

COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare W nanga o Waitaha

Minutes

Date

Time

4.00 pm

Venue

Via video link

Present

Via video link: Ms Sue McCormack (Chancellor), Mr Steve Wakefield (Pro-Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Liz Bond, Ms Rachael Evans, Ms Kim Fowler, Professor Jack Heinemann, Mr Warren Poh, Ms Gillian Simpson, Mr Shayne Te Aika, Ms Keiran Horne.

Apologies

None

In Attendance

Ms Adela Kardos, General Counsel/Registrar and Council Secretary
Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Mr Keith Longden, Executive Director, Planning, IT and Finance
Mr Paul O'Flaherty, Executive Director,
Ms Joanne Noble-Nesbitt, Acting University Council Coordinator

The Chancellor requested that the Registrar be advised of any changes to the interests register.

There were no conflicts of interest arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021

In discussion about the academic structure, it was noted:

- that whilst some academics had wanted more detail about the new academic structure there was consensus that engagement had been positive, and academics supported the move to a faculty structure.
- Professor Heinemann who had facilitated a series of staff workshops reiterated the sense of genuine engagement and goodwill with the process.
- The new structure would provide greater cross faculty opportunities and schools/departments could belong to more than one faculty.
- A review had been undertaken concerning the creation of a Faculty of Health which had reached the same conclusion as a similar review undertaken in 2013. The findings would be shared with Council.
- The Vice-Chancellor defined a faculty as a group of disciplines or subject areas coming together who have either a similar academic perspective (i.e. Science or the Arts) or are clustered around a professional qualification (i.e. Engineering or Law).
- Following more detailed discussions, the Council would be provided with a formal recommendation from Academic Board in relation to the faculty structure, but in the meantime, it was important to keep Council updated on the progress of this matter.

In the discussion about the creation of a UC Graduate School, it was noted that:

- there was strong support for the creation of a UC Graduate School which would include Doctoral and Research Master's students.
- It had been noted as part of the discussion that this issue had first been considered 75 years ago so it was pleasing to see progress being made.
- A business case would be developed as the next stage of works.

In discussion of the Pastoral Care Code it was noted that a gap analysis was being undertaken and planning was underway to support staff awareness of the Code and provide training.

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