

University of Otago Council

Venue - Council Chamber, First Floor, Clocktower Building



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**UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO COUNCIL
REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

(As disclosed on appointment to the Council and updated as necessary)

All University of Otago Council members are Trustees of The Hocken Collection.

Professor Ralph W Adler

Entity	Nature of Interest
University of Otago	Employee
Adler Family Foundation	Trustee
Dunedin Community Accounting	Trustee

Frazer B Barton

Entity	Nature of Interest
ALC Trustees No 1 Limited	Director / Shareholder
Anderson Lloyd Shareholding Company Limited	Director / Partner / Shareholder
Anderson Lloyd Partnership	Partner
Anderson Lloyd Trustee Company Limited	Director / Shareholder
Anderson Lloyd Trustee Company (2011) Limited	Director / Shareholder
Anderson Lloyd Trustee Company (2013) Limited	Director / Shareholder
Anderson Lloyd Trustee Company (No. 2) Limited	Director / Shareholder
Anderson Lloyd Trustee Company (No.3) Limited	Director / Shareholder
Calvert & Co Trustees Limited	Director / Shareholder
Naseby Development Trust	Trustee
New Zealand Law Society / Te Kāhui Ture o Aotearoa	President and Board Member
New Zealand Law Society / Te Kāhui Ture o Aotearoa – CLE Ltd (Continuing Legal Education)	Director
Otago Law Practitioners Benevolent Fund	Trustee
TCP Holdings Limited	Director / Shareholder
University of Otago Foundation Trust	Trustee

Brendan J Boyle

Entity	Nature of Interest
Brendan Boyle Limited	Director / Shareholder
Fairway Resolution Holdings Limited	Director
Fairway Resolution Limited	Director

Mark Brunton

Entity	Nature of Interest
University of Otago	Employee
Edgar Diabetes and Obesity Research Centre	Board Member

Hon Clare E Curran

Entity	Nature of Interest
Curran Consultants Ltd	Director / Shareholder
Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust	General Manager
Ōtākau Mental Health and Addictions Network	Chair
The Network for Learning Board – HR and Remuneration Committee	Chair

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Suzanne L Ellison

Entity	Nature of Interest
Kati Huirapa Runaka ki Puketeraki	Runaka Manager
Karitane Māori Tours Limited	Director

Stephen J Higgs

Entity	Nature of Interest
BPAC NZ Limited	Director
GMC LP Management Limited	Director
Mitern Limited	Director / Shareholder
Nexus Global Ltd	Director
New Zealand Formulary Ltd	Director
Otago Federated Farmers Charitable Trust	Trustee
Otago Federated Farmers Trust	Trustee
Polson Higgs Wealth Management Limited	Director
South Link Education Trust	Trustee
University of Otago Foundation Trust	Trustee
University of Otago Holdings Limited	Director
Vetlife Limited	Director
Comhla Vet Ltd	Director

Patricia (Trish) A Oakley

Entity	Nature of Interest
Forsyth Barr Limited	Employee / Shareholder
Financial Services Council - Investment and KiwiSaver Committee	Co-Chair
Institute of Directors NZ - Board	Director
Institute of Directors NZ – National Council	Vice President
Institute of Directors NZ – Otago Southland Branch	Committee Member
New Zealand Lotteries Commission - Board	Member
Global Women	Member
The Food Club Limited	Shareholder
University of Otago Holdings Limited	Director
Pomegranate Trust	Trustee and Beneficiary

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Nicola E Riordan

Entity	Nature of Interest
Diabetes New Zealand	Trustee
Kordia Limited	Director
Real Estate Institute of New Zealand (REINZ)	Director
Realestate.co.nz	Director
Loan Market Group (Australia)	Director
New Zealand Financial Services Group (NZFSG)	Director
Nua Limited	Shareholder

Hon Grant M Robertson

Entity	Nature of Interest
University of Otago	Employee
University of Otago Foundation Trust	Ex officio Trustee
University of Otago Holdings Limited	Ex officio Director
NZ Vice-Chancellors' Committee (Universities NZ)	Committee Member
KMKT Trust (Family Trust)	Non-beneficial Trustee

Keegan L Wells

Entity	Nature of Interest
Otago University Students' Association	President
NZ Union of Students' Associations	Ex officio Board Member; Council Member

