



AGENDA PAPERS

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

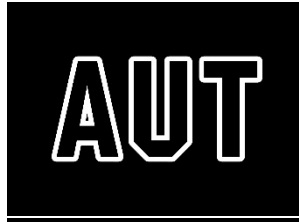
**Notice is Hereby Given that a Meeting of the Council of Auckland
University of Technology will be held:**

At: AUT City, 55 Wellesley Street East, Council Room, WA710.

On Monday 22 February 2021

From 3.30 – 6.00 PM

**Dr Andrea Vujnovich
COUNCIL SECRETARY**



AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Chancellor

TBA

Pro-Chancellor

Sussan Turner
Appointed by the Minister for Tertiary Education

Members

Dr Pat Alley
Appointed by Council

Renata Blair
Appointed by Council

Corrie Cook
Elected by the Professional Staff of the Auckland University of Technology

Sisifa Liu
Appointed by the Auckland University of Technology Student Association

Lyn Lim
Appointed by the Minister for Tertiary Education

Derek McCormack
Vice-Chancellor of the Auckland University of Technology

Professor Edwina Pio
Elected by the Academic Staff of the Auckland University of Technology

James Schofield
Appointed by Council

Janine Smith
Appointed by the Minister for Tertiary Education

PART A
OPEN AGENDA

Council Agenda Part A (Open Agenda)

Monday 22 February 2021 at 3.30 pm to be held at AUT City, 55 Wellesley Street East, Council Room, WA710

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES	The Chancellor moves that apologies, be noted	
2. DECLARATION/RECORDING OF ANY INTERESTS	The attention of Members is drawn to the Conflicts of Interest Policy and the need to disclose any interest in an item on the Agenda of the meeting as set out in s175 of the Education Act 1989	The Chancellor moves that the declarations, if any be noted and the action taken be endorsed
3. CONFERMENT OF DEGREES	In accordance with AUT's General Academic Regulations, part 7, section 2, 2.1 – 2.4 Council approve the conferral of the listed awards to graduands named having completed the requirements of the award and having and applied to receive the award.	
4. COUNCIL MEETINGS	4.1 Council Draft Minutes (Part A), 7 December 2020	The Chancellor moves that the Minutes (Part A), 7 December 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.
	4.2 Matters arising from the Minutes (Part A), 7 December 2020 not elsewhere on the Agenda	
5. VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	The Chancellor moves that the Vice-Chancellor's Report be noted.	
6. CHANCELLOR'S REPORT		
7. REPORTS FROM BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS TO COUNCIL	7.1 Update from the Chair of the AUT Ethics Committee Professor Kate Diesfeld	The Chancellor moves that the update from the AUT Ethics Committee Chair be received.
	7.2 Report from Chancellor's Committee on Māori and Pacific Matters - no report	
	7.3 Report from the Academic Board 30 November 2020	The Chancellor moves that Report from the Academic Board and Minutes, 30 November 2020 be received.
8. CORRESPONDANCE REFERRED BY THE CHANCELLOR	No correspondence	

9. OTHER MATTERS FOR DECISION OR NOTING	9.1 Update from AUTSA	The Chancellor moves that the update from AUTSA be received .
	9.2 WQ Official Building Naming	The Chancellor moves that Council approve the official name of the new accommodation building as Te Āhuru – The Sanctuary
10. GENERAL BUSINESS		

PUBLIC EXCLUSIONS

The Chancellor moved that the public be now excluded from Part B of this meeting, and that the following matters be discussed without public disclosure.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 of that Act or section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:

1. To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the University.
2. To enable the University to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities or negotiations.
3. To protect the privacy of persons referred to in the recommendations and to maintain the confidentiality of those recommendations.
4. To enable free and frank discussions.
5. To prevent the disclosure or use of Official Information for improper gain or advantage.

AND THAT J Thompson, A Vujnovich, A Burrows, P Keiha, W Fraser, K McPherson, J Thompson and L Williams be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the matters to be discussed in the proceedings while the public are excluded. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to these matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of AUT for which those persons are responsible.

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter. The public conduct of each item below would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under the sections of the OIA identified below.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
11. Council Minutes Part B of the meeting held on 7 December 2020	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
12 Health, Safety & Wellbeing report	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
13 Report from AUT Ventures	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
14 Report from AUT Millennium	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
15 Report from Council Finance and Audit Committee	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

16. Report from Council Property Committee	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Report from Council Executive Committee	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Vice Chancellor Update on Current Matters	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Council Working Group	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

Council Agenda Paper

Subject: **Conferment of Degrees**

Date: 20 January 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUT'S GENERAL ACADEMIC REGULATIONS, PART 7, SECTION 2, 2.1 – 2.4 COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONFERRAL OF THE LISTED AWARDS TO GRADUANDS NAMED HAVING COMPLETED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AWARD AND HAVING AND APPLIED TO RECEIVE THE AWARD.

Memorandum

Thursday, 14 January 2021

From: Richard Stewart, Director of Student Administration
To: John Maasland, Chancellor
Subject: Granting of Qualifications

Dear John

In accordance with AUT's General Academic Regulations, Part7, Section 2, 2.1 – 2.4, the graduands listed in the attached file, having completed the requirements and applied to receive their degree/diploma/certificate, require their conferment/award pursuant to a resolution of Council.
THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL ACADEMIC STATUTE, DEGREES BE CONFERRED ON THE GRADUAND AS PER ATTACHED SCHEDULE.



