten for item 3 in Part B

1. APOLOGIES	None	
2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST BY COUNCIL MEMBERS	<p>With regards to Item 7.2.2: Ms Cusack pointed out that, as student, she had a conflict of interest for matters related to Domestic and International Fees and the Compulsory Student Services Fee (CSSF).</p> <p>Ms Tarrant, Ms Dawson and Mrs Dunphy disclosed that they had family members who were, current or prospective students and might be affected by Item 7.2.2.</p> <p>It was agreed that none of these conflicts should preclude the members participating in the discussion and voting on those issues.</p>	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): That the disclosures be noted and the action taken be endorsed.
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), 20.08.18	RESOLVED (Chancellor/Associate Professor Sims): That the Minutes (Part A) of the Council meeting held on 20.08.18 be taken as read and confirmed .
	5.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 20.08.18 not elsewhere on the Agenda. No matters arising.	

<p>6. VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>The report was taken as read.</p> <p>The Vice-Chancellor commented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With regards to p. 6, that Professor Cynthia Kiro had taken up her role as new Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori) on 01.10.18. • With regards to point 5.14: that the \$10.5m legacy of Warren and Judy Smith was the largest gift and bequest the University had ever received. <p>Council requested to have a presentation regarding the components of the rankings systems to ascertain what had been changing over time; this would be addressed in one of the future Council Briefings.</p> <p>The top universities in New Zealand had been going down in the rankings over the last ten years. Some issues of <i>Commentary</i> had been produced about this issue recently and these would be distributed to the members.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Kiely): that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted.</p>
<p>7. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES</p>	<p>7.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE</p> <p>7.1.1 Draft Minutes (Part A), 18.09.18</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Ms Tarrant): that the Draft Audit and Risk Committee Minutes (Part A), 18.09.18 be received.</p>
	<p>7.2 FINANCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>7.2.1 Minutes (Part A), 08.10.18</p> <p>7.2.2 Domestic Student Fees 2019 and International Student Fees 2020</p> <p>This item was presented by the Vice-Chancellor. He drew Council's attention to p. 2 of the fees paper which showed a summary of the recommendations. Key elements were that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The domestic tuition fee be increased to the 2% permissible under the Government's Annual Maximum Fee Movement Regulations. This would amount to a \$159 per annum increase per full-time domestic student, generating additional revenue of \$4.6m. 	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that the Finance Committee Minutes (Part A), 08.10.18 be received.</p> <p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Daniell): that:</p> <p>The Report on Domestic Student Fees 2019 and International Student Fees 2020 be received; and</p> <p>THAT Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve the attached Domestic Fees Schedule for 2019; (Ms Cusack dissented) Approve the attached International Fees Schedule for 2020; (Ms Cusack dissented) Authorise the Vice-Chancellor to assign any new programmes, or programmes becoming newly available to international students in 2020, to an approved band