Malcolm A Wong

Entity	Nature of Interest
Aylesbury Investments Limited	Director / Shareholder
Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust	Trustee
CNW Trustees (2007) Limited	Director / Shareholder
CNW Trustees (2017) Limited	Director / Shareholder
CNW Trustees (2020) Limited	Director / Shareholder
CNW Trustees Limited	Director / Shareholder
Cook North & Wong Limited	Director / Shareholder
Dornoch Dunedin Investments Limited	Shareholder (Trustee)
Dunedin Casinos Charitable Trust	Trustee (Advisory)
Dunedin Chinese Gardens Trust	Trustee (Chairman)
Kotahitaka Trust Board	Trustee
Nasico Limited	Shareholder
Palmer Oliver Holdings Limited	Shareholder
Sun Gum Saan Limited	Director
P M Yelavich Anaesthetics Limited	Shareholder
Technology Holdings Limited	Shareholder
Wychwood Holdings Limited	Shareholder



Minutes of a meeting of the University Council

13 August 2024

Present The Chancellor (by video conference), the Pro-Chancellor (in the Chair), the Vice-Chancellor, Professor R W Adler, Mr B J Boyle, Mr M Brunton, Hon C E Curran, Ms S L Ellison, Ms K L Wells and Mr M A Wong

Apology None

In attendance Mr R D Jackson, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (External Engagement), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Enterprise), the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Operating Officer, the Director of Strategy, Analytics and Reporting, the Registrar and Secretary to the Council, Deputy Secretary to the Council and the Manger, Copyright and Open Access.

Ms M McPherson (Item 14)

Welcome Professor J F Palmer was welcomed to her first meeting of the University Council.

Part 1: Open Committee

Opening Karakia led by Mr M Brunton

1. Disclosure of Interests and Register of Interests

The Council received the current Register of Interests for members of the University of Otago Council, and the Chancellor reminded members to declare any changes to the Deputy Secretary to the Council.

2. University Council Minutes

Part 1 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2024 were confirmed.

3. Communications from the Senate

The Council received Communications from the Senate, dated 31 July 2024 and

APPROVED the following recommendations:

i) Academic Proposal

- To introduce a new endorsement in EMDR Therapy for the Postgraduate Certificate in Health Sciences (PGCertHealSc), including the following new papers:

New papers

- PSME 455 Foundational Clinical Practice in EMDR Therapy
- PSME 456 Advanced Clinical Practice in EMDR Therapy

- To amend the structure of the Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacist Prescribing (PGCertPharm), including an amendment to the entry requirement – from requiring the Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Pharmacy (PGDipClinPharm) (or equivalent) as a prerequisite to requiring the Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacy (PGCertPharm) – and including the following new papers:

New papers

- PHCY 621 Pharmacy Prescribing: Access and Equity
- PHCY 622 Pharmacist Prescribing

- To amend the structure of the Bachelor of Laws (LLB), including a reduction in points required for the degree from 534 to 504.

- To delete the following endorsements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Physiotherapy (PGCertPhty), Postgraduate Diploma in Physiotherapy (PGDipPhty), and Master of Physiotherapy (MPhty), leaving unendorsed options for these qualifications:

Deleted endorsements

- Neurorehabilitation
- Sports Physiotherapy
- Orthopaedic Manipulative Therapy
- Occupational Health Physiotherapy

- To delete the Master of Dietetics, including the deletion of associated HUND papers:

Deleted papers

- HUND 471 Clinical Nutrition
- HUND 472 Public Health Dietetics
- HUND 473 Food Service Management
- HUND 475 Applied Dietetics
- HUND 477 Professional Placement

and

ii) Scholarships and Prizes

New scholarship

- Mai Chen Legal Innovation Award

4. Finance and Budget

4.1 Financial Review Part 1

The Council received a Financial Review Part 1 report for the period ended 30 June 2024 from the Chief Financial Officer and

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the operating surplus for the period ended 30 June 2024 was \$104.7 million, which was \$16.3 million higher than the budgeted surplus of \$88.5 million. Mr Trott commented on the positive variance.

The Council sought clarification from management on the student occupancy rates, on the internal grant funding for Shared Services (part of divisional operating contribution summary) and on term liabilities (including bank loans both long and short term). Management reported that accommodation occupancy rates were 96%; and commented on the accounting treatment of term liabilities and the internal grant funding as presented in the report.