Richard Stewart
Director of Student Administration

Approval:

Signature of Chancellor _____

Date

**Auckland University of Technology
Graduation Council List Details**

Grant Cycle: 2020 Offshore - Shanghai
Date: 20-Nov-2020
Programme Code: %

Faculty: HEAL
Department: HA
Grad Rank: 180

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Student ID	First Name(s)	Family Name
18005808	Yue	Bai
18006388	Jiaming	Cai
18006001	Xinyi	Cao
18005982	Haotian	Chen
18006219	Wenxin	Chen
18006375	Yue	Cui
18006007	Hongyuan	Dong
18005826	Jiawei	Du
18006367	Yifan	Fei
18006030	Yanxiao	Feng
18006205	Jiayu	Gu
18006372	Shirui	Guo
18005991	Yinchun	Guo
18005988	Yuyan	Guo
18005986	Yuqi	Hu
18005999	Hanyuan	Huang
18006374	Xiaoxiao	Huang
18006373	Xiongjie	Huang
18006008	Ying	Jiang
18006002	Zixuan	Kang
18005831	Haixin	Li
18006200	Kexin	Li
18005833	Wenqing	Li
18006203	Yuefeng	Li
18006191	Kaixiang	Liu
18005810	Kan	Liu
18006188	Shankun	Liu
18006195	Ye Shen	Liu
18006192	Yuanpu	Liu
18005816	Zenhua	Liu
18005983	Shibao	Luo
18006368	Sishuai	Ni
18005987	Zhipeng	Ni
18006221	Yihua	Ouyang
18006378	Sinan	Pengcheng
18005977	Hui	Shen
18005783	Leran	Wang
18005797	Rongqun	Wang
18005787	Yiting	Wang
18006014	Zeyuan	Wang
18006016	Zheyu	Wang
18005976	Tingxuan	Wu
18006199	Shucheng	Yan
18006390	Hao	Yang
18006204	Yunyi	Yang
18006389	Wenhao	Yao

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Department: HA
Grad Rank: 180

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Student ID	First Name(s)	Family Name
18006370	Pancheng	Yin
18005778	Zihang	Yu
18006009	MuGe	Zhan
18006216	Qian	Zhang
18006218	Qianru	Zhang
18005979	Weizhi	Zhang
18006364	Yuntao	Zhou

Total students in programme: 53

Total students in ceremony: 53

Auckland University of Technology
Graduation Council List Details

Grant Cycle: Posthumous Grant
Date: 02-Dec-2020
Programme Code: %

Faculty: BUSS
Department: EG
Grad Rank: 180

BACHELOR OF LAWS

Student ID	First Name(s)	Family Name
9910125	Antony Paul	Botica

Total students in programme: 1

Total students in ceremony: 1

Council Agenda Paper

Subject: **MINUTES PART A OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2020**

Date: 20 January 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE MINUTES PART A OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2020 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.



MINUTES Council Meeting

Meeting to be held Monday 7 December 2020 at 2.00 pm
At: AUT City, 55 Wellesley Street East, Council Room, WA710

PRESENT: J Maasland (Chair), S Turner, D McCormack, J Smith, J Schofield, S Lui, E Pio (Via Video Conference), C Cook, S Wendt, P Treacy and R Blair.

** Apologies for lateness / ** Apologies for early departure*

SECRETARY: A Vujnovich, Council Secretary

RECORDER: D France

IN ATTENDANCE: K McPherson (Deputy Vice Chancellor), L Williams (Chief Financial Officer), D Pinchen (Director Health, Safety & Wellbeing), B Bundy (Group Director- People and Culture), P Keiha (Dean Te Ara Poutama), A Burrows (Internal Audit).

Part A Open Session

1 APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

THAT APOLOGIES FOR LATENESS BY R BLAIR AND ABESNCE BY SISIFA LUI BE RECEIVED.

2 INITIAL ITEMS

2.1 Declaration/Recording of Any Relevant Interests

2.2 Starring of Items

That item is 3.2*, 5.1*, 5.2*, 7.1*, 10.1*, 10.2* and 10.8* have * are “starred” for discussion.

Un-starred items

Resolved

THAT THE UN-STARRED ITEMS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN ARE NOTED, RECEIVED, AGREED AND MOVED.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting [CAP/20-074]

Received

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday 28 September 2020

Resolved

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2020 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD”

4 MATTERS ARISING

5 VICE CHANCELLOR AND CHANCELLOR REPORTS

5.1 Vice Chancellor’s Report [CAP/20-075] – For discussion

Received

Vice Chancellor's Report

Discussion:

Review of 2020

- A review of the year was provided by the VC which included Domestic EFTS targets which were exceeded, however, with lower International EFTS.
- Digital learning is implemented, and there has been success with research grants, achieving savings goals and a reduction of capital spending.
- The new Learning Management System is an upgrade on the current system and will be implemented 2021.
- This year was is AUT's 20th Year Anniversary- and the university has demonstrated collective capability and resilience in this challenging year.
- The Minister of Education has noted the importance of international students to New Zealand universities and has signalled for international students to be back in 2022.

Concerns

- Current concerns include ongoing issues with COVID 19 and student movement across the border.
- Next year will continue various strategies such as a freeze on international travel, staff recruitment and other cost saving measures.
- Around 60 staff have decided to leave AUT voluntarily. All have had long service and made a significant contribution to the university.

Updates

- A number of updates were provided to Council which included updates the strategic plan, a successful Learning and Teaching Conference, the awarding of 41 Doctoral Scholarships.
- The Great Work Jam which was introduced by P&C was a survey engagement with staff. This provided an opportunity to talk about different issues around the university.
- This data is currently being analysed and the key themes will be brought back to Council.
- The VC will provide more information on when staff receive disclosures of harassment and violence from students and the process for this.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

5.2 Chancellor's Report [CAP/20-076] – For discussion

Received

Chancellor's Report

Discussion:

- There was a regret of not being able to take part in graduation this year.
- Chancellor wanted to thank Council members and past Council members for their contribution to Council.
- A note of thanks is extended to all University staff and for their work during and after the lockdown periods.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

6.1 Report from the Academic Board [CAP/20-077]

Received

Report from the Academic Board

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE SEPTEMBER REPORT AND MINUTES DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 2020 FROM THE ACADEMIC BOARD.

6.2 Report from Council Working Group [CAP/20-078]

Received

Report from the Council Working Group

Recommendation

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2020 BE CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD

**6.3 Report from the Chancellor's Committee on Māori and Pacific Matters
No report**

7 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1* Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report [CAP/20-079] – For discussion

Received

Health, Safety and Wellbeing Report

Discussion:

- Attention was brought to three items which included the significant progress made 2021 planning, Hazardous Substances appendix and the implementation the new management system.

