

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
TE WHARE WĀNANGA O WAIKATO**

ACADEMIC BOARD: 28 APRIL 2021

Minutes (Part 1) of the meeting held on 28 April 2021.

Present: Professor N Quigley (Chair), Professor M Barbour, Professor M Berryman, Mr M Bolger, Associate Professor T Bowell, Professor C Breen, Ms J Champion, Associate Professor M Cheng, Dr C Curtis, Associate Professor S Dillon, Professor M Dyer, Mr J Govers, Dr K Hébert-Losier, Dr K Hemi, Associate Professor A Hinze, Professor G Holmes, Associate Professor M Houlahan, Professor B James, Professor A Jones, Ms M Jordan-Tong, Associate Professor G Khan, Professor D Klinger, Professor T Kukutai, Professor P Leman, Mr Z Liu, Ms M Lolaki, Professor R Longhurst, Professor M Manley-Harris, Associate Professor A Mohsin, Associate Professor S Morrison, Mr M Oladejo, Dr S Peel, Associate Professor K Perszyk, Associate Professor S Peters, Associate Professor K Petrie, Professor B Pfahringer, Professor V Reid, Professor A Roy, Associate Professor G Schott, Professor F Scrimgeour, Ms M Singh, Professor S Strasser, Ms L Thebe, Professor M Thrupp, Dr S Tiakiwai, and Professor M Walmsley.

In attendance: Mrs R Alexander, Ms A Beardsmore, Mr B McGibbon

Secretariat: Mr T O'Brien

21.21 APOLOGIES

Received

Apologies for absence from Dr P Barrett, Professor B Barton, Dr J Bowen, Ms T Brown, Ms K Campbell-Kamariera, Professor E Collins, Professor B Cowie, Professor B Curtis, Dr K Edmonds, Associate Professor S Ellis, Ms K Fisher, Mr R Hallett, Professor B Jackson, Ms A Joliffe-Simpson, Associate Professor T Keegan, Professor K Pickering, Associate Professor M Prinsep, Ms A Ranginui-Charlton, Professor A Rose, Mr T Rurehe, Dr J Waiti, Professor K Weaver and Professor I White.

21.22 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PART 1) HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2021

Confirmed

The minutes of the meeting (Part 1) held on 24 February 2021, as set out in document 21/162a.

21.23 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Received

The report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 1), as set out in document 21/163a.

21.24 MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY STUDENT MEMBERS

Noted in discussion

1. That the student representatives of the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science (DHECS) Divisional Board had noted a lack of understanding by students about the FLEXI teaching approach. In addition, they commented on the small number of FLEXI papers available within their division.
2. That there was quite a bit of variation across divisions in terms of the number of FLEXI papers offered. This was sometimes due to practical components, such as labs. Further, that the challenges with students understanding FLEXI papers were not just limited to DHECS.
3. That the University was very interested in getting student feedback on the FLEXI approach to help determine if it should be continued in future.
4. That it appeared that students were receiving the FLEXI option quite positively. If the University decided to continue with this option in future, further work would be undertaken on improving course advice about FLEXI options to students. This could be in the form of both improved general communications, as well as further detail and clarification in paper outlines.
5. That it would be particularly helpful if paper outlines provided a description about the learning experiences a student might have under the different teaching approaches. It would also be useful to know what software was required for a paper, and whether licences for this software were available through the University.

21.25 REPORTS OF COUNCIL

Received

1. The report of the 16 February 2021 meeting of Council as set out in document 21/164.
2. The report of the 30 March 2021 meeting of Council as set out in document 21/165.

21.26 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Education Committee meeting held on 14 April 2021, as set out in document 21/166.

Noted in discussion

1. That the White Paper had served its purpose of generating discussion about assessment practices, and thanks were expressed to everyone who had engaged in this discussion.
2. That the Divisional Boards had not supported the White Paper and, therefore, the paper would not be proceeding any further. That a set of guiding principles would be developed instead, and these would be circulated for consideration at the next committee cycle commencing in June.
3. That the New Zealand Qualifications Authority had also developed a draft document on assessment, and it would be worthwhile integrating any useful practices that they had identified.

21.27 REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Research Committee meeting held on 31 March 2021, as set out in document 21/167.

Noted in discussion

That the process for determining the University's Summer Research Scholarships was reverting back to a previous process. The aim of this was to give the divisions greater autonomy over the decisions made about the scholarships through the Associate Deans Research.

21.28 REPORT OF THE MĀORI ACADEMIC BOARD OF STUDIES

Received

The report of the Māori Academic Board of Studies meeting held on 10 March 2021, as set out in document 21/168.