5. Capital Development

5.1 Minutes

The Council received Part 1 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Capital and Development Committee held on 2 July 2024.

The Council sought clarification from management on the Terms of Reference and that of the composition and membership. Management confirmed that the Capital Development Committee is composed of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, 3-4 members of the Council, 3 members of the Academic Staff (appointed after consultation with Pro-Vice-Chancellors) and the Chief Operation Officer. Those in attendance include the Chief Financial Officer, Director, Property and Campus Development, Chief Digital Officer, Head of Transformation and Improvement Officer, Head of Enterprise Project Management Officer and the Head of Campus Development.

6. Audit and Risk

6.1 Minutes

The Council received Part 1 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 18 June 2024.

7. Health and Safety

7.1 Minutes

The Council received Part 1 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Safety Committee held on 21 June 2024.

8. Vice-Chancellor's Business

8.1 Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor, dated 6 August 2024 covering topical issues, divisional updates, volunteering and social impact, upcoming events, awards, and recognition.

The Vice-Chancellor provided commentary on the Health Research Council Grants received in the latest HRC Projects and Programmes funding rounds (worth \$12.2 million), the University's Research Committee awarded 14 Research Themes (totalling \$1.4 million over four years from 2025-2028), recent achievements of alumni and support staff, and Divisional updates.

Given Professor J Ruru's absence at the last meeting, he also acknowledged her achievements in person.

9. Division of Sciences | Te Rohe ā Ahikāroa

Professors R Barker was welcomed to the meeting.

Professor Barker provided an overview of the Division of Sciences organisational structure including: staff FTE and student EFTS, the curriculum offerings and initiatives being implemented including interdisciplinary and cross University programmes, financial performance, outreach programmes such as Science Wānanga, Science Academy and the Marine Studies Centres, reductions and mergers, space utilisation, research and development achievements, staff updates and other strategic initiatives being undertaken which align with Pae Tata. He also discussed the work being undertaken to look at consolidating academic programmes including the possibility in forming a School of Earth and Ocean Science (Geology and Marine Science).

The Council discussed the student demographics in sciences and the value proposition of new initiatives whilst educating scientists of the future that will be equipped to play their part in the societal challenges we face today.

10. Exclusion of the Public

The Council

APPROVED

a motion, under Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, that the public be excluded from the remaining parts of the proceedings of the meeting as appended to the Minutes.

10. Exclusion of the Public

The Pro-Chancellor moved that the public be excluded from the whole of the proceeding of this meeting/the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, —

- Item 11 Pt 2 of the Minutes of the meeting of the University Council held on 9 July 2024
- Item 12 University Council Work Plan 2024 and Action Follow-Register
- Item 13 Vice-Chancellor’s Report – including University of Otago, Queenstown and University Advisory Group Phase 2 Submission
- Item 14 Communications at Otago
- Item 15 Honorary Degrees
- Item 16 Finance and Budget – Financial Taskforce Reports
- Item 17 Health and Safety Report
- Item 18 Policy Library Review
- Item 19 Wiles v University of Auckland
- Item 20 Council Information Pack
- Item 21 Council Only Business

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows: -

General Subject	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground under Section 48(1)(a) for the passing of this resolution
Items 11 - 21 Confidential Minutes and Reports	Good reason for withholding information under the Official Information Act	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Sections 6,7 and/or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 (except Section 9(2)(g)(i)) as the case may require. The interests which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows (all references are to Section 9 of the Official Information Act):

Item 11	Pt 2 of the Minutes of the meeting of the University Council held on 9 July 2024.	ss 9(2)(a), (i), and (k)
Item 12	University Council Work Plan and Action Follow-Register	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 13	Vice-Chancellor’s Report including University of Otago Queenstown and University Advisory Group Phase 2 Submission	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 14	Communications at Otago	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 15	Honorary Degrees	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 16	Finance and Budget – Financial Taskforce Reports	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 17	Health and Safety Report – June 2024	ss 9(2)(a), (ba) and (c)
Item 18	Policy Library Review	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 19	Wiles v University of Auckland	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 20	Council Information Pack which includes Communications from the Senate –on matters approved under delegation and matters for noting, Tuakiritaka Project Update, Student Survey Report, Pre-liminary Financial Review, Financial Review Part 2, Consolidated Group Financial Report, Signing of Deeds, University of Otago Foundation Trust Report, Minutes of Council Committees, Climate Governance Resources and Council Membership 2024	ss 9(2)(i), (j) and (k)
Item 21	Council Only Business	ss 9(2)(a), (i), (j) and (k)

