



LINCOLN
UNIVERSITY
TE WHARE WĀNAKA O AORAKI

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 9am in Council Chambers and online via MS Teams

Meeting Minutes

Present: Mr B Gemmell (Chancellor), Professor G Edwards (Vice-Chancellor), Mr D Cooper, Mrs M Ash, Prof Derrick Moot, Dr Marjan van den Belt, Mrs Liz Hill-Taiaroa (each a Council Member),

Via MS Teams: Prof James McWha (Pro-Chancellor), Mrs Janice Fredric, Mr James Parsons (each a Council Member)

In attendance: Mrs S Roulston (Chief Operating Officer)
Mr D Lodge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Life)
Mr N Heslop (Strategy & Governance Officer, as Council Secretary)
Mrs K McEwan (Executive Director People, Culture, & Wellbeing)
Mrs T Nelson (Health, Safety, & Bio-Compliance Manager) – Item 9

Meeting started at 9.01am.

1. Welcome/Karakia/Apologies

The meeting began with a karakia by Mrs Liz Hill-Taiaroa.

Council RESOLVED:

1. To receive an apology from Mrs G Thompson & Mr D Jensen for absence, and an apology from Prof. James McWha for early departure.

Resolution

MOTION CARRIED

2. Disclosures of interests

The interest register was NOTED.

3. Confirmation of the Previous Meeting Minutes

Council RESOLVED:

- To confirm the minutes from the Council meeting held 28 November 2023.

Resolution

MOTION CARRIED

4. Matters arising from the Minutes

The action register was NOTED.

5. Notice of items of General Business

There were no items of general business.

The Chancellor advised Council that he received the resignation of Peter Barrowclough, CEO of Lincoln Agritech, and announced this to staff. The Lincoln Agritech Board has appointed Dr Richard Gordon, former CEO of Manaaki Whenua | Landcare Research as an interim-CEO.

6. Vice Chancellors Report

The report was taken as read. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the following:

- Vice Chancellors met the incoming Tertiary Education Minister to discuss the Higher Education Funding Review. At that meeting it was disclosed that:
 - There is a possibility the PBRF funding round may be deferred.
 - There will be a movement of “free fees” from the first year of study to the last year. Likely implementation in 2025.
 - The unified funding system will be replaced by the SAC funding model. This may have a modest uplift in revenue circa \$500,000 for the University.
 - The Children’s University has 1475 members cross 45 schools and two Runanga and recently held a graduation ceremony.
 - The graduation destination and student experience surveys have recently been completed. Lincoln continues to sustain high levels of graduate employment within six months of graduation at 84%.

Council RESOLVED:

1. To receive the information in the Vice Chancellor’s Report.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution

7. Academic Board Report

The report was taken as read.

The Chancellor asked the Vice Chancellor to pass on the thanks and best wishes of Council to the Academic Board for what has been a full and comprehensive year.

Council Resolved

That Council:

1. **Note** the Academic Board Report.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution

8. Conferment of Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates Report

The report was taken as read.

The

Council Resolved

That Council approve the following awards:

Doctor of Philosophy

Maisam **Ali**, in Accounting and Finance

Zainul **Azmi**, in Agricultural Economics

Jinbo **Li**, in Soil Science

Karla María **López Reyes**, in Applied Entomology

Collins **Oduro**, in Agricultural Economics

Aleksandra **Stojanovska**, in Sociology

Xiaozhen **Ye**, in Tourism Management

Master of Business in Finance

Weiming **Li**, Merit

Minghui **Zhao**, Merit

Resolution

Master of International Nature Conservation

(Jointly awarded with Georg-August-Universität, Göttingen, Germany)

