

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

ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2023 (Part 1)

Present: Professor N Quigley (Chair), Dr A Alvarez-Jimenez, Dr K Barbour, Ms M Blake, Mr M Bolger, Associate Professor T Bowell, Associate Professor J Bowen, Dr A Brennan, Professor K Bryan, Ms J Campion, Ms K Clarkson, Professor B Cowie, Associate Professor T Daya-Winterbotton, Associate Professor S Dillon, Dr K Edmonds, Dr T Edwards, Dr D Forbes, Associate Professor W Fox-Turnbull, Professor M Garry, Professor M Harcourt, Dr K Hébert-Losier, Dr K Hemi, Professor A Hinze, Professor G Holmes, Professor B James, Professor A Jones, Associate Professor T Keegan, Dr J Kingsbury, Professor D Klinger, Professor J Lane, Professor P Leman, Dr F McCormack, Ms S McLean, Associate Professor J Mullarney, Professor M Parsons, Dr S Peel, Professor K Perszyk, Professor S Peters, Associate Professor K Petrie, Professor F Scrimgeour, Professor N Starkey, Dr A Stewart, Ms T Stone, Professor A Strutt, Ms L Swears, Ms K Watene-Hakaria, Mr P Te Whau, Ms L Thebe, and Dr S Tiakiwai.

In attendance: Mrs R Alexander

Secretariat: Mr T O'Brien, Ms A Beardsmore

23.18 APOLOGIES

Received

Apologies for absence from Professor M Barbour, Professor E Collins, Professor M Duke, Dr J Gibb, Ms M Jordan-Tong, Professor R Longhurst, and Associate Professor M Low.

23.19 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PART 1) HELD ON 14 MARCH 2023

Confirmed

The minutes of the meeting (Part 1) held on 14 March 2023, as set out in document 23/132a.

23.20 REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Received

The report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 1), as set out in document 23/133a.

Noted in discussion

1. That a specific pay equity claim was being negotiated by Universities New Zealand (NZ). This was a test case affecting all NZ universities and, therefore, it was being negotiated centrally to ensure that appropriate expertise was available.
2. That the revisions being made to the doctoral application process were designed to ensure that there was flexibility in the system and improve our response times, thereby, enhancing our ability to make offers to good quality applicants.

23.21 REPORT OF STUDENT MEMBERS

Noted in discussion

1. That the newly appointed Waikato Students' Union (WSU) Vice-President Māori was welcomed.
2. That the WSU team had been busy with running class representative and Tikanga training sessions, as well as gathering student feedback on the paper selection process. In addition, they were running budgeting advice sessions for students in the Halls of Residence and these would be rolled out to the wider student body over the next month.
3. That, following feedback from the WSU, the process for appointing students as Sustainability Champions had been amended and the number of students representatives had been increased.
4. That the structure of the Student Advisory Council had recently been amended to improve the way it functioned. There were now 121 student representatives on the Council, with a wider membership mix and good attendance at meetings.
5. That it had been very positive to see students' achievements celebrated at the recent graduation ceremonies.

23.22 REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Education Committee meeting held on 4 April 2023, as set out in document 23/134.

Noted in discussion

That the 13 April meeting with the Tertiary Education Commission to discuss the Ōritetanga learner success programme had been deferred to a later date.

23.23 REPORT OF THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Research Committee meeting held on 29 March 2023, as set out in document 23/135.

23.24 REPORTS OF THE DIVISIONAL BOARDS

Received

The reports of the Divisional Board meetings held on 22 – 23 February 2023, as set out in documents 23/136 - 23/139.

23.25 REPORT OF THE PACIFIC STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Received

The report of the Pacific Strategic Committee meeting held on 9 March 2023, as set out in document 23/140.

23.26 CYCLE 6 ACADEMIC AUDIT

Reported

1. That the Academic Quality Agency (AQA) Cycle 6 panel visit would take place during the week of 4 September 2023.
2. That, in preparation for the visit, the University was required to submit a self-review report.
3. That the self-review report had been developed in consultation with a wide range of staff from across the University.

23.27 ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS 2023

Received

1. The summary list of proposals and reviewers for Round One 2023, as set out in document 22/383 (revised 18 April 2023).
2. The current list of proposals and reviewers for Round Two 2023, as set out in document 22/445 (revised 22 March 2023).
3. Feedback on the Round One 2023 Academic Development Proposals with respect to strategic and resource implications, as set out in document 23/78.

Noted in discussion

1. That thanks were expressed to everyone who had been involved in developing these proposals.
2. That consideration could be given, in future, to the inclusion of a marine social science component in both the marine science programme and/or the sustainable coastal communities programme which was currently under consideration. Conversations about this could be taken up with the Dean of Science and the Assistant Vice-Chancellor Sustainability.

Resolved

1. To approve the following Round One 2023, Category 1-5 proposals:
 - a. Introduction of a Major in Criminology in the Bachelor of Social Sciences, as set out in document 23/18a.

- b. Introduction of a Bachelor of Banking, Finance and Technology, as set out in document 23/18b.
 - c. Introduction of a Master of Professional Accounting (CA Program) and Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Accounting, as set out in document 23/18c.
 - d. Introduction of a Master in Teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages, as set out in document 23/18d.
 - e. Introduction of a Biomedical Science postgraduate subject to the Master of Science and Master of Science (Research), as set out in document 23/18e.
 - f. Introduction of a Master of Technology Innovation in Business and Postgraduate Diploma in Technology Innovation and Business, as set out in document 23/18f.
 - g. Introduction of a Major in Marine Science for the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science (Technology), as set out in document 23/18g.
2. To approve the following Round One 2023, Category 6-9 proposals:
- a. To reduce the number of required points for the Master of Professional Accounting, as set out in document 23/19a.
 - b. To amend the Bachelor of Health and Bachelor of Health, Sport and Human Performance qualifications, as set out in document 23/19b.
 - c. To amend the regulations for the Master of Engineering Practice, as set out in document 23/19c.

23.28 CATEGORY C PROPOSAL

Received

The list of Category C proposals signalled to date, as set out in document 23/16 (revised 6 April 2023).

Resolved

To approve the Category C proposal to revise the structure of the Diploma in Postgraduate Preparation – Pre-Masters, as set out in document 23/45a.

23.29 ANNUAL REPORT

Received

The 2022 annual report of the Scholarships Executive via the Research Committee, as set out in document 23/103.

23.30 INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS

Reported

1. That the Chair of the Education Committee executively approved amendments to the Guaranteed Credit Agreement between the Division of Management and Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, India.
2. That a copy of this revised agreement would be made available on Raiser's Edge and My Waikato, or by contacting the Partnerships team at global@waikato.ac.nz.

23.31 GENERAL

Noted in discussion

That the process to elect a new staff representative on Council would be commencing soon and should be completed by the end of June.

23.32 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Reported

That the next meeting of the Academic Board would be held on Thursday 27 July 2023 at 2.10pm.

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 14 March 2023
2. Report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 2)
3. Cycle 6 Academic Audit self-review report

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. Items 2 and 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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