AND THAT for Items 11-20 Professors S Brock, R Blaikie, J Palmer, J Ruru, Mr S Willis, Mr D Thomson, Mr B Trott, for item 13.2 – Professor R Barker, for Item 14 – Ms M McPherson, be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because it relates to aspects of the administration and/or knowledge of specific capital projects of the University of Otago for which these people are responsible. The Registrar and Secretary to the Council, the Deputy Secretary to the Council and the Manager, Copyright and Open Access is also permitted to remain at the meeting for Items 1-21 to provide secretarial support and advice.



**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE
28 August 2024**

The Senate recommends for approval:

Dates for the Academic Year 2026

The dates for the Academic Year 2026, as provided by the Director of Student Experience (attached).

Scholarships and Prizes

The following new prizes and scholarship, as outlined in a manatu from SaPC dated 12 August 2024 (attached):

New prizes

- Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (300-level)
- Hutton Prize for Excellence in O&G 5th Year

New scholarship

- Honours Scholarship for Excellence in Neuroscience



Dates for the Academic Year 2026

Monday 5 January	Summer School commences
Friday 6 February	Waitangi Day
Friday 13 February	Summer School classes end
Saturday 14 February	Summer School examinations begin
Thursday 19 February	Summer School examinations end
Friday 20 February	Preliminary classes held
Monday 23 February	Formal lectures begin
Friday 3 April	Good Friday Mid-semester break begins
Monday 6 April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 7 April	Otago Anniversary Day observance (Dunedin)
Monday 13 April	First Semester resumes
Saturday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Monday 27 April	ANZAC Day (Observed)
Saturday 9 May	Graduation Ceremonies – Disciplines in each ceremony to be confirmed
Saturday 16 May	Graduation Ceremonies – Disciplines in each ceremony to be confirmed
Friday 29 May	Lectures end
Monday 1 June	King's Birthday
Wednesday 3 June	First Semester examinations begin
Wednesday 17 June	First Semester examinations end – maximum length of the formal examination period [although there may be some examinations held after this date]
Friday 10 July	Matariki
Monday 13 July	Second Semester begins
Saturday 22 August	Graduation Ceremony – Degrees and diplomas in all disciplines
Saturday 29 August	Mid-Semester Break begins
Monday 7 September	Second Semester resumes
Friday 16 October	Lectures end
Monday 19 October	End of year examinations begin
Monday 26 October	Labour Day
Saturday 7 November	End of year examinations end – Maximum length of the formal examination period [although there may be some examinations held after this date]
Monday 9 November	Pre-Christmas Summer School begins
Friday 11 December	Pre-Christmas Summer School classes end
Saturday 12 December	Pre-Christmas Summer School examination day – The formal examination day [although there may be some examinations held after this date] Graduation Ceremonies – Disciplines in each ceremony to be confirmed
Wednesday 16 December	Graduation Ceremonies – Disciplines in each ceremony to be confirmed
Saturday 19 December	Graduation Ceremonies – Disciplines in each ceremony to be confirmed



Memorandum

To Senate
From Scholarships and Prizes Committee
Date 12 August 2024
Re New and Amended Award proposals

Preamble

The recommendation of the Senate is sought for the following new prizes and new scholarship to proceed to the University Council for its consideration.

Please also note that the Scholarships and Prizes Committee has approved an amended prize.

1. NEW PRIZES

a) Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (300-level)

- **Department:** School of Surveying
- **Value:** \$1,000
- **Background:** This new prize is the second of two Surveying prizes sponsored by Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand (CSNZ). The prize makes official an existing departmental award, which recognises excellence in the study of law and policy relating to property rights, boundary law and title to land in New Zealand. Valued at \$1,000, this prize will be awarded to the student with the highest standard of achievement in the paper SURV306 Land Tenure 2. It also compliments the established Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (400-level), created in 1998 to recognise achievement in the study of professional practice and management in surveying in New Zealand.
- **Recommended by:**
 - Professor Antoni (Tony) Moore, Dean of the School of Surveying, Division of Sciences
 - Professor Richard Barker, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Sciences

Proposed Regulations

Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (300-level)

Established by the University of Otago in 2024 through a generous donation from Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand (CSNZ). This prize recognises excellence in the 300-level study of law and policy relating to property rights, boundary law and title to land in New Zealand, and replaces the existing (unofficial) departmental prize awarded annually for the same purpose.

