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UNIVERSITY OF NEW ZEALAND



COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Council Meeting - Part I

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Alistair Davis ONZM, LLB, BCA (VUW)	
Position	Council Member – Council Appointee Chancellor
Responsibilities	People and Culture Committee Member Finance and Assurance Committee Member
Term	17 May 2018 - 16 May 2022 20 May 2022 - 19 May 2026
Interests	Senior Advisor Toyota New Zealand Chair CMD Nominees Ltd (Toyota New Zealand’s Pension Fund) Member New Zealand Initiative Examining Chaplain & Diocesan Advisor Anglican Diocese of Wellington
Angela Hauk-Willis MA (Freiburg im Breisgau)	
Position	Council Member – Minister of Tertiary Education Appointee
Responsibilities	Pro Chancellor People and Culture Committee Member Finance and Assurance Committee Member
Term	18 March 2022 – 17 March 2026
Interests	Principal Angela Hauk-Willis Consulting Director FireSuper Trustee Ltd Accredited Gateway The Treasury - Te Tai Ōhanga Reviewer
Professor Jan Thomas, BSc Murd, BVMS Murd, MVS Melb, Ph.D. Murd, MACVS, FAICD, FAIM	
Position	Council Member – Council Appointee
Responsibilities	Vice-Chancellor Ex-officio Council member Finance and Assurance Committee member People and Culture Committee member
Term	23 January 2017 – 22 January 2022 23 January 2022 – 22 January 2027
Interests	Chair Universities New Zealand Chair Quality Assurance Council (UGC ex-officio member) Director Pets for Living Pty Ltd Director Snowgold Pty Ltd Board Member Riddet Institute Board Member Massey Foundation International Reviewer OAAA Patron Association for Tertiary Education Management



Rebecca Argyle LLB, BSc (VUW), Ngāti Kahungunu ki Wairarapa	
Position	Council Member – Elected by Permanent Members of the Professional Staff
Responsibilities	Council Member Finance and Assurance Committee Member
Term	1 January 2024 – 31 December 2026
Interests	Business Executive Manager Students and Global Engagement, Massey University (Staff Member)
Paul Brock BBS (Massey)	
Position	Council Member – Vice-Chancellor Nominee
Responsibilities	Council Member People and Culture Committee Chair
Term	1 July 2023 – 30 June 2027
Interests	Chair Tourism New Zealand Chair Chubb Life Insurance New Zealand Chair Foley Wines Chair New Zealand Story Advisory Board Independent Director Southern Sky Dairies Director/Shareholder StratX Ltd Past dealings on Ethical Leadership Victoria University Trustee/Beneficiary Brock Family Trust
Ross Buckley BBS, (Massey) FCA, FCPA, CMIInstD	
Position	Council Member – Minister of Tertiary Education Appointee
Responsibilities	Council Member Finance and Assurance Committee Chair
Term	1 January 2022 – 31 December 2025
Interests	Non-Executive Director ASB Bank Non-Executive Director Stride Property Group Chair ASB Bank Audit Committee Chair Service Foods Limited Board Chair Institute of Directors of NZ – Auckland Branch Director Investore Property Limited Member Investore Property Limited – Audit and Risk Committee Member Institute of Directors of NZ National Council Member ASB Risk and Compliance Committee Member ASB Bank Appointments and Remuneration Committee Member Stride Property Group Audit and Risk Committee



Jo Davidson BHortSci (Massey)

Position	Council Member – Minister of Tertiary Education Appointee
Responsibilities	Council Member
Term	18 June 2024 – 17 June 2028
Interests	
	Director Auora Ltd
	Director Wahanga Ltd
	Director Kono General Partner Ltd
	Director LandCorp Farming Ltd
	Director Whakatu Resources Ltd

Minnie-Kalo Voi BBS (Massey)