Updates for 2021 include:

- Staff engagement with H&S will be a focus for 2021.
- There will be the introduction of KPI's for next year, Walkabouts for tier 1 and 2 staff and engagements with tier 3 and 4 staff.
- Re-engagement of H&S reps and enable them to go out and do observations & inspections.
- Annual Plan has been developed to allow observations and inspections at various sites.
- Information will feed into the H&S Committee and Action Groups.

Student Accommodation

- Health and safety at student accommodation are subject to the same H&S KPI's as the rest of the university.
- Key H&S risks in student accommodation sit around events. Work has been done around this to introduce a new risk assessment process.
- Health and wellbeing of students is dealt with by Student Services.
- Student Services have a framework for national student health and wellbeing and provide services as required to meet this standard.

Risk

- It was noted that an identified risk with hazardous substances and laboratories will be resolved before students return to campus. Currently there is no immediate risk as there are no students on campus.
- H&S is a top priority with estates minor capital works and repairs.

Conclusion

- Lower numbers of reporting reflect both lower number of staff on campus for 2020 and high compliance rate of staff.
- Resources are allocated to trending H&S issues and an update will be provided in the new year.
- SLT have a strong commitment to H&S and in the context of 2020 are very happy with current actions.

Recommendation

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2020

8 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution to exclude the Public ¹– move into committee.

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10.3 Report from Council Honours Committee	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
10.6 Report from AUT Ethics Committee	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
11.1 Report from AUT Ventures	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
11.2 Report from AUT Millennium	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
11.3 Report from AUT Learning Transformation LAB	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

¹ The Chancellor will move that the public be now excluded from the meeting so that for the undernoted reasons the following matters may be discussed without public disclosure; the Council being satisfied, where appropriate, that there are considerations which outweigh the public interest of disclosure.

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3. To protect the privacy of natural persons.
4. To enable free and frank discussions.

The Chancellor to move that D France (Recorder), K McPherson (Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor), A Vujnovich (Council Secretary), P Keiha (Dean Te Ara Poutama), L Williams (Chief Financial Officer) be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the matters to be discussed in the proceedings while the public are excluded. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to these matters because they relate to aspects of the administration of AUT for which those persons are responsible.

Item 4.2 Matters Arising from the Minutes Part A

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	ACTIONED
28 September 2020	7.1 Chancellor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chancellor was pleased with the Council Working Group meeting with Year 13 students and requested to catch up with the same students next year for a follow up. 	Council Secretary	First Quarter 2021

Council Agenda Paper

Subject: **VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Date: 22 January 2021

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL BE RECEIVED.

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OPEN AGENDA ITEM	5
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Council Agenda Paper

Subject: **VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

Date: **February 2021**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the report.

*This regular report is structured mainly around the strategic themes of AUT Directions 2025, which are: **Theme 1** Creating exceptional learning experiences; **Theme 2** Discovery and application of knowledge for wellbeing and prosperity; **Theme 3** Responding to our place in the world; **Theme 4** Building our position as New Zealand's university of technology; **Theme 5** Being a place people love to work and learn.*

The report provides updates on progress within these themes and against indicators, as well as information on current issues and highlights, and sits alongside other reports such as the monthly financial report.

CURRENT CONCERNS

1. Independent Review

The Review into harassment and sexual harassment at AUT by Kate Davenport QC is now available in full on the [AUT Website](#). The report is sobering reading. Its principal finding is that there has been a distressing level of behaviour at the University that has been experienced as bullying, and has adversely affected a substantial number of the staff interviewed. 403 staff and students engaged with the review process to tell their stories or give their views. 273 staff members said that they had been bullied or had witnessed bullying over the last several years.

The reviewer also heard that many instances of bullying had not been followed up or resolved and that current procedures and practices, while adequate, had not worked in many individual situations – some respondents felt there was a lack of commitment by the University to dealing with bullying.

There are 52 recommendations in the report, and to assist us in working through them I have commissioned an expert in this area, [Shayne Mathieson](#) of Top Drawer Consultants. She has enormous experience to share, and will advise and guide our work in response to the report with a programme of work that will begin immediately.

Three other important findings of the Review should be noted:

- AUT does not have an ongoing sexual harassment problem – though vigilance is still required to ensure that sexual harassment does not occur.

- The majority of staff engaging with the review reported that they enjoyed working at AUT and looked forward to contributing to future improvements.
- Bullying of students did not present as an issue.

The reviewer has encouraged a renewed commitment by the University's leadership to making the changes that would bring about a positive cultural shift in respect of bullying and harassment, and we are making that commitment.

Over the coming days and weeks there will be more information about processes and activation, and opportunities for questions and discussion of the issues.

2. PhD international students

In October 2020, the Ministry of Education announced border exemption for 250 PhD international students. Working closely with the Graduate Research School, AUT was approved to invite 13 PhD students to return. Of those, seven have confirmed their travel plans and are due to arrive mid-February through to early March this year. The Graduate Research School will be managing the process to assist the student's return.

In January 2021, a second border exemption was announced for an additional 1,000 international students. Liz Gosling, AUT's Chief Information Officer, is leading a small working group comprising of faculties and central departments who are working together to identify those students and the process to manage the returnees. I will provide further updates when we are advised of the approved students.

In the meantime:

- We will continue to admit and enrol international doctoral students.
- Domestic fees apply while there are border restrictions in place.
- 38 PhD students have started their research from overseas as of end of January.
- International students not currently in New Zealand are not eligible to apply for the AUT Doctoral Scholarships in the March 2021 round.

3. Learning management system implementation

AUT's Learning Management System (LMS), *Blackboard Learn*, has been our primary platform to support teaching and learning. The majority of our 29,000 students and 2,000 academic staff use it every day. After 17 years, AUT *Blackboard Learn* is at the end of its product life. This has presented a significant opportunity for the University to invest in a new LMS that will ensure we continue to provide our students with exceptional learning experiences.

Following wide consultation with staff and students, and an extensive market assessment of viable solutions, AUT has selected *Canvas* to replace *Blackboard Learn*. *Canvas* is a cloud-based LMS that is modern and easy to use, it combines all the elements of a virtual classroom and will provide staff and students with an optimized learning experience.