The prize will be awarded annually by the University Council on the recommendation of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Sciences), after consultation with the Dean of the School of Surveying, to the student with the highest standard of achievement in the paper SURV306 Land Tenure 2.

The value of the prize will normally be \$1,000.

b) Hutton Prize for Excellence in O&G 5th Year

- **Department:** Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health (Wellington)
- **Value:** \$500
- **Background:** This award formalises the Hutton Prize for Excellence in O&G 5th Year, a recently-created departmental prize that rewards the top fifth-year MB ChB student in Obstetrics and Gynaecology (O&G) at the University of Otago Wellington, based on their performance in internal O&G assessments. The prize is the initiative of sponsor Honorary Professor John Hutton ONZM, who had a lengthy and distinguished teaching career in O&G at the University of Otago Wellington between 1983 and 2021.
- **Recommended by:**
 - Associate Professor Sara Filoche, Head of Department for Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health (Wellington), Division of Health Sciences
 - Associate Professor Megan Gibbons, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Health Sciences

Proposed Regulations

Hutton Prize for Excellence in O&G 5th Year

Formally established by the University of Otago in 2024 through a generous donation from Professor John Hutton ONZM, this prize recognises the top fifth-year MB ChB student in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Otago, Wellington.

Professor Hutton, a graduate of Otago Medical School, enjoyed a long and distinguished teaching career at the University of Otago, Wellington, from his appointment as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 1983 through to his retirement in 2021. In 2022, he was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for his services to obstetric and gynaecology education.

The prize will be awarded annually by the University Council, on the recommendation of the Head of Department of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Women's Health (Wellington), to the highest achieving student in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Year 5 of the MB ChB programme at the University of Otago, Wellington.

The value of the prize will normally be \$500.

2. NEW SCHOLARSHIP

c) Honours Scholarship for Excellence in Neuroscience

- **Department:** Neuroscience Programme, School of Biomedical Sciences
- **Value:** \$6,000
- **Background:** This new scholarship rewards excellence in Neuroscience by offering financial support to outstanding students during their BSc Honours

studies. The scholarship is internally funded, and replaces the Neuroscience Programme Summer Research Scholarship. It will be awarded annually to the student with the highest GPA across five 300-level papers, being their best four Neuroscience major papers and best extra paper. The recipient will be selected by the Board of Studies for Neuroscience in December, from all applicants for admission to the BSc(Hons) in Neuroscience programme.

- **Recommended by:**
 - Dr Robert Munn, Director of Neuroscience Programme
 - Associate Professor Megan Gibbons, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Health Sciences
 - Professor Richard Barker, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Sciences

Proposed Regulations

Honours Scholarship for Excellence in Neuroscience

Established in 2024 by the University of Otago, this scholarship aims to reward excellence in Neuroscience and provide financial support to outstanding students during their BSc Honours studies. It replaces the Neuroscience Programme Summer Research Scholarship.

Eligibility

Candidates must:

- have completed a BSc degree with a major in Neuroscience at the University of Otago
- have applied for admission to the BSc(Hons) programme in Neuroscience.

Application Process

No application is required. A nominee will be selected directly by the Board of Studies for Neuroscience in December from the pool of students applying for admission to the BSc(Hons) programme, and an offer letter will be sent to the nominee for acceptance. The scholarship will be presented to the recipient by the Director of the Neuroscience Programme at the end of year awards ceremony.

Selection Process

- The scholarship will be awarded to the student with the highest GPA (grade point average) across five 300-level papers (best four papers counting towards a Neuroscience major and best extra paper).
- If two or more candidates have the same GPA, other 100-300 level papers may be assessed.

Financial

- The total value of the scholarship is \$6,000 for one academic year, with full-time tenure.
- The scholarship will be paid as a monthly stipend from 1 February to 31 October in the year of tenure.

Tenure

- The scholarship shall be held with full-time tenure.