Position	Council Member – Elected by Students
Responsibilities	Council Member Finance and Assurance Committee Member
Term	8 December 2022 – 7 December 2024
Interests	
	Residential Assistant Massey University
	Chair New Zealand International Students Association National Representative Council Members
	Member Massey University BBus Program Representative
	Member Ako Aotearoa - Pacific Caucus Board
	Member Melanesian Steering Committee Aotearoa

Distinguished Professor Gaven Martin MSc, PhD (Michigan), FRSNZ FASL FAMS FNZMS

Position	Council Member – Elected by Permanent Members of the Academic Staff
Responsibilities	Council Member
Term	1 January 2024 – 31 December 2027
Interests	
	Distinguished Professor NZ Institute of Advanced Studies, Massey University (Staff Member)
	Member Ministerial Advisory Committee – Literacy, English and Mathematics School Curriculum

Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Ngāti Tuwharetoa, Ngāti Kahungunu, Te Ati Haunui-a-Pāpāurangi, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Tamakōpiri, Ngai Tūhoe, GNZM, QSO, KSTJ, MA(Hons)(First Class) (Waikato), HonDLit (Massey)

Position	Council Member – Council Appointee
Responsibilities	Council Member
Term	24 July 2024 – 23 July 2028
Interests	
	Member Te Taumata Niwha (Advisory Group)
	Member RNA Development Platform Steering Group
	Member (Chair) Koi Tū Forum Guardians
	Member Kāpuhipuhi Uni Professional, Security Facilitator


Caren Rangi Rarotonga, Rakahanga, Manihiki, ONZM, FCA, BBS (Massey),

Position	Council Member – Council Appointee
Responsibilities	Council Member People and Culture Committee Member
Term	1 September 2023 – 31 August 2027
Interests	
Sole Trader	Rangikaitao
Chair	Pacific Homecare
Board Member	Museum of NZ Te Papa Tongarewa
Deputy Chair	Pacific Co-operation Broadcasting Ltd
Board Member	Hawke's Bay Regional Economic Development Agency
Member	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment Risk and Advisory Committee

Mark Ratcliffe BSc Accounting (University of Huddersfield), CMIInstD

Position	Council Member – Minister of Tertiary Education Appointee
Responsibilities	Council Member
Term	18 June 2024 – 17 June 2028
Interests	
Trustee/Beneficiary	Ratcliffe Barker Family Trust
Chair/Non-Executive Director	Clarus Group of Companies
Director/Shareholder	Mark Ratcliffe Consulting Ltd
Independent Non-Executive Director	ikeGPS Group Ltd
Independent Chair	Waka Kotahi – NZ Upgrade Programme Governance Group
Board Member	Kaibosh Food Rescue
Shareholder, Non-Executive Director and Chair	WilliamsWarn Ltd



MINUTES OF MASSEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

**THE MEETING OF MASSEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
HELD AT THE MANAWATŪ CAMPUS, REFECTORY BOARDROOM**

on

THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024 AT 9.00 AM

PART I

Present:

Chancellor Alistair Davis, Pro-Chancellor Angela Hauk-Willis, Vice-Chancellor Jan Thomas, Rebecca Argyle, Paul Brock, Ross Buckley (morning only), Jo Davidson, Distinguished Professor Gaven Martin and Caren Rangi.

Via zoom: Mark Ratcliffe, Ross Buckley and Minnie Kalo-Voi.

In Attendance:

Provost Giselle Byrnes, Dr Sean Mackay (SiA), David Downs NZ Story (via zoom), Director MUF Mitch Murdoch, Chair MUF Bryan Mogridge, MGL CEO Mark Cleaver (via zoom), MGL Commercialisation Manager Dan Carlisle, Academic Board Chair Claire Matthews (via zoom), Phil O'Callaghan, Director Governance and Assurance Heather Kirkwood, Governance Advisor Chanell Meehan, and approximately 4 members of the public for Part I.

For early departure: Ross Buckley (12noon).