This will be one of the largest Information Technology projects AUT has undertaken since we became a university 20 years ago. Professor Gayle Morris, Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching, is leading this with Liz Gosling and the support of the ICT Services team, and an appropriately representative Project Steering Committee. Many months of work have already gone into this major redevelopment, and this work will continue throughout 2021.

Current planning would see *Canvas* go live Semester 1 2022. To meet this date, AUT requires a dedicated team to work alongside academic staff to implement it. Due to the specialist nature of this work, a number of fixed term positions will be advertised to external and internal candidates. This needed staffing has been provided for in the budget estimates for 2021.

Professor Morris will be providing regular updates on how the project is progressing, including how students and staff will be trained and supported through the transition to the new LMS.

UPDATES ON STRATEGIC THEMES IN AUT DIRECTIONS 2025

THEME 2: DISCOVERY AND APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE FOR WELLBEING AND PROSPERITY

1. Research contracts – status update

	YTD \$ New Signed Research Contracts	
	2021	2020
Value (\$)	\$489K	\$309K
Number of contracts	2	7

- Two of the contracts in the table with a total value of \$489,000 were signed in January.
- Two proposals were submitted to different funders in January.
- In addition to those a further 20 research projects have been accepted by funders and are at different stages of negotiation prior to signing, with an approximate value of \$9.8M.

2. 2020 Highlights

In 2020, AUT signed 118 new research contracts with a total value of \$33.8M. This is a 19% increase from 2019 (\$28.4M) and well exceeded the KPI target of \$22M.

This is the second year in a row where AUT achieved a record result for this KPI, and the annual value of new contracts signed in 2020 was more than double that signed in 2018.

Some highlights included the \$8M Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) contract awarded to Associate Professor Scott Duncan (School of Sport and Recreation) and the New Zealand Work Research Institute for research into enhancing the impact of urban regeneration projects. MBIE also granted \$1.9M to Dr Maryam Dobarjeh (School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences) for the use of neuro-genetic modelling in mental health, and \$1.5M to Professor Simon Milne (School of Hospitality and Tourism) for Pacific tourism research. We also secured 17 projects with the Health Research Council, including \$1.4M to Professor Jane Koziol-McLain (School of Clinical Sciences) for a project on improving primary care for victims of violence, and another \$1.2M to Professor Jarrod Haar (Business School) for an investigation into improving wellbeing for people on low incomes.

3. Recent grants awarded have included:

▪ Health Research Council – Pacific Health Career Development Awards:

University staff have received five Pacific Health Development Awards totalling \$571.233, including one for \$300,000 for research in a Pacific-centred mental health model of care, *“Pacific mental health: Integrating Pacific world views and practices”*.

4. Research activity highlights – a selection:

- New research led by New Zealand Work Research Institute shows that interactions with family members and health professionals are crucial in determining immunisation uptake, engagement rates and satisfaction levels within New Zealand's health system. The report, *“Ethnic Differences in the use and experience of child healthcare services in NZ”*, was funded by the Ministry of Social Development and the Health Research Council and uses data from longitudinal study *Growing Up in New Zealand* which follows 6000 children from birth until the age of four and their parents.
- Associate Professor Daniel Shepherd (School of Clinical Sciences) has led a study in conjunction with Autism New Zealand and the Children's Autism Foundation to identify predictors of the mental health of parents of a child with autism spectrum disorder. The research indicates that more support is needed for families, including help for dealing with stress.
- Professor Erica Hinckson (School of Sport and Recreation) has led the New Zealand arm of a series of global report cards on physical activity, which shows on average 58% of New Zealanders are physically active, a six per cent increase from 2015. With this new card, Professor Hinckson will continue to work with the Ministry of Health, Sport NZ, Auckland Transport, the Australasian Society of Physical Activity and community organisations to address activity levels in New Zealand.

THEME 3: OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD

1. Rankings, Recognitions, Awards and Honours

- Associate Professor El-Shadan Tautolo, who leads the Pacific Islands Families Study, received the Public Health Association of New Zealand's inaugural Pasifika Award for his leadership and service to Pacific public health.
- Professor Duncan Reid (School of Clinical Sciences) has been awarded Life Membership by the International Federation of Orthopaedic Manipulative Physical Therapists Incorporated, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of neuro-musculoskeletal disorders.
- Associate Professor Ella Henry (Business School), AUT Director of Māori Advancement, has been elected Chair of the Māori Broadcasting Advisory Panel. She is one of the seven experts handpicked for the Panel.
- Professor Mark Orams, interim Dean of Health and Environmental Sciences was recognised as the Kaitiaki o te Taiao (environmental leader) at the Blake Leadership Awards ceremony.
- Two Bachelor of Creative Technologies students have reached the final of the Global Lexus Design Awards and will receive \$25,000 to complete their prototype 'Heartfelt'. The product has been developed to reduce feelings of distance and isolation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Improving our work through internationalisation

- AUT has joined a partnership alongside New Zealand's seven other universities with UK-headquartered University Consortium (NCUK). The partnership will enable our international students to begin pathway studies in one of NCUK's 81 Study Centres in their home country, then come directly into their chosen AUT degree. Providing these pathways to international students at a time when New Zealand's borders remain closed ensures prospective students can continue to enter our university.

THEME 5: BEING A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE LOVE TO WORK AND LEARN

- Staff diversity statistics as at February are as follows:

Staff count		Occupation		Ethnicity	
2,084 FTE		Academic	Professional	NZ European 34.4%	Other 6.6%
		1,014	1,070	Asian 18.5%	Undeclared 18.3%
Gender		48.7%	51.3%	European 12.8%	
Female	57.8%	Annual Turnover Rate		Māori 5.1%	
Male	41.0%	5.6%	7.3%	Pacific 4.3%	
Gender diverse	0.5%				

In AUT senior roles, 56.6% are male, 43.4% are female. Of the total 244 men in senior roles, six (2.5%) are Māori and seven (2.9%) Pacific. Of the total 188 women in senior roles, 12 (6.4%) are Māori and four (2.1%) are Pacific.