- The scholarship must be taken up in the year following the granting of the scholarship.
- The scholarship may be held concurrently with any other University of Otago scholarship where its regulations also allow co-tenure.
- The recipient must achieve at least a B+ average (GPA 6) in Semester 1 of the Honours year to retain the scholarship in Semester 2.

Other Requirements

- Award of the scholarship is dependent on the recipient being admitted to the University of Otago.
- The University of Otago reserves the right to use the names, photographs, and details of successful candidates for advertising and publicity. The award holders must agree to be reasonably available to participate in interviews and promotional activities if requested by the University of Otago.
- This scholarship may be terminated if the recipient brings the University into disrepute.

3. AMENDED PRIZE

d) Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (400-level)

- **Department:** School of Surveying
- **Value:** \$1,500
- **Background:** This prize was created in 1998 to recognise excellence in the study of professional practice and management in surveying in New Zealand. Funded by Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand (CSNZ), the prize goes to the highest achieving student each year in the paper SURV450. The purpose of this amendment is threefold: (1) to change the title from Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize to Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (400-level); (2) to change the name of the paper for which the prize is awarded from SURV450 Professional Studies to SURV450 Professional Practice; and (3) to state the monetary value of the prize in the body of the regulations.
- **Recommended by:**
 - Professor Antoni (Tony) Moore, Dean of the School of Surveying, Division of Sciences
 - Professor Richard Barker, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Division of Sciences

Current Regulations

Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize

Established in 1998 by the Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand.

The prize is awarded by the University Council on the recommendation of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Sciences), after consultation with the Dean of the School of Surveying to the student who attains the highest standard of achievement in the paper SURV 450 Professional Studies.

Proposed Regulations

Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (400-level)

Established by the University of Otago in 1998 through a generous donation from Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand (CSNZ), this prize recognises excellence in the 400-level study of professional practice and management in surveying in New Zealand.

The prize is awarded annually by the University Council on the recommendation of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Sciences), after consultation with the Dean of the School of Surveying, to the student with the highest standard of achievement in the paper SURV450 Professional Practice.

The value of the prize will normally be \$1,500.

Recommendation

That the following new prizes and new scholarship proceed to the University Council for its consideration:

- a. New Prizes
 - i. Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (300-level)
 - ii. Hutton Prize for Excellence in O&G 5th Year
- b. New Scholarship
 - i. Honours Scholarship for Excellence in Neuroscience

For Noting

The Scholarships and Prizes Committee has approved the following amended prize:

- a. Amended Prize
 - i. Consulting Surveyors of New Zealand Prize (400-level)



University of Otago Council

Financial Review

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Financial Officer



Vice-Chancellor's Report to the University Council

Part 1

30 August 2024

Topical Issues

Matariki Network Meeting and Alumni Engagement

The Vice Chancellor is overseas for the first two weeks of September attending a meeting of the Executive of the Matariki Network of Universities in Uppsala in Sweden and meeting alumni and other stakeholders in Sweden and the UK. The Matariki Network meeting has a particular focus on indigenous issues, and the DVC Māori Distinguished Professor Jacinta Ruru will also be at the meeting. Following from that meeting, we will be hosting alumni events in Stockholm, London, Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh. In Edinburgh the Vice-Chancellor will represent Dunedin City at the 50th anniversary of Dunedin/Edinburgh sister city relations.

Launch of the Māori Strategic Framework

An event was held on the 30th of August to launch Te Aka Matua 2030/The Māori Strategic Framework 2030, organised by the Office of Māori Development and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori office. At the event there was a panel discussion of SLT members talking about how they will be progressing their work in line with the Framework. The event also included performances by Kaimahi Rōpū Waiata, the staff waiata group.

James and Jean Davis Prestige Visitorship

Sir Michael Berry, an internationally recognised theoretical physicist, visited on a James and Jean Davis Prestige Visitorship. During his week-long stay in August, he was hosted by the Department of Physics and Department of Mathematics and Statistics, during which time he presented a public lecture titled 'The physics of light in eighty pictures'. The Vice-Chancellor hosted a dinner at the University of Otago Staff Club for Sir Michael.

150 Years of Medicine

The Otago Medical School will next year celebrate 150 years. Established in 1875, as the first medical school in Aotearoa, it has produced generations of doctors and led the way through innovation and research. Celebrations will be King's Birthday Weekend 2025, and will include a range of events across the three Otago University Campuses.