21.29 REPORTS OF THE DIVISIONAL BOARDS

Received

The reports of the Divisional Board meetings held on 1 – 5 March 2021, as set out in documents 21/169 – 21/172.

21.30 ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS 2021

Received

1. The summary list of proposals and reviewers for Round One 2021, as set out in document 21/87.
2. Feedback on the Round One 2021 Academic Development Proposals with respect to strategic and resource implications, as set out in document 21/88.
3. The current list of proposals and reviewers for Round Two 2021, as set out in document 21/40 (revised 24 March 2021).

Noted in discussion

Minor in Forensic Psychology (21/33d)

That a provision should be considered for this to become a Graduate Certificate subject, if there were sufficient 300 level papers.

Resolved

1. To approve the following Round One 2021, Category 1-5 proposals:
 - a. Introduction of a Certificate in Professional Engineering Practice, as set out in document 21/33a.
 - b. Introduction of a Master of Nursing, as set out in document 21/33b.
 - c. Introduction of a major and minor in Crime Science for the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Social Sciences, as set out in documents 21/33c.

- d. Introduction of a minor in Forensic Psychology, as set out in document 21/33d.
- e. Introduction of a Bachelor of Climate Change, as set out in document 21/33e.
- 2. To approve the following Round One 2021, Category 6-10 proposal:
 - a. Amendment to the English Language entry requirements for the Master of Teaching and Learning, as set out in document 21/34.

[Secretary's note: That the suggestion in relation to the Minor in Forensic Psychology had been considered following the Board meeting, however, it was not be possible to include this provision in the current proposal].

21.31 CATEGORY C AND DELETION PROPOSALS

Received

The list of Category C and Specialisation proposals signalled out of session, as set out in document 20/535 (revised 16 April 2021).

Resolved

1. To approve the two Category C proposals, as set out in documents 21/110a-b.
2. To approve the Deletion proposal, as set out in document 21/111.

21.32 DRAFT PACIFIC STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 - 2025

Reported

1. That the draft Pacific Strategic Plan had been considered by Divisional Boards, Māori Academic Board of Studies, Research Committee, Academic Quality Committee, Curriculum Committee and Education Committee in March and April 2021.
2. That consultation on the Draft Pacific Strategic Plan had been undertaken through the University Communications channel on 26 February 2021.
3. That a summary of the feedback received, and the response to this feedback, was set out in Appendix 1.

Noted in discussion

That widespread consultation on the plan had been undertaken and mahalo was expressed to everyone who had engaged in this consultation process.

Recommended

That Council approve the draft Pacific Strategic Plan 2021-2025, as set out in document 21/74 (revised 20 April 2021).

21.33 AGREEMENT ON JOINT INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL THESIS WITH THE INSTITUT POLYTECHNIQUE DE PARIS

Reported

1. That the agreement had been executively approved by the Chair of the Divisional Board of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science.

2. That the agreement had been recommended for approval by the Postgraduate Research Committee, Research Committee and Education Committee in March and April 2021.

Noted in discussion

That, for future agreements, the list of workshops available to these students could be expanded to include the full range of workshops offered to postgraduate students.

Resolved

To approve the Agreement on Joint International Supervision (Cotutelle) of Doctoral Thesis between the Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris, as set out in document 21/99.

21.34 STUDENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Reported

That the amendments to the Student Discipline Committee constitution, approved by the Academic Board in December 2020, had resulted in a requirement to appoint four additional staff members to the committee.

Resolved

To approve the nomination of the three staff members to the Student Discipline Committee panel, as set out in document 21/173.

21.35 INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

Reported

1. That the Education Committee approved the Guaranteed Credit Agreement between Sunway College Johor Bahru, Malaysia and the Division of Management.
2. That a copy of this agreement was available on the [International Partnerships Database](#).

21.36 EXECUTIVE APPROVAL

Reported

That the Chair of the Academic Board executively approved a Category C proposal to amend the regulations for the Certificate of Attainment in Foundation Studies.

21.37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Reported

That the next meeting of the Academic Board would be held on Wednesday 28 July 2021 at 2.10pm in the Council Room.

AGENDA PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL

Resolved:

That the public were excluded from the meeting to allow consideration of the following items:

1. Minutes (Part 2) of the Academic Board meeting of 24 February 2021
2. Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 2)

The interests protected under the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 and/or the Official Information Act 1982 which would be prejudiced by the public conduct of these proceedings were:

Item 1 affected material previously dealt with in a meeting from which the public was excluded.

Item 2 affected the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or advantage and to protect the commercial interests of the University.

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