1. Changes to senior positions

The following gives an update of a number of changes to the senior positions of the University which are being made as a result of vacancies and shifts:

- **Deputy Vice-Chancellors**

In February we announced an international search for candidates for the new position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, a position that will focus on our education provision and development as well as the integration of all our academic work. This new position will sit alongside another new position of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, which will be advertised later in the year. The two new positions are to replace the positions of the sole Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (PVC) Research.

This change, which has been worked through with the Deans and DVC, signals an increased commitment to research development and achievement throughout AUT, while not diminishing our momentum in the area of student learning and graduate success. Thus the two main arms of the University's work will have specific DVC leadership working closely together.

It is hoped that an appointee for the DVC Academic role will be in place for the second half of this year.

In the meantime, Professor Kath McPherson will remain, as she was throughout 2020, in the interim role of the sole Deputy Vice-Chancellor – and will include within her remit the responsibility of the PVC Research position that was vacated last year. We have been very fortunate to have had Kath’s contribution to our leadership during difficult times and I am most grateful, as I am sure are many, that she is continuing into this next period.

- **Assistant Vice-Chancellor Strategy, Students and Marketing**

Following the retirement of Assistant Vice-Chancellor (AVC) Jenny Bygrave at the end of last year, this position is being reconsidered in the light of other changes. In the meantime, the Group Director of Student Services and Administration Jo Scarbrough and the Chief Marketing Officer, Luke Paterson, will join the team of our AVC Corporate Dr Andrea Vujnovich.

- **Director Strategy and Planning**

Also with the retirement of Jenny Bygrave this position is vacant, and expressions of interest have been sought from internal candidates. Megan Skinner has stepped up as Acting Director until an appointment is made.

- **Academic Director**

Following the retirement of Dr Ineke Kranenburg at the end of last year, Peter Fleming has been seconded to the Academic Quality Office from the Faculty of Culture and Society and will be Acting Academic Manager for the period of his secondment.

An Academic Quality Working Group led by the DVC has been formed focussing on the structures, policies and procedures around academic quality that have served us well until now in order to consider what might best meet our needs for the future.

- **Pro Vice-Chancellor Student Success**

With the retirement of Professor Desna Jury at the end of last year, this portfolio was reviewed - with Desna’s help prior to her departure. As a result of that review the portfolio will not continue. However, the staff within the portfolio have made important contributions that do need to continue and so are being relocated within the University’s organisational structure. The Strategy Lab that works on the analysis of student success and experience has joined Strategy and Planning. The Student Entrepreneurship team and the AUTV production team that curates the images for the campus screens have moved to the portfolio of PVC Teaching and Learning Professor Gayle Morris.

- **Dean of the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences**

This position has been ably carried out by Professor Mark Orams on an interim basis since last year, with a secondment from his substantive position of Dean of the Graduate Research School. A permanent appointee is now being sought and a search will be advertised for the vacancy in the next couple of weeks.

- **Pro Vice-Chancellor International**

As announced last year when the role was vacated, the PVC International position was annexed for an interim period to the substantive position of Professor Guy Littlefair, Dean of

Design and Creative Technologies. I am delighted that Guy has agreed to continue his leadership of International into this year.

2. Places and spaces

- Development of the Mayoral Drive student accommodation and recreation facility (WQ) at City Campus was expected to be completed by 1 February 2021. However, on 23 December 2020 water damage from a pipe burst occurred on five floors of the south tower with up to 80 apartments requiring remedial works. These will not be completed until mid-May 2021. Subsequently, a delay for the accommodation towers has been advised until 15 February 2021 and that a Certificate of Public Use would be achieved for partial occupancy of the towers.
- Development of the A1 Building on North Campus remains on hold.
- The WQ building podium fitout was due to commence on 3 May 2020, but this start date was delayed until 7 September 2020. AUT has been advised the podium fitout works (levels 1-5) will not be completed until 18 May 2021.

ENROLMENT UPDATE, 31 DECEMBER (REFER ALSO TO APPENDIX 1 FOR FACULTY RESULTS)

2020 FULL-YEAR PICTURE

	TEC SAC funded		International full fee paying	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
YTD EFTS	16,813	16,598	3,052	3,321
YTD % of target	100%	101%	89%	112%

The major shifts at the end of 2020 compared to the end of 2019 are:

1. Domestic SAC enrolments:
 - Total: up 1% (+216 EFTS)
 - New to programme: down 1% (-97 EFTS)
 - Returning: up 3% (+312 EFTS).
2. International Full Fee enrolments:
 - Total: down 8% (-269 EFTS)
 - New to Programme: down 17% (-282 EFTS)
 - Returning: up 1% (+13 EFTS)
3. Māori Domestic SAC enrolments:
 - Total: up 3% (+57 EFTS)
 - New to programme: up 6% (+46 EFTS)
 - Returning: up 1% (+11 EFTS)
4. Pacific Domestic SAC enrolments:
 - Total: steady 0% (+11 EFTS)
 - New to programme: down 8% (-121 EFTS)
 - Returning: up 9% (+132 EFTS)
5. Pre-degree enrolments:
 - Total: down 12% (-156 EFTS)
 - New to programme: down 13% (-143 EFTS)
 - Returning: down 6% (-12 EFTS)
6. Undergraduate enrolments:
 - Total: up 1% (+215 EFTS)
 - New to programme: steady 0% (+23 EFTS)
 - Returning: up 2% (+193 EFTS)
7. Postgraduate enrolments:
 - Total: steady 0% (-20 EFTS)
 - New to programme: down 7% (-144 EFTS)
 - Returning: up 6% (+124 EFTS)

