

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

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2022 (Part 1)

Present: Professor N Quigley (Chair), Professor M Barbour, Dr P Barrett, Ms M Blake, Mr M Bolger, Associate Professor T Bowell, Associate Professor J Bowen, Professor C Breen, Professor K Bryan, Associate Professor M Cheng, Professor B Curtis, Dr C Curtis, Associate Professor S Dillon, Mr J Govers, Dr K Hemi, Professor G Holmes, Mr C Hoole, Associate Professor M Houlahan, Professor B Jackson, Professor B James, Professor A Jones, Ms M Jordan-Tong, Professor P Leman, Professor M Manley-Harris, Associate Professor S Morrison, Dr S Peel, Associate Professor K Perszyk, Associate Professor K Petrie, Professor B Pfahringer, Associate Professor M Prinsep, Professor V Reid, Professor A Roy, Ms M Smith, Ms M Stapleton, Dr S Tiakiwai, Professor M Walmsley.

In attendance: Mrs R Alexander, Ms I Leeming, Mr B McGibbon

Secretariat: Mr T O'Brien, Ms A Beardsmore

22.19 APOLOGIES

Received

Apologies for absence from Professor B Barton, Professor M Berryman, Ms G Brown, Ms J Campion, Professor E Collins, Professor B Cowie, Professor M Dyer, Dr K Edmonds, Associate Professor S Ellis, Dr K Hébert-Losier, Associate Professor A Hinze, Associate Professor T Keegan, Associate Professor G Khan, Professor D Klinger, Professor T Kukutai, Ms M Lewis-Wano, Mr Z Liu, Professor R Longhurst, Ms M Lolaki, Ms S McLean, Associate Professor A Mohsin, Associate Professor S Peters, Professor K Pickering, Professor G Schott, Professor F Scrimgeour, Ms T Sherrin, Professor S Strasser, Mr P Te Whau, Ms L Thebe, Professor M Thrupp, Dr J Waiti, and Professor I White.

22.20 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PART 1) HELD ON 16 MARCH 2022

Confirmed

The minutes of the meeting (Part 1) held on 16 March 2022, as set out in document 22/169a.

22.21 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Received

The report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 1), as set out in document 22/170a.

22.22 REPORT OF STUDENT MEMBERS

Noted in discussion

1. That the Waikato Students' Union (WSU) had completed Class Rep and Tikanga training for Trimester A, and the feedback on these had been positive.
2. That the WSU would be working with the University on the Cycle 6 Academic Audit with a specific focus on the area of student life cycle, support and wellbeing.
3. That a student survey on Covid-19 had been shared with the University's leadership. The majority of students supported the removal of the vaccine mandate but with additional safety measures. Some students noted concerns about Covid-19 potentially diminishing the value of their qualification. 85 per cent of students responded that the University had done enough to ensure a safe return to study.
4. That thanks were expressed to staff for their efforts in accommodating students learning needs over this period of the pandemic.

22.23 REPORT OF COUNCIL

Received

The report of the 5 April 2022 meeting of Council, as set out in document 22/171.

22.24 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Education Committee meeting held on 5 April 2022, as set out in document 22/172.

22.25 REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Research Committee meeting held on 30 March 2022, as set out in document 22/173.

Noted in discussion

1. That there was a lot of activity happening in the area of open access research across New Zealand (NZ) and internationally. Both the University of Waikato and Universities NZ had established Open Access working groups.
2. That the University had signed up to a number of Read and Publish agreements. These agreements would make it easier, in future, for research to be published as open access without attracting the additional costs typically associated with doing this.

22.26 REPORT OF THE PACIFIC STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Pacific Strategic Committee meeting held on 11 March 2022, as set out in document 22/174.

22.27 REPORTS OF THE DIVISIONAL BOARDS

Received

The reports of the Divisional Board meetings held on 21 – 25 February 2022, as set out in documents 22/175 - 22/178.

22.28 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2022-2026

Reported

1. That the Sustainability Plan 2022-2026 had been considered by the Divisional Boards, the Māori Academic Board of Studies, the Pacific Strategic Committee, Research Committee and Education Committee in January and February 2022.
2. That the plan had also been circulated to all staff for feedback via a Vice-Chancellor Update, and to students via the Waikato Students' Union.
3. That a summary of the feedback received and the response to this feedback was appended. The plan had been revised accordingly.

Noted in discussion

That thanks were expressed to everyone who had contributed feedback to the Plan. The Assistant Vice-Chancellor Sustainability was commended for the thorough consultation that had been undertaken. Specific gratitude was expressed on behalf of Pacific staff for the engagement with them during consultation and for the inclusion of Pacific values in the Plan.

Resolved

To approve the Sustainability Plan 2022-2026, as set out in document 22/12 (revised 14 April 2022).

22.29 ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS 2022

Reported

That there had been no feedback on the Round One 2022 Academic Development proposal with respect to strategic and resource implications.

Received

1. The summary list of proposals and reviewers for Round One 2022, as set out in document 21/395 (revised 5 April 2022).
2. The current list of proposals and reviewers for Round Two 2022, as set out in document 22/38 (revised 5 April 2022).

Resolved

To approve the Round One 2022, Category 6-10 proposal that changes the name of the endorsement under the Postgraduate Certificate in Counselling, as set out in document 22/35.

22.30 CATEGORY C PROPOSAL

Received

The list of Category C proposals signalled to date, as set out in document 22/36 (revised 5 April 2022).

Resolved

To approve the Category C proposal to amend the requirements for the BSocSc (Hons), as set out in document 22/95.

22.31 STUDENT DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

Reported

1. That clause 2 of the constitution of the Student Discipline Committee (SDC) provided for two people to be appointed by the Chairperson of the Student Discipline Committee from a panel of twelve staff nominated by the Academic Board for terms of up to three years such that the terms of the members provide for continuity.
2. That Dr Lynne Chepulis had resigned as an SDC panel member and a replacement member was required.

Resolved

To nominate Professor Belinda Wheaton to the Student Discipline Committee panel, as set out in document 22/179.

22.32 ANNUAL REPORT

Received

The 2021 annual report of the Scholarships Executive via the Research Committee, as set out in document 22/136.

22.33 INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS

Reported

1. That the Education Committee approved the following Guaranteed Credit Agreements (GCA) between the:
 - a. Division of Management and Beijing Institute of Technology, China
 - b. Division of Management and Harbin Institute of Technology, China
 - c. Division of Management and Shanghai Jiaotong University (SJU), China, subject to clarification and, if required, amendment in relation to English language entry requirements.
 - d. Division of Health, Engineering, Computing and Science and Vellore Institute of Technology, India
2. That copies of these agreements will be made available on the [International Partnerships Database](#).

Noted in discussion

That the question raised by the Education Committee in relation to the SJU GCA had now been resolved. However, it was noted that it would be helpful for information on the language of instruction of the partner institute's programme to be included in GCA documentation in future.

22.34 GENERAL

Noted in discussion

That thanks were expressed to outgoing members, Professor Strasser and Professor Dyer, for their contributions to the Board.

22.35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Reported

That the next meeting of the Academic Board would be held on Tuesday 26 July 2022 at 2.10pm in the Council Room.

AGENDA PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL

Resolved

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

1. Minutes (Part 2) of the Academic Board meeting of 16 March 2022
2. Matters arising from the minutes (Part 2) of the meeting held on 16 March 2022
3. 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:

Items 1 and 2 affected material previously dealt with in a meeting from which the public was excluded.

Item 3 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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