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The International tuition fees would be increased taking into account the University's place in the market in comparison to the Universities that were part of Australia's Group of Eight. <p>The context on p.5 of the fees papers demonstrated that there was a correlation between income per student and the University rankings. The continuing decline in the ranking of the top New Zealand universities was a result of the fact that the New Zealand universities had some of the lowest levels of income per student in the top 200 universities in the World. Recently the University of Auckland had fallen out of the top 200 and sat now in the 208th place in the 200 – 250 band. New Zealand provided a fairly high level of student support but a low level support for the institutions in comparison other institutions considered for benchmarking.</p> <p>To maintain revenue per EFTS at the same level as 2018 in real terms, the 2019 Domestic student fees would need to increase by 6%. However these fees can only increase with the recommended maximum allowed 2%. This resulted in a shortfall of \$7.2m which needed to be compensated by savings.</p> <p>Over the last years the University had been growing its international student enrolments, mainly with students from China. However, the University was currently looking at diversifying this market.</p> <p>It was recommended that for 2020 the University-wide International tuition fees would increase with 3.7%.</p> <p>The Government had controlled the Compulsory Student Services Fee (CSSF) since 2011. Each year, the University had a collaborative consultation process with the students about the CSSF. A joint survey conducted between the University and AUSA showed increased student engagement with 1100 responses from students in 2018 compared to 700 the previous year.</p>	<p>to enable offers to be made during the recruitment cycle, and report these decisions back to Council;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) Authorise the Vice-Chancellor to set fees for University programmes delivered offshore and to report those to the Council meeting immediately following; e) Authorise the Vice-Chancellor to authorise faculty Deans to award bursaries (effectively a discount) on international fees on the understanding that this should drive volume, that the published fee remains at the approved rate and that standard University overheads are not compromised; and f) Approve the Compulsory Student Services Fee at \$7.06 per point (GST inclusive), and g) Approve the attached Other Fees Schedule for 2019.
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	<p>The majority of the students were of the opinion that the most important of these services were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and counselling; • Careers and employability; and • Sport and recreation <p>Over the years the University had put significant funding in these services via the compulsory student services levy and there were some concerns about the lack of transparency about the use of this funding; the University would work together with AUSA to get more clarity about the use of the funding. If this could be finalised early in 2019, additional funding for the identified services could be made available.</p> <p>It was proposed to increase the CSSF with the projected cost movement of 4.17% ensuring that all existing services were funded to the same level.</p> <p>In a discussion that followed a member noted that students were most concerned about the immediate day-to-day cost of living while studying and not only about the fees. A survey conducted with international alumni showed that they had a positive view about the way they were cared for by the University while studying here. As the international tuition fees were set two years in advance based on an estimate, Council suggested that it would be appropriate to investigate whether these estimates were accurate. As the international fees were mainly benchmarked against the Australian market, Council asked to receive the Australian Tuition Fees of the Group of Eight which were part of a strategy paper submitted to Finance Committee. In response to a query of the student representative, the Chair of the Finance Committee commented that Finance Committee, at its meeting of 08.10.18, had discussed the possibility to review the welfare funding early 2019 and, although this was included in the Finance Committee minutes, it would also be appropriate to include this in the resolutions.</p> <p><i>Council identified an error in the fees paper on p.13: The Vice-Chancellors in New Zealand had protested that the original</i></p>	
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	Government Budget did not include an increase in SAC funding for the first time in 20 years and asked for this to be corrected.	
	<p>7.3 NAMING COMMITTEE</p> <p>7.3.1 Naming Committee Report, 05.09.18</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Kiely): that Council note that, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of universal suffrage in New Zealand, the Naming Committee approved the temporary renaming of the Faculty of Science, its Schools and Department, as follows: For a period of 1 week from 19th September until 25th September inclusive, to rename the following:</p> <p><i>The Faculty of Science to the The Dame Charmian Jocelyn O'Connor Faculty of Science</i> <i>The School of Biological Sciences to The Joan Marjorie Dingley School of Biological Sciences</i> <i>The School of Chemical Sciences to The Lady Joyce Mary Waters School of Chemical Sciences</i> <i>The Department of Computer Science to The Myra Cohen Department of Computer Science</i> <i>The School of Environment to The Dorothy Una Urlich-Cloher School of Environment</i> <i>The Department of Exercise Sciences to The Annie Christina Morrison Department of Exercise Sciences</i> <i>The Institute of Marine Science to The Vivienne Cassie-Cooper Institute of Marine Science</i> <i>The Department of Mathematics to The Kate Milligan Edger Department of Mathematics</i> <i>The Department of Physics to The Janice Dolores McAdam Department of Physics</i> <i>The School of Psychology to The Dame Mira Szászy School of Psychology</i> <i>The Department of Statistics to The Jean Glover Heywood Department of Statistics</i></p> <p>At the end of this period those entities above reverted to their original names.</p>
8. SENATE MATTERS	<p>8.1 Report of Senate, 24.09.18</p> <p>Part Ai, 1 - 4: Reviews to be received by Council</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): that the recommendations in Part A of the Report of Senate, 24.09.18 be adopted and Parts B and C be noted</p>

	<p>Part Aii, 2-9: Policy and other matters requiring Council approval</p> <p>Part B, 1: Matters for noting by Council</p> <p>Part C, 1-2: Matters handled under Delegated Authority</p>	
<p>9. CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR</p>	<p>9.1 Invitation to attend the TEI Council member induction and briefing on 22.11.18 and registration form</p> <p>All TEI council members were welcome – the day was intended to complement the induction provided by each council for new members, and more experienced members would benefit from the sector and agency updates and networking.</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/ Vice-Chancellor): that the invitation to attend the TEI Council member induction and briefing on 22.11.18 be noted</p>
<p>10. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING</p>	<p>10.1 Letter of thanks from Professor Neil Broom to the Vice-Chancellor and Council</p>	<p>RESOLVED (Chancellor/Mr Ferrier): that Neil Broom’s letter be noted</p>
<p>11. ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR AND PRO-CHANCELLOR FOR 2019</p>	<p>11.1 Election of Chancellor for 2019</p> <p>The Registrar assumed the chair.</p> <p>Nominations were called for the position of Chancellor. One nomination only was received, for Mr Scott St John (Sir Ralph Norris/Mr Kiely).</p> <p>There being no other nominations, the Registrar declared Mr St John elected as Chancellor for a term for a period starting on 01.01.2019 and ending 31.12.2019.</p> <p>Carried by acclamation.</p> <p>The Chancellor assumed the Chair.</p> <p>11.2 Election of Pro-Chancellor for 2019</p> <p>Nominations were called for the position of Pro-Chancellor. One nomination only was received, for Ms Cecilia Tarrant (Chancellor/Mr Kiely).</p>	

	<p>There being no other nominations, the Chancellor declared Ms Tarrant elected as Pro-Chancellor for a term for a period starting on 01.01.2019 and ending 31.12.2019.</p> <p>Carried by acclamation.</p>	
12. GENERAL BUSINESS	None	
13. LEAVE OF ABSENCE	<p>(for Council meeting of 10 December 2018)</p> <p>No request for a leave of absence was received</p>	

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

RESOLVED (Chancellor/Vice-Chancellor): 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 Meeting Minutes (Part B), 20.08.18
Item No. 2.1.1	Animal Ethics Committee, Membership Report
Item No. 2.2.1	Audit and Risk Committee, Minutes (Part B), 18.09.18
Item No. 2.3.1	Finance Committee, Minutes (Part B), 08.10.18
Item No. 2.3.2	Financial Performance and Forecast for 2018
Item No. 2.3.3	Setting up a committed bank facility for the year-end funding requirements
Item No. 2.4	University Honours Committee Reports

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, Peter Gudsell, Lisa Finucane, 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 went into Public Excluded session at 5.15pm and closed at 6.30pm

Approved as a true and correct record.

Scott St John, Chancellor

Date