Living up The Link

The Link is being refreshed so it is more inviting for students. The upgrade is in line with the University's Pae Tata Strategic Plan to 2030 that envisages vibrant spaces that meet students' needs and contribute to their outstanding experiences at Otago.



Vice-Chancellor's Report to the University Council

Part 1

Divisional Updates

Health Sciences

- The University of Otago's Faculty of Dentistry is hoping to take pressure off Aotearoa's overburdened healthcare system with the creation and implementation of a new postgraduate certificate. Teaching for the year-long Adult Restorative Dental Care certificate recently began and is designed to enable practising dental therapists and oral health therapists to provide restorative dental care (fillings) to patients aged 18 years and older.

Sciences

- Fifty Year 13 students from smaller rural and provincial schools across the motu made their second visit to Otago for the week-long Science Academy winter camp in July. Coinciding with the NZ Nano Science Festival, the group presented a mini-Science Communication Expo at the College of Education auditorium where they presented talks, films, museum shows and podcast projects which they've been working on together since their January summer-camp.

Humanities

- UK constitutional law expert Dr Adam Tucker visited Dunedin in August as the recipient of the 2024 De Carle Distinguished Lectureship. Hosted by the Faculty of Law, he delivered a three-part public lecture series on the story of Brexit.

Commerce

- Alexander Sun, currently undertaking a Bachelor of Arts and Commerce, has secured a prestigious place at Oxford University to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE). Alexander is just 18 years old. He has distinguished himself as one of the most accomplished students at the University of Otago, evident through his recognition with the University of Otago Dux Scholarship and the University of Otago Academic Excellence Entrance Scholarship in 2023.

Upcoming Events

Inaugural Professorial Lectures

03 September 2024	Professor Susan Sandretto, College of Education
10 September 2024	Professor Peter Mace, Department of Biochemistry
11 September 2024	Professor Sinead Donnelly, Department of Medicine
12 September 2024	Professor Moana Theodore, Department of Psychology
17 September 2024	Professor Mark Lokman, Department of Zoology



Vice-Chancellor's Report to the University Council

Part 1

24 September 2024	Professor Richard Greatbanks, Deans office, School of Business
26 September 2024	Professor Peter Whigham, School of Computing
1 October 2024	Professor Tony Savarimuthu, School of Computing
8 October 2024	Professor Sunyoung Ma, Department of Oral Rehabilitation

Awards and Recognition – Celebrating Excellence

Disc Golf leads to Otago's Performance Entrance Scholarship

First-year health science taura Levi Stout first discovered disc golf on a family holiday in Te Anau in 2017 and has since gone on to become the highest-rated player in Aotearoa. Levi's sporting achievements resulted in him receiving an Otago's Performance Entrance Scholarships last year, which was a welcome financial boost and made him feel "seen" as an athlete of a lesser-known sport.

Pacific Health Research Emerging Leadership Fellowship

Congratulations to Senior research fellow and statistician Dr Jesse Kokaua for being awarded the Pacific Health Research Emerging Leadership Fellowship. Based in the Va'a O Tautai he receives this award soon after being awarded more than \$500,000 in the latest Health Research Council funding round. His research is on how Pacific ethnicity groups respond to poverty and what they each do differently to negotiate its effects.

2024 Space4Youth Essay Competition

Law taura Stephen Jannink was one of three global winners of the 2024 Space4Youth Essay Competition, run by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Space Generation Advisory Council.

Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia

Humanities taura Georgia Tattersall left Ōtepoti in August to spend just over four months studying at the Chinese University of Hong Kong after winning a Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia late last year.

People's Choice Award 2024, 3MT

Arung Mayapada, from the Department of Accountancy and Finance, won the People's Choice award at the 2024 3MT (Three Minute Thesis) final with her vibrant presentation, 'Do UK Charities Perform Better with Women Trustees?'



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Grand Final Winner (Otago) 2024, 3MT

Doctoral candidate Patrick Mazzocco won Otago's 3MT® grand final competition recently with his speech 'The Career Break Paradox'. Patrick, is halfway through his PhD with the Higher Education Development Centre.