Appendix 1: Faculty Enrolments

2020 EFTS Progress to Target Monitoring Report by Faculty Year to Date Compared to Target and Equivalent Date Last Year

Programme EFTS as at 31 December 2020

Student Achievement Component EFTS	Total	BEL	CSOC	DECT	HEAL	TEAP
Pending	19	3	1	4	11	1
Actual	16,813	3,202	2,735	4,717	5,901	187
Total Pending and Actual	16,832	3,205	2,736	4,721	5,911	188
2020 Target	16,768	3,212	2,703	4,919	5,649	185
Progress to Target (%)	100%	100%	101%	96%	105%	101%
EFTS needed to reach 100%	-65	7	-33	198	-263	-2
Ahead or behind on this time last year:	Ahead	Ahead	Behind	Behind	Ahead	Behind
	by	by	by	by	by	by
	221	40	26	7	275	43
Progress to Target, this time last year (%)	101%	97%	106%	98%	105%	104%
EFTS needed to reach Target this time last year	-188	111	-145	116	-271	-9
Achieved from this time last year to year end	-14	-5	-0	-1	-7	-1
International Full-Fee EFTS	Total	BEL	CSOC	DECT	HEAL	TEAP
Pending	4	1	0	1	1	0
Actual	3,052	1,145	467	1,021	375	4
Total Pending and Actual	3,055	1,146	467	1,022	376	5
2020 Target	3,439	1,280	506	1,141	406	2
Progress to Target (%)	89%	90%	92%	90%	93%	187%
EFTS needed to reach 100%	383	133	39	119	30	-2
Ahead or behind on this time last year:	Behind	Behind	Behind	Behind	Behind	Ahead
	by	by	by	by	by	by
	273	65	47	94	3	1
Progress to Target, this time last year (%)	113%	114%	104%	115%	120%	134%
EFTS needed to reach Target this time last year	-372	-146	-20	-144	-64	-1
Achieved from this time last year to year end	-8	-3	-1	-1	-1	-1
AUT South Campus	Total	BEL	CSOC	DECT	HEAL	TEAP
Pending	1	0	0	0	1	0
Actual	2,161	311	292	240	1,235	11
Total Pending and Actual	2,163	311	292	240	1,236	12
2020 Target	2,324	344	283	298	1,255	45
Progress to Target (%)	93%	90%	103%	81%	99%	26%
EFTS needed to reach 100%	161	33	-10	58	18	33
Ahead or behind on this time last year:	Behind	Behind	Ahead	Behind	Behind	Behind
	by	by	by	by	by	by
	8	10	86	17	15	35
Progress to Target, this time last year (%)	93%	95%	97%	78%	95%	187%
EFTS needed to reach Target this time last year	156	15	7	72	71	-22
Achieved from this time last year to year end	-1	0	-0	0	-1	-0

Appendix 2: Financial Performance

As at 31 December 2020

\$000s	Year to Date (\$000s)		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	425,434	441,800	(16,366)
Expense	410,044	422,107	12,062
Surplus before interest	15,390	19,693	(4,304)
Interest	3,097	4,340	1,244
Net surplus	12,293	15,353	(3,060)

Comment

The year-to-date net surplus from operations of \$12.3 million is 2.9% of revenue, which was achieved despite a year of disruption by COVID-19. However, this is \$3 million behind budget since cost savings were not able to offset loss of revenue.

TEC Financial Covenants	Year-end Result		
	Actual	TEC	Outcome
Max commercial debt borrowings \$000s	64,850	220,000	On target
Max aggregate financing \$000s	83,905	243,000	On target
Max Debt / Debt + Equity Ratio	10%	30%	On target
Max Debt / Net Cash Flow Ratio	1.30	3.00	On target
Max Debt / Total Revenue Ratio	20%	55%	On target
Min Net Surplus Ratio	2.9%	>0.0%	On target
Min Cash Flow from Operation Ratio	118%	115%	On target
Min Interest Cover Ratio	4.97	2.50	On target
Min Liquidity Ratio	44%	2%	On target

Comment

All TEC financial covenants were met in 2020.

Appendix 3: Key Performance Indicators

KPI Summary 2020

The following tables present the results for the University's KPIs for 2020. Results shaded in grey are still provisional at this stage; final results are expected by the end of February.

AUT's 2020 KPI results reveal the impact of COVID-19. The loss of new international students directly affected results for several measures, including total EFTS (KPI 5.1), proportion of international EFTS (KPI 3.5), proportion of EFTS in postgraduate study (KPI 5.3), and number of doctoral students (KPI 2.4). Evidence of the widespread economic downturn can be seen in our graduate employment rate (KPI 1.4) and our staff consultancy revenue (KPI 4.2), both of which fell sharply from 2019. The effect of the disrupted academic year may also be reflected in the results for two KPIs focussed on students' learning experiences (KPIs 1.1 and 1.2). Although the same disruption may have affected our results for KPIs 2.1 (Number of quality-assured research outputs) and 2.2 (proportion of research-active academic staff), we have fallen well below target for these measures for a number of years now. The KPIs will be reviewed by the Research Committee of Academic Board early this year.

The stand-out result of 2020 was for KPI 2.3 (value of new research contracts signed); it is even more remarkable given the wider context in which it was achieved.

Theme 1: Creating exceptional learning experiences.

KPI	Description	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Result
1.1	Increase the proportion of students who would recommend their programme of study	82.5%	81%	81%	Not achieved
1.2	Increase the proportion of students who are satisfied with teaching quality	85%	82%	83%	Not achieved
1.3	Percentage of bachelors graduates who completed work-integrated learning while studying	>90%	92%	93%	Achieved
1.4	Percentage of available graduates who are working full time	>85%	77%	84%	Not achieved

Theme 2: Discovery and application of knowledge for wellbeing and prosperity.

KPI	Description	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Result
2.1	Increase the number of quality-assured research outputs	2,600	1,872	2,032	Not achieved
2.2	Increase the proportion of research-active academic staff	80%	54%	55%	Not achieved
2.3	Increase the value of new research contracts signed	\$22M	\$33.8M	\$28.4M	Achieved
2.4	Increase the number of doctoral students	1,163	1,011	1,017	Not achieved
2.5	Increase the proportion of outputs with an international co-author	63%	61%	64%	Not achieved

Theme 3: Responding to our place in the world.

KPI	Description	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Result
3.1	Increase the number of Māori graduates from bachelor's degrees	350	366	291	Achieved
3.2	Increase the number of postgraduate students that are Māori	345	381	365	Achieved
3.3	Increase the number of Pacific graduates from bachelor's degrees	425	403	383	Not achieved
3.4	Increase the number of Pacific postgraduate students	455	385	379	Not achieved
3.5	Increase the proportion of international EFTS	17.5%	17^%	18%	Not achieved

Theme 4: Building our position as New Zealand's university of technology.