For lateness: Minnie Kalo-Voi (9.15am)

1.0 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

1.2 KARAKIA/WHAKATAUĀKĪ/WELCOME (VERBAL)

The Chancellor provided a mihi and karakia to open the meeting.

The Chancellor welcomed Council members present and everyone in attendance, including four members of the public.

1.3 APOLOGIES (VERBAL)

The Chancellor noted apologies for early departure from Ross Buckley, and lateness from Minnie Kalo-Voi were received.

1.4 OPEN FORUM (VERBAL)

The Chancellor noted we did not receive any requests for open forum.

1.5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/REGISTER OF INTEREST (C24/58)

No new interests were declared.

1.6 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA AND URGENT ITEMS (VERBAL)

The agenda was received with all papers taken as read.

1.7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - PART I COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15 MAY 2024 (C24/59)

It was noted the reference to the weaving theme in the Strategy in Action portion of the minutes should be amended to note the significance of the theme rather than compliments.

24-26 RESOLVED:

(Agreed)

“THAT the minutes of the Massey University Council meeting held on 15 May 2024 [Part I Public] be confirmed as a true and correct record.”

CARRIED

Action: Governance Advisor to amend the minutes from the 15 May 2024 meeting regarding the weaving theme in the Strategy in Action segment.

1.9 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the 15 May 2024 Part I Council minutes.

1.10 COUNCIL ACTION SCHEDULE PART I (C24/60)

The Chancellor noted there were no outstanding actions. Four items have been completed, with the letters of congratulation to be prepared as and when required.

1.11 COUNCIL WORK PLAN 2024 - PART I (C24/61)

The Director Governance and Assurance noted the updated 2024 work plan.

2.0 STRATEGIC

2.1 CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - PART I

The Chancellor noted his activities since the last Council meeting.

2.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT - PART I (C24/62)

The Vice-Chancellor provided a verbal update noting both Professor David Thomson and Professor Christine Penny from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have been appointed as Distinguished Professors. She noted we are now ranked first for successful course completion for on campus students. She also noted our Māori and Pasifika priority learning groups have achieved the 2026 goal to halve the disparity gap, noting this is a result of work across the university.

Council received the Vice-Chancellor's report and acknowledged the sustainable development goals ranking. The course completion rate of 92% was complimented and it was noted this is a 2% increase since 2023. The Vice-Chancellor noted we can continue to increase the course completion rate by further supporting students through their courses and providing them with options such as extensions as required.

In discussing the recent IT issues the university experienced with online exams, the Vice-Chancellor noted we are on a multi-decade journey of maturation in the assessment space, looking into how assessment can verify student learning and the different modes this comes in

such as assignment, exams or tests. She noted the next key focus is determining the best ways to support our distance students and monitor the use of generative AI. It was noted Online Supervised Exams (OSE's) are a small portion of our current assessments, and the use of OSE's are currently being reviewed. The importance of providing our students with a service that works for them and future study was noted.

2.3 STRATEGY IN ACTION: DR SEAN MACKAY (C24/63)

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the paper's focus on the achievements of Dr Sean Mackay. Dr Mackay introduced himself and noted he is the Chief Scientist and Commercialisation Manager at Massey Ventures Limited, where he scopes out commercial potential and is an active researcher. He noted he currently works within the biomedical and pharmaceutical space.

Council received and acknowledged the Strategy in Action report. They discussed the public perception of Massey Ventures Limited and it was noted the EatKinda ice cream is currently popular, particularly in the social media and marketing space. It was noted that Auckland University's UniServices combines research and operations and uses cash commissions to invest into projects. It was also noted that Massey Ventures Limited is mostly self-invested and although the New Zealand market is small, it has a lot of interest and opportunity.

2.4 ACADEMIC BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS/CHAIR'S REPORT (C24/64)

The Academic Board Chair spoke to the report and noted a number of policies are overdue and work is being done to review these. She noted the Academic Board elections were held recently and have had a high turnover as a result of term end dates, and some outstanding vacancies that have now been filled. She noted we have received a high number of CUAP proposals in the last few months. She also noted that there will be a new Chair of Academic Board as she was not re-elected, she expressed gratitude to Council and appreciated the support she has received.

