



Vice Chancellor's Report to Council

March 2022

Introduction

Semester 1 started off busily with a buzz of students on campus despite COVID restrictions. The impact of Omicron coincided almost exactly with Orientation week. As a result most planned social activities had to be cancelled or in some cases moved online in reduced form. The University of

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recognises a young person with exceptional potential to build a bright future for Aotearoa. From

Lecturer Dr Sarah Kessans and engineering graduate Kate Breach. Women in Space Aotearoa New Zealand aims to provide a professional network and inclusive community that supports women working in the space sector in New Zealand provides mentorship for women wanting to enter the sector and encourages the next generation of New Zealand women to pursue a career in space, particularly in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Associate Professors KATHY O'NEILL and JILL DUNN are featured on photographic boards at Christchurch bus stop shelters currently. They are advertising the 2023 Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ASCILITE) conference, which is being held in Auckland, New Zealand.

Dr Sarah Kessans, a senior lecturer in the School of Education, has been awarded the 2023 EdTech NZ's Aotearoa EdTech Excellence Whitepaper Official Release and panel discussion. The discussion focused on how we can better support the transformation of educational experiences, digital

and diversity. [FXEOLVKHG E\ & DQWHUEXU](#) It is available through the [Research Commons](#) & 83

The Law Faculty continues its preparatory work to give effect to the resolution of its professional body, the Council for Legal Education W K D W t 0 — R U L

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2020) brought 18 total visits. Top country views: New Zealand, United States, Canada, United
Kingdom, Germany.

Professor Stephen Todd, Faculty of Law has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of New
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sciences, engineering and technology, and arts and humanities. A highly influential scholar in private

As well the care for student residents led by Halls management, a student welfare team has been Z R U N L Q J W R J H W K H U Z L W K W K H 8 Q L Y H U V L W to Relive & Doc Wed U E X U to flats. The main way that the need for this and other types of support, such as academic information, has been identified is through a structured programme of making a phone call to each student and staff member who reports that the K D Y H & 2 9 , ' 7 H : D N D 3 — N — N D Q R K D V D C providing resources and support to students.

During the peak of COVID cases and close contacts in the halls residence a group of about 70 staff volunteered to help halls leadership deliver m e O V D Q G S D U F H O V W R , 0 0 0 V L G H C lunches were delivered, along with a large number of parcels amounting to about 16,000 deliveries in all. I am grateful to staff for their flexibility and generosity in relieving pressure on our halls colleagues and for contributing in a tangible way to student welfare.

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Limited social opportunities for students because of the government COVID rules has, we believe, been the primary factor for an unwelcome level of weekend disturbance on Ilam Fields and in other

In January this year, the University announced our intention to redevelop the Dovedale Campus to focus on digital screen industry education, research and commercial collaboration. The initiative responds to global demand for graduates and research and development in these industries. In addition, it supports many of the University's goals and key objectives. First and foremost, it contributes to our education and research goals. It is also a key plank in achieving sustainable scale, contributing to our positive economic impact on the local

development and to support the establishment of data governance and supporting frameworks, while working to progress new data use cases rapidly.

Development has also continued on increasing the impact and value of ACE for students and staff. Last month the combined Digital Services and Kia Angitu ACE squad went live with ACE integrating WR RXU UHODWLRQVKLS PDQDJWPHQW, ACE Paubee and beyond first year students and despite the increase in case numbers this is expected to bring the ACE team will still be able to effectively coordinate case management. The ACE integration with Dynamics was a key technical milestone of the Kia Angitu programme, as we continue to scale the '360' degree view of students for advisory and pastoral care.

Underpinning all the work being undertaken digitally is a commitment to the protection of UC people, DVVHWV DQG GDWD & KLHI 'LJLWDO 2IILFHU 0LFKDHO 2XOVG Tagwireyi have been progressing significant tactical initiatives to make immediate improvements in our protection while developing a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy and programme for UC. 0DQ\ RI WKH LQLWLDWLYHV DUH LQYLVLWLRQ to make small changes to our daily work habits, such as adopting multi IDFWRU DXWKHQWLFDWLRQ 0) Digital Services. The role of the security team is currently progressing: it has now been completed with all administrative departments and is due for completion with all faculties by June.

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A new [Sustainability Hub web page](#) has been developed to feature all our strategic work in this area. It covers teaching, learning and research related to sustainability, as well as providing a direct link to the work of the Sustainability Office and information about recognition UC has received, including rankings results and awards news. The web page appears under the 'About' section of the University website.

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