KPI	Description	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Result
4.1	Increase the number of disciplines included in the QS World University Rankings by Subject	14	10	9	Not achieved
4.2	Increase staff consultancy revenue	\$1.7M	\$1.2M	1.75M	Not achieved
4.3	Contribute to the public debate. Number of media articles using AUT staff as expert voices or highlighting AUT research	>1,000	1,535	2,113	Achieved

Theme 5: Being a place where people love to work and learn.

KPI	Description	Target 2020	Actual 2020	Actual 2019	Result
5.1	Increase total EFTS	20,630	20,498	20,531	Not achieved
5.2	Increase the number of students at South Campus	3,000	2,246	2,267	Not achieved
5.3	Increase the proportion of students in postgraduate study	21%	20%	20%	Not achieved
5.4	Increase staff engagement. * There was no staff engagement survey in 2020. Instead, the focus was on taking care of staff so they could in turn support students through the pandemic. Our main engagement event for the year was known as the Great Work Jam, where staff shared their thoughts on a series of themes: ways of working, student and people focus, and future education. The main themes that emerged included AUT's strong community spirit, and the need for greater agility in our approach to education, and more collaborative leadership and effective communication. These themes will be address in our planning for 2021.	*	*	*	Achieved



AGENDA ITEM	7.3
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Council Agenda Paper

Subject: **Report from Academic Board**

Date: **25 Feb 2021**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL RECEIVE THE NOVEMBER REPORT AND MINUTES DATED 30 NOVEMBER 2020 FROM THE ACADEMIC BOARD.

Academic Board Report to Council

Meeting held 30 November 2020

Committees of Academic Board

- Academic Board endorsed four recommendations from the Learning and Teaching Committee in relation to assessment protocols from 2021.
- Academic Board approved the closure to new enrolments of two programmes: Master of Cultural and Creative Technologies and Postgraduate Certificate in Cultural and Creative Practice.

ACADEMIC BOARD – UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held on Monday 30 November 2020
10.00 am-10.59 am, WA224b

PART A: ATTENDANCE

1. Present

D McCormack (Chair), Dr T Berno, Associate Professor H Buckley, J Bygrave, Dr Y Chan, Dr D Channings, Dr R Ellis, A Gale, Professor J Gutierrez, Associate Professor N Harris, Associate Professor E Henry, Professor E Hinckson, Professor P Hume, Professor M Jones, Professor D Jury, Associate Professor B Kehrwald, Professor P Keiha, Dr I Kranenburg, Associate Professor P Larmer, Dr L Lewis, Professor T Lie, Professor T Maloney, Professor S Mazer, Professor K McPherson, Professor G Morris, Professor M Orams, Professor F Peterson, Professor J Raine, C Redmond, Dr F Reid, J Scarbrough, Dr S Shaw, D Sinfield, K Tairi, Professor A Tourani-Rad, Dr A Vujnovich, Professor C Walker, Professor M Waring, Professor L White, Professor D Wilson, Dr A Withell

2. Apologies

K Carrington, Professor H Cooper-Thomas, Professor B Doolin, Dr A Haxell, Dr R Johnson, Professor K Kearins, J Kelly, Associate Professor S Kumar, Professor G Littlefair, Professor H McNeill, Professor G Pacheco, H Pryor, Professor F Tan, L Williams, B Wooliscroft

3. In attendance

L Baragwanath, B Bundy, B Elliott, P Fleming, W Fraser, W Ho, A Naming, T Richardson, M Skinner, M Smart, A Sykora, O Weatherup (Minutes)

* PART C: VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor provided a verbal report highlighting the following:

- Congratulations were extended to all Board members for getting through a difficult year. The work of academic staff, faculty support staff, IT Services, altLAB and Student Services was also specifically acknowledged.
- EFTS for 2020 are almost exactly the same as for 2019 although the proportion of international and domestic shifted. A reduction of approximately 1200 international EFTS is anticipated in 2021 and domestic EFTS are likely to increase by approximately 600. Some new international students will enrol to undertake programmes entirely online and some are already in New Zealand. Re-opening the borders to international students has not been signalled at this point. The small concession of allowing a number of PhD students to enter makes very little difference to AUT numbers.
- Financially 2021 will be challenging and restrictions introduced this year such travel and new appointments will continue. The uptake of the Voluntary Enhanced Leaving Package (VELP) by 61 staff members will help 2021 finances.
- J Bygrave and Dr Kranenburg are leaving the University at the end of the year. Their extensive and crucial contributions were acknowledged, particularly J Bygrave's work in the Faculty of Business with early degrees and Dr Kranenburg's work with curriculum development, CUAP and academic regulations. Associate Professor Larmer is stepping down from his role as Head of the School of Clinical

Sciences but will remain in a reduced position until the appointment of a new Dean. Professor Jury is retiring at the end of the year.

- Congratulations were extended to the new professors appointed in the last promotion round, namely: Professor Verica Rupar, Professor Andrew Lowe, Professor Ineke Crezee, Professor Andrew Gibbons, Professor Peter B Kim, Professor Tomas Pernecky, Professor Aaron Gilbert, Professor Antonio Diaz Andrade and Professor Judith McAra-Couper.

Questions and comments from members included: whether a risk assessment been done in terms of the gaps left by those taking the VELP option; and, whether there is any provision in the budget for the University's response to the external enquiry undertaken. It was confirmed that the report on the enquiry is expected shortly.

*** PART D: BUSINESS**

*** 1 Consideration of the Agenda**

All unstarred items were received and any recommendations adopted.

*** 2 Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was resolved:

- **THAT the Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 28 September 2020 are approved as a true and accurate record.**

Moved by the Chair

*** 3 Matters Arising**

4 Student Matters

*** 5 Committees of Academic Board**

5.1 International Strategy Committee

A Report for the International Strategy Committee meetings held on 3 September and 6 November 2020 were received.

*** 5.2 Learning and Teaching Committee**

A Report for the Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 18 November 2020 and a related discussion paper were received.