Council noted the report. The Chancellor acknowledged the Academic Board Chair for her leadership of Academic Board over the last three years. He noted Council's appreciation of her contribution around the Council table, and her clear understanding of the governance and political environment.

2.5 REVISED STUDENT DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS (C24/65)

The Provost spoke to the regulations and noted these have come to Council for approval as owner of the regulations. She noted students have been involved in the process to ensure the university takes a student centric approach.

Council noted the regulations. The Academic Board Chair noted this is an important update that is overdue, provides an integrated package and she endorsed the regulations.

24-27 RESOLVED: **(Agreed)**

"THAT Council "approves the revised Student Disciplinary Regulations."

CARRIED

2.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY (C24/66)

The Provost spoke to the policy and noted there has been a critical change regarding the exception for works or materials expressly commissioned by the university or created with the use of university (or university sourced) funding or allocation of university resources.

Council noted the policy. The Academic Board Chair noted these have been to Academic Board twice and she is comfortable to endorse these. It was noted that it is important that the academic resources are protected.

24-28 RESOLVED:

(Agreed)

“THAT Council approve the revised Intellectual Property Policy and the deletion of the Academic Outputs Policy which has been incorporated into schedule 2 of the revised Intellectual Property Policy.”

CARRIED

3.0 OPERATIONAL

3.1 FINANCE REPORT – PART I (C24/67)

The Part I Finance Report was received by Council and taken as read. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor University Services noted we are forecast to make a deficit of \$17M, and the next formal forecast is taking place now. She also noted the university has a strong balance sheet with no debt as at 31 May 2024.

Council noted the report.

3.2 MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 (C24/68)

The Director Governance and Assurance spoke to the schedule.

Council noted the schedule and discussed adding the Nga Kaiwhakapūmau schedule to the Council meeting schedule in future. It was noted there is a standing invitation for Council members to attend Academic Board.

24-29 RESOLVED:

(Agreed)

“THAT Council approves the proposed Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025.”

CARRIED

Action: Academic Board workplan to be shared with Council.

4.0 NZ Story Presentation (Verbal)

Paul Brock introduced David Downs from The New Zealand Story Group. David Downs spoke to the presentation.

Interest declaration: Paul Brock noted he is currently the CEO of The New Zealand Story Group.

5.0 PAPERS FOR NOTING

5.1 AB MINUTES 24 APRIL 2024 – PART I (UNCONFIRMED) (C24/69)

The Council noted the above listed paper.

5.2 AB MINUTES 29 MAY 2024 – PART I (UNCONFIRMED) (C24/70)

The Council noted the above listed paper.

6.0 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC (C24/71)

24-30 RESOLVED:

(Agreed)

“THAT Council excludes the public from papers as noted in the table.”

CARRIED

THAT the Council excludes the public from the papers as noted in the following table:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason	Section 48(1) grounds
C24/72	Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting 15 May 2024 – Part II	For the reasons set out in the Part I minutes of 15 May 2024 held with public present	
C24/73	Action Schedule Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/74	2024 Council Work Plan Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
Verbal	Chancellor’s Verbal Report – Part II	Personal Privacy	s7(2)(a)
C24/75	Vice-Chancellor’s Report – Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/76	Financial Recovery Plan Update – Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/77	Performance Report	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/78	MUF Presentation	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
Verbal	MGL Presentation	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/79	UAG Phase 2 Questions	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/80	2025 Student Fee Setting Update	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/81	FAC Chair Report	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/82	PAC Chair Report	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/83	Finance General Update – Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/84	May 2024 Finance Report – Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/85	Borrowing Consent Rollover	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/86	Investment Plan 2025-2027	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)

C24/87	Council Member Succession Update	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/88	Appointment of AB Chair	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/89	PAC Membership	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/90	Council Member Fees	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
Noting Papers:			
i) AB Minutes April 2024 – Part II (C24/91) ii) AB Minutes May 2024 – Part II (C24/92) iii) Massey Subsidiaries Annual Reports (C24/93) iv) Code Attestation (C24/94)			

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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

CARRIED

Approximately 4 members of the public left the meeting at 10.54 am.

