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Degrees Conferred in Absentia

Ms McCormack advised Council of the schedule of degrees to be awarded in absentia following approval by Council. The names of the graduates would be entered into the public record, including those awarded by the Executive Committee on 27 January 2021 due to that meeting of Council being cancelled.

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A group of MPs had visited campus yesterday and engaged positively with students during Club Day.

UK Universities were considering sending students for a semester to Commonwealth Universities. UC is considering a bid for such students who would be fully funded.

The VC was about to commence her term on the Academic Quality Assurance Board.

UC was expecting 82 international students of the 1000 permitted by the Government to re-enter New Zealand to continue their studies. They would be unlikely to complete visa requirements or find a place in a managed quarantine facility before April. The budget assumption based on no new international students was likely to hold.

In discussion it was noted that:

The report reflected there had been innovative thinking.

UC was a late starter with MOOCs but has learned from others. Numbers of conversions was looking promising and consideration was being given to the possibility of stacking micro-credentials into a qualification. The Business School had shown the most innovation in this space. The VC would report back on the percentage of courses that are offered via distance learning.

MOOCs are building brand recognition and allowed customised delivery. The possibility of joint branding and providing accreditation of other courses could be considered. Recent post-graduate students were being contacted to consider making application to the \$10M COVID Science Fellowship initiative.

The Health Services Review had been prompted by the growing demand for health and referral services. The report had indicated an issue with internal fragmentation of service. The new Director of Health and Safety would respond to the recommendations.

T p anuku Hall was fully occupied and higher than expected demand for catered accommodation had led to changes being made in the dining space. Private halls were fully occupied but there were spaces in the CLV halls.

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That: Council note the Vice-Chancellor

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**FROM THE AUDIT
AND RISK
COMMITTEE**

Ms Keiran Horne reported on the meeting of the Risk Advisory Committee (ARC) on 15 February 2021.

Council Policy Reviews

ARC had discussed the paper and recommended Council approve the paper's recommendations. It was agreed that Council would also review all of the Council policies once a year to determine if Council should be the approving authority and if any other policies should be approved by Council in line with practice in other universities.

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That: Council:

- i) *Confirm the review frequency for all Council approved policy documents, as per the table in the paper;*
- ii) *Review and confirm that Council remains the Approval Authority for all governance policies, with the exception of:*
 - a. *the Parking and Traffic Statute, which would be delegated to the Vice-Chancellor, with permission given to sub-delegate the task;*
 - b. *The Approval Authority for the Risk Management and Compliance Framework to revert back to Council from ARC;*
- iii) *Approve the amendment to the wording of the Court of Convocation Statute (clause*
- iv) *Retain the power to make statutes for the Court of Convocation, including approving amendments to it;*
- v) *Note:*
 - a. *that the Appointments and Election Statute review would be delayed until the Propero recommendations were received and considered by Council;*
 - b. *that the Delegation of Authority Policy would be*