Master's Competition 2024, 3MT

Sorting through food waste bins for about a month at Otago's 14 colleges – wearing a protective hazmat suit – for nation-leading research has won Human Nutrition student Briar Mills the University's Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Master competition this year. Briar's research is the first in Aotearoa New Zealand to examine college food waste in such depth.

BMS postgraduate symposium

The University's emerging biomedical talent was brought together recently to showcase and present their work. A total of 28 students gave talks or presented a poster at the recent annual School of Biomedical Sciences postgraduates symposium.

Prestigious governance role for Otago academic

Forensic anthropologist Dr Angela Clark, of Otago's Faculty of Dentistry Te Kaupeka Pūniho, has been appointed by the New Zealand Police as the Australia New Zealand Forensic Executive Committee (ANZFEC) Agency Endorsed Representative. It is the first time Aotearoa has been represented in forensic anthropology at this level of forensics governance.

Honorary Fellowship for Wellington academic

Otago's Associate Professor Lesley Gray has been recognised for her decades of dedication to general practice and rural hospital medicine with an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP).

2024 Mervyn Eadie Award

Professor Anna Ranta, the head of the Department of Medicine on the Wellington campus, has been presented with the 2024 Mervyn Eadie Award for career achievement in neuroscience research by the Australian and New Zealand Association of Neurologists (ANZAN).

Success for Dynasty Cheer squad

Otago University's Dynasty cheerleaders took out gold at a recent Australian Majors event. The 16 member team won the New Zealand Majors University Division earlier in the month. The team will head to the 2024 NZ Super Nationals in November.

6. Exclusion of the Public

The Chancellor moves that the public be excluded from the whole of the proceeding of this meeting/the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely, —

Item 7	Pt 2 of the Minutes of the meeting of the University Council held on 13 August 2024
Item 8	University Council Work Plan 2024 and Action Follow-Register
Item 9	Vice-Chancellor's Report
Item 10	Net Carbon Programme Business Case
Item 11	Whakamana Pae Tata Progress Report
Item 12	Service Effectiveness Survey
Item 13	Financial Review Report
Item 14	Health and Safety Report – July 2024
Item 15	Wiles v University of Auckland
Item 16	Council Information Pack
Item 17	Council Only Business

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows: -

General Subject	Reason for passing this resolution	Ground under Section 48(1)(a) for the passing of this resolution
Items 7 - 17 Confidential Minutes and Reports	Good reason for withholding information under the Official Information Act	Section 48(1)(a)(ii)

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Sections 6,7 and/or 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 (except Section 9(2)(g)(i)) as the case may require. The interests which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows (all references are to Section 9 of the Official Information Act):

Item 7	Pt 2 of the Minutes of the meeting of the University Council held on 13 August 2024.	ss 9(2)(a), (i), and (k)
Item 8	University Council Work Plan and Action Follow-Register	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 9	Vice-Chancellor's Report	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 10	Net Carbon Programme Business Case	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 11	Whakamana Pae Tata Progress Report	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 12	Service Effectiveness Survey	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 13	Financial Review Report	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 14	Health and Safety Report – July 2024	ss 9(2)(a), (ba) and (c)
Item 15	Wiles v University of Auckland	ss 9(2)(i) and (k)
Item 16	Council Information Pack which includes Tuakiritaka Project Update, Schedule of Financial Delegations, Naming the Lectureship in Chaplaincy Studies, University Advisory Group, Pre-liminary Financial Review, Treasury Report and Council Membership 2024	ss 9(2)(i), (j) and (k)
Item 21	Council Only Business	ss 9(2)(a), (i), (j) and (k)

AND THAT for Items 7 - 16 Professors S Brock, R Blaikie, J Palmer, J Ruru, Mr S Willis, Mr D Thomson, Mr B Trott, Ms M McPherson, for item 10 – Mr R O'Brien and Mr C Cliff, for item 11 – Mr C Hale and for item 12 – Mr K Maley, be permitted to remain at this meeting after the public has been excluded because of their knowledge of the matters to be discussed. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because it relates to aspects of the administration and/or knowledge of specific capital projects of the University of Otago for which these people are responsible. The Registrar and Secretary to the Council and the Manger, Copyright and Access (on behalf of the Deputy Secretary to the Council) is also permitted to remain at the meeting for Items 1-17 to provide secretarial support and advice.