

# COUNCIL

## Minutes

Date	<b>Wednesday 27 September 2017</b>
Time	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Level 6 Matariki
Present	Dr John Wood (Chancellor), Ms Sue McCormack (Pro-Chancellor), Dr Rod Carr (Vice-Chancellor), Mr James Addington, Mr Peter Ballantyne, Dr Rosemary Banks, Ms Catherine Drayton, Mr Malcolm Peterson Scott, Mr Shayne Te Aika, Mr Steve Wakefield.
Apologies	Professor Roger Nokes, Mr Warren Poh,
In Attendance	Mr Jeff Field, Registrar and University Council Secretary Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Ms Alex Hanlon



In the discussion, the following points emerged:

The Pacific Development Team (PDT) were making steady progress. The team was stable and the appointment of a Team leader had allowed the Director to focus on the strategy.

Support from the academic community was stronger than anticipated.

The PDT members were all recent students and very enthusiastic. PDT staff were also heavily involved in their communities which raised the profile of the University.

There was a stronger sense of belonging on campus amongst the Pasifika students. This could be further developed with dedicated community spaces and in the longer term, ideally a Pasifika Fale.

The largest challenge was qualification completion. Although PDT provided a wrap-around support service, incorporating a Pasifika world view in academic programmes was invaluable and it had been observed that students were more likely to succeed where this occurred.

Younger students were often not well prepared for university study and this is reflected in the statistics.

Mature students

Amendments to the criteria for the Teaching Award were recommended to Council by the Academic Board.

Moved

***That: Council approve the amendments to the criteria for the Teaching Awards.***

Carried

**PUBLIC EXCLUDED  
MEETING**

Moved

***That: the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:***

4	Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 with the public excluded	These items concern matters that were previously dealt with during proceedings of Council from which the public was excluded.
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