Professor Morris introduced the discussion paper which outlines changes to assessment protocols from 2021. Events this year forced a re-think on assessment resulting in most face-to-face examinations being replaced by other assessment methods and Professor Morris commented that there remains momentum and commitment across faculties to reconsider assessment in relation to authentic assessment as per the exceptional learning framework.

Discussion raised the following points: greater clarity is needed given that some forms of examination are perfectly acceptable; concerns about the 2021 timeframe; although an explicit rationale will be required for the use of examinations, all assessments should be thought through, balanced and their weighting considered; and, Boards of Studies currently approve types of assessment but the paper shifts this responsibility to Deans. Given that examinations are the norm for doctoral qualifications internationally, it was agreed that the paper and its recommendations will exclude postgraduate research examination processes. It was noted that recommendation 6.4 relates to resourcing which Academic Board would not normally endorse and it was suggested the recommendation include the words 'in principle'.

It was resolved:

- **THAT Academic Board endorse the recommendations on page 8 of the appended discussion paper [with the proviso that postgraduate research examination processes are excluded], namely:**

6.1 That the protocols articulated in 5.0 be endorsed to inform assessment from 2021

6.2 That existing assessment protocols and procedures be amended to reflect any changes

6.3 That exam Boards be renamed as Assessment Boards to more accurately capture the range of assessment practices at AUT, and to align with the language of 'Assessment Weeks' in the 2021 Calendar

6.4 [In principle,] that the PVC Teaching and Learning and altLAB ensure Programme and Course leaders have access to professional learning resources to support the shift to authentic assessment more generally, and in rethinking examinations more appropriate to the range of disciplines

Moved Professor G Morris / Seconded Dr S Shaw

*** 5.3 Research Committee**

5.3.1 A Report for the Research Committee meeting held on 10 November 2020 was received. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor commented that there were 19 AUT submissions to MBIE in the recent round and that a focus for next year is where the University places research in connection with teaching and learning rather than being a separate aspect.

* 5.3.2 C Redmond and B Elliott provided an overview of the new staff profiles site: academics.aut.ac.nz noting that it is populated by the data held in Research Elements. Some of the principal features were demonstrated and a user guide is available on AUTi. Members were asked to check their profile in Research Elements is up to date and switched to public and to encourage colleagues to do the same.

Discussion included: what steps are being taken by RIO to ensure that profiles being activated are fit for purpose i.e. don't contain anything that is not ready to be made public; and, the possibility of links to the site from other web pages.

5.4 Programme Approval and Review Committee (no report)

5.5 Academic Planning Subgroup (no report)

5.6 Graduate Research School

A Report on the University Postgraduate Board meetings held on 15 September, 20 October and 17 November 2020 and the Graduate Research School Report for November 2020 were received.

5.7 University Scholarships Committee (no report)

6 Faculty Boards

***6.1 Faculty of Business, Economics and Law**

A Report from the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law Faculty Board meeting held on 18 November 2020 was received.

It was resolved:

- **THAT the Faculty of Business, Economics and Law Faculty Board minutes for November be accepted.**

6.2 Faculties of Culture and Society and Te Ara Poutama (no report)

*** 6.3 Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies**

A Report from the Faculty of Design and Creative Technologies Learning and Teaching Committee meeting held on 28 October 2020 was received.

It was resolved:

- **THAT Academic Board approve the closure of the Master of Culture and Creative Practice and the Postgraduate Certificate in Cultural and Creative Practice for new enrolments as from 28 September 2020.**

Moved Professor F Peterson / Seconded Professor G Morris

6.4 Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences

A Report from the Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences Faculty Board meeting held on 9 October 2020 was received.

7 Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee (AUTEC)

8 Universities New Zealand – Te Pūkai Tara and other external bodies

9 Membership of Committees of Academic Board

10 Members' Business

11 Open Session/Debate

2021 Academic Board Meeting dates:

Meeting date	Agenda closure
22 February	12 February
29 March	19 March
27 April (Tuesday)	16 April
31 May	21 May
28 June	18 June
26 July	16 July
30 August	20 August
27 September	17 September
26 October (Tuesday)	15 October
29 November	19 November

Part A Open	9.2
AGENDA ITEM	

Council Agenda Paper

Subject: WQ Official Building Naming – AUT new accommodation building

Date: 2/12/20

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL APPROVE THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE NEW ACCOMMODATION BUILDING AS TE ĀHURU – THE SANCTUARY

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUT buildings are normally designated with a two-letter code to allow quick and simple identification. The AUT City campus buildings all have two letters with a W as the first letter. The new student accommodation building will be designated as WQ.

There is also a need to name this new building for official purposes. This naming needs to be relatively simple and have appropriate meaning. After consulting with Student Services and the Office of Maori Advancement (OMA) the recommended official name for WQ, the opening ceremony and marketing purposes is Te Āhuru.

OMA has presented the following statement in support of this approach.

Inspired by the term 'āhuru mōwai' which refers to the water and womb in which the baby nestles, Te Āhuru is a safe haven for our students to feel comfortable, settle and rejuvenate. The poutokomanawa (centre post) located in our wharenuī, Te Pūrengi represents the nurturing nature of a mother to her newborn serving as a metaphor for our university as we nurture our students through their studies here at AUT. The inside of a wharenuī (meeting house) is also often referred to as the 'āhuru mōwai' - as an appropriate cultural space for people to centre themselves and rejuvenate. As such, Te Āhuru is a space where one can feel safe, centred and replenish.

In practical terms staff and students will refer to the building as WQ and there be opportunities to use 'Āhuru' in subsequent naming within the building itself in common spaces.

Our recommendation is to commend the official name as Te Āhuru and to use this name, WQ and the Mayoral Drive apartments interchangeably.

As per the official naming policy of the University I seek the approval of the Vice Chancellor, and ratification of the University Council.

Prepared by	Luke Patterson, Chief Marketing Officer
Authorised by	Derek McCormack, Vice Chancellor

For information. There is currently a push to both existing applicants, new applicants and an external marketing campaign planned to signal the new accommodation to our target groups.

APPROVAL: Authorize the Vice Chancellor to execute the agreement which is above the delegated financial authority limit of \$2 million. Authorize Legal Counsel to execute all ancillary documents required to administer or effectuate this agreement.