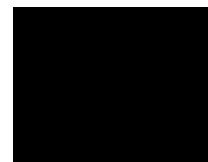


COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera o Te Whare



Minutes

Date	Wednesday 31 March 2021
Time	4.20 pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki
Present	Ms Sue McCormack (Chancellor), Professor Cheryl de la Rey (Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Ballantyne, Ms Liz Bond, Ms Rachael Evans, Ms Kim Fowler (via Zoom), Ms Keiran Horne, Professor Roger Nokes, Mr Warren Poh, Ms Gillian Simpson, Mr Shayne Te Aika.
Apologies	Mr Steve Wakefield (Pro-Chancellor).
In Attendance	Ms Adela Kardos, General Counsel/Registrar and Council Secretary Professor Catherine Moran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Mr Keith Longden, Executive Director, Planning, Finance and IT Mr Paul O'Flaherty, Executive Director, People, Culture and Campus Mr Richmond Tait, Director of Finance Mrs Raewyn Crowther, University Council Coordinator

REGISTER OF INTEREST

Corrections and updates were to be supplied to the Registrar.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Rachael Evans noted that she was contracted to lecture in the School of Law and therefore had a perceived conflict in relation to the item on the disestablishment of the College of Business and Law. As the proposal did not address academic staffing this was not considered to be a conflict.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021 were approved and signed as a correct record.

The minutes of the special meeting on 15 March 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

**FROM THE
CHANCELLOR**

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The list of Chancellor's meetings was noted.

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Election for Academic Staff Member of A.Staff Member of A.Staf

In discussion it was noted that:

The success in enrolment growth was congratulated.

The differing support needs of this cohort of students was being addressed.

More was possible to achieve within the Lincoln University partnership once the relationship and trust was built.

Moved

That: Council note the Vice-

Carried

FROM THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Academic Board Report and College of Business and Law Disestablishment

Professor Matthew Turnbull joined the meeting to present the report of the Academic Board, noting that most of the discussion at the meeting had centred on the proposal to disestablish the College of Business and Law. There had been strong support in principle for independent units to be established noting that the fine details were not yet available. It was agreed that the two groups had distinct cultures and should therefore go their separate ways, especially given the joint College approach had been tried and found not to work.

The Chancellor noted that the Academic Board had been evenly split on the proposal to merge the Schools in 2016. The Vice-Chancellor noted that it was unusual nationally and internationally to have this model, with long-established law schools having an identity. Neither school had grown in stature since the merger which had not been supported by the law school in its entirety. Separation would allow each of the schools to pursue a new academic vision.

Professor Neil Boister, Head of School of Law and Professor Paul Ballantine, Head of the Business School, were invited to the table for their input.

Professor Boister noted that:

The School needed to split to build its identity.

Many development opportunities would open up in areas such as micro-credentials.

Professor Ballantine noted that:

With being part of the College of Business and Law there was an assumption made of the type of law taught.

The School of Law had felt the merger was a strategic error from the start which had diminished the status of the school.

The School of Law had disappeared in the eyes of the profession.

The merger had been an administrative convenience.

The structure of the degrees in law and business were different.

7.0	From the Vice-Chancellor		
7.1	The Vice-Chancellor's verbal report	To enable the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University.	7(f)(i)
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**GENERAL
BUSINESS**

The Chancellor noted that Council member Kim Fowler was representing UC at the New Zealander of the Year Awards in Auckland.

It was then noted that this was Professor Roger Nokes final Council meeting and his long and significant contribution to the work of the Council was acknowledged.

The meeting ended at 6.30pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for 4.00pm on Wednesday 28 April 2021.

SIGNED AS A CORRECT RECORD: _____

DATE: _____