Jessica **Bardey**

Master of Landscape Architecture

Leucia Jayne **Caves**, *Second Class Honours, Division I*

Master of Science in Food Innovation

Gao Congyi, Merit

Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Science

Conor David **Taylor**

Postgraduate Diploma in Parks, Recreation and Tourism

Lucy Elizabeth **Brown**

Postgraduate Certificate in Commerce

Sarah Louise **McKenzie**, Distinction

Cameron **Burton**

Hamish Nigel **Murray**

Kristen Gene **Robb**

Postgraduate Certificate in Environmental Management

Sarah Veronica Rae Fisher, Distinction

Graduate Diploma in Commerce

Cai Zihao

Graduate Diploma in Property Management

Wen **Guan**

Bachelor of Commerce

Ziwen **Qiao**, Individual Major

Diploma in Farm Management

Joshua Gray **Dearden**

Diploma in Horticulture

Raewyn Anne **Cunningham**

Diploma in University Studies

Benjamin Kar Hoe **Tan**

Ega **Wibisono**

MOTION CARRIED

9. Convene Executive Committee Report

The report was taken as read.

Council Resolved

That Council:

1. **APPOINT** an Executive Committee comprising of the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and the Chair of Audit and Risk Committee (quorum to be three of these members) to be authorized to make any

urgent decisions of the Council required during the period of 13 December 2023 and 26 February 2024 (both days inclusive).

2. **NOTES** that any meeting of the Executive Committee will be publicly notified, and the details forwarded to all Councillors, all of whom can participate.

Resolution

3. **NOTES** that any decisions made will be reported to the Council for record purposes and subject to retrospective approval of Council.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Election of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor for 2024

The Chancellor let Item 10 lay on the table and Council will hear this report in February 2024.

11. Motion by the Chancellor for Resolution to Exclude the Public Pursuant to s48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

General Subject Matter	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Grounds under section
Lincoln University Strategy Report – theme discussion	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	7(2)(h) 7(2)(j)
Capital Asset Committee 1. Report 2. Minutes from meeting on 4 December 2023 3. Student Accommodation Masterplan Approval	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	7(2)(h) 7(2)(j)
Ahumairaki Committee 1. Report 2. Minutes from the meeting on 13 November 2023	To enable free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of the University	7(2)(f)(i)
Farms Committee 1. Report 2. Minutes from the meeting on 8 September 2023 3. Farms Plan	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University	7(2)(h)
Academic Board 1. Report	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons	7(2)(a)
Lincoln University Scholarships Strategic Overview	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	7(2)(h) 7(2)(j)
HZAU Report	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University	7(2)(h)
Monthly Recruitment Report	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University	7(2)(h)
Monthly Financials	To prevent the disclosure or use of official information for improper gain or improper advantage	7(2)(j)
Whare Manaaki Presentation	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University	7(2)(h)
Lincoln University Property Joint Venture Limited Statement of Corporate Intent	To avoid prejudice or disadvantage to the commercial activities of the University	7(2)(h)

I move also that: Professor Grant Edwards (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Chad Hewitt (Provost), Ms K McEwan (Executive Director People Culture and Wellbeing), Mrs Sheree Jahnke-Waitoa (Director, Māori and Pasifika), Mrs Susie Roulston (Chief Operating Officer), Mr Hamish Cochrane (Director Student

Administration & Student Health), Mr D Lodge (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Student Life), Mr T Osborne (Director of Finance), Mr T Ari (Warren & Mahoney), Mr David Bain (Project Manager), Mr R Michelle (Tumuaki-Takirua Te Awhioraki), Mr D Cooper (LUSA President), Mr A Pearson (Property Director), Mr Ted Rogers (Independent Chairperson, Lincoln University Property Joint Venture Limited), and Mr N Heslop (Council Secretary), be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded, because of their knowledge of the various matters being discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because of their involvement in the development of reports to Council on these matters.

MOTION CARRIED

The public were readmitted to the meeting at 11.46am

13. Closure and next Meeting

The meeting closed at 12.56pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 27 February 2024 at 9am and will be held at Lincoln Campus.

CONFIRMED THIS 27th DAY OF February 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a horizontal line and a circular flourish.

BRUCE GEMMELL

CHANCELLOR