Part I of the meeting closed at 10.54 am.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Council Action Schedule 19 September 2024 – Part I

Item	Action	Responsibility	Meeting date/REF	Status	Due date
1.	Update Register of Interest.	Governance Advisor	18/07/2024	Completed	19/09/2024
2.	Governance Advisor to amend the minutes from the 15 May 2024 meeting regarding the weaving theme in the Strategy in Action segment.	Governance Advisor	18/07/2024	Completed	19/09/2024
3.	Congratulatory letters to be sent from Council where appropriate	Governance Advisor	Ongoing	As and when required	Ongoing



Council 2024 Work Plan – Part I (as at 19 September 2024)

	7 MARCH	15 MAY	18 JULY	19 SEPTEMBER	7 NOVEMBER	5 DECEMBER
Location	Manawatū	Wellington	Manawatū	Auckland	Zoom (TBC)	Manawatū
Site Visit	Nil	Nil	Massey Vet School	Albany Library	N/A	Overlapping Duties and WIL (All Colleges)
Strategy Days	N/A	N/A	Wed 17 July	Wed 18 September – Half day (pm)	N/A	N/A
Strategic Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor Report • VC Report • Strategy in Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor Report • VC Report • Strategy in Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor Report • VC Report • Strategy in Action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor Report • VC Report • Strategy in Action 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chancellor Report • VC Report • Strategy in Action
Operational Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report • Financial Recovery Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report • Financial Recovery Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report • Financial Recovery Plan • Meeting Schedule 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report • Financial Recovery Plan 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Report • Delegated Authority for Dec/Jan period • Financial Recovery Plan



Part I: Paper for Information

MEETING DATE:	19 September 2024
AUTHOR:	Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas
SUBJECT:	VICE-CHANCELLOR'S PART I REPORT TO COUNCIL PERIOD: June – August 2024

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Recommendations

- Recommendation: That Council note this update on current issues, key achievements and highlights arising during the reporting period.

Executive Summary

This report is intended to be a high-level summary overview of the reporting period. I have taken the opportunity to provide links to information for further detail. I wish to continue to emphasise that given the size, depth and diversity of our multi-campus university, this report can only provide a point-in-time record of the accomplishments of our staff, students and wider community. Please forgive me for not being able to mention all of the wonderful mahi and achievements of the Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University whānau, both individually and in partnership across the university, and externally with our many communities, at home and across the globe. Many of these stories can be found on the [Massey News site](#) and other internal communication channels detailed in this report.

I highlight in this report just a few of the university's efforts and achievements in making Massey a place of equity and excellence, for students, staff and our community. I will seek to ensure that the content reflects, and speaks to the enactment of university's Strategic Plan, pou, attributes, and Te Tiriti foundation. In this regard, you will note that this report is provided in a format and structure to reflect the four strategic pou of the university.

Acknowledgement

E tangi atu nei ki Te Whare o Te Kāhui Ariki, i roto i te rirohanga atu o Kīngi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu. He rarangi maunga tū te ao, engari he rarangi tangata ki te ao, ngaro noa, ngaro noa.

Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University joins with Māoridom and the nation in acknowledging profound sadness upon the sudden passing of Kingi Tuheitia on August 29, 2024.



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Kīngi Tuheitia was the 7th Māori Monarch, ascending to the position of Te Arikinui upon the passing of his mother, the late Dame Te Atairangi Kaahu, upon her passing in 2006. The Kīngitanga was established in 1858, and the movement continues to play a pivotal role in upholding Māori leadership across the nation as well as representing Māori interests internationally. Kīngi Tuheitia will be particularly remembered for his efforts in uniting Māori interests and in particular respective iwi throughout the nation, a lasting legacy that has been spoken of by many kaikōrero throughout the tangihanga.

A Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University delegation attended the tangihanga for Kīngi Tuheitia on Sunday 1 September at Tūrangawaewae Marae, with Deputy Vice Chancellor Māori Professor Meihana Durie addressing the Kīngitanga and Waikato on the manuhiri paepae in the Sunday morning ceremony, alongside Māori leaders from across the Southern regions of Aotearoa.

In keeping with Kīngitanga tradition, the successor to Kīngi Tuheitia will be decided upon by iwi leaders in meetings convened by the King's Privy Council, known as the Tekaumārua. The new monarch will be then crowned on the final day of the tangihanga, Thursday September 5, 2024, before Kīngi Tuheitia is taken to his final resting place, upon the sacred mountain of Taupiri.

He kura i tangihia, he maimai aroha. Kīngi Tuheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero Te Tuawhitu, moe mai rā ki te moenga roa o ngā ariki."

Te Pou Rangahau – Research

Examples of the delivery of research excellence and its impact include:

- *Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi 2024 Charles Fleming Publishing Award*
Professor Elspeth Tilley, School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication, has received a Royal Society of New Zealand Te Apārangi 2024 Charles Fleming Publishing Award to support research and publication of the book *Mahi Toi: The Transformational Art of Aotearoa* that profiles 25 leading contemporary artists and arts organisations working for social and environmental justice.
- *Alcohol's harm to others*
Health Research Council funding enabled the SHORE & Whariki Research Centre to carry out original research on the under-researched area of alcohol's harm to others. Using New Zealand's IDI (Integrated Data Infrastructure) and other data sources, one analysis addressed the disability adjusted life-years lost from traffic injury, violence and FASD (fetal alcohol spectrum disorders). The harm from these three areas was equivalent to the harm to the drinker. A complementary study of alcohol's role in child maltreatment in New Zealand has shown a 65% increased risk of child maltreatment for children exposed to parents with an alcohol-attributable hospitalisation or mental health/addictions service use. This data was used in the recent NZ Institute of Economic Research estimate of financial costs attributable to alcohol harm (\$9.1 billion).
- *Massey start-up a finalist in environmental sustainability accelerator*
[Captivate Technology](#) has been selected as one of 10 finalists for the 2024 PepsiCo Greenhouse Accelerator: APAC Sustainability Edition. [Read more...](#)
- Dr Liangni Sally Liu, School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication, has been awarded a 2024 NZAsia Fieldwork Grant from Asia New Zealand Foundation for her research project titled *Exile or not exile? – Lifestyle-driven reverse migrant to Dali, Yunnan Province, China*.
- Dr Kealagh Robinson, School of Psychology, is part of an international team led by Professor Penelope Hasking from Curtin University, Western Australia, that will receive more than \$1M

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AUD over the next five years as part of the Australian Government's National Health and Medical Research Council Partnership Projects. In partnership with other organisations, the team will roll out a suicide prevention and telehealth intervention to university students across Australia.

- *Celebrating the Dean's List of Exceptional Theses 2023*

The Graduate Research School proudly shares the 2023 Dean's List recipients, celebrating the exceptional achievements of our doctoral research students across various Colleges. This prestigious recognition honours students who have demonstrated outstanding academic excellence in their theses, making significant contributions to their respective fields.

Approximately 10% of theses submitted in 2023 were deemed by examiners as being of a standard to be included in the Dean's List. To be eligible for inclusion in the Dean's List, the thesis must have been submitted on or before the candidate's completion date without an extension of study. The thesis must be of exceptional quality in every respect, including research and analytical content, originality, quality of expression, accuracy of presentation, and contribution to knowledge in the field. The thesis must be passed by examiners without any requirement for more than minor editorial changes, which would be limited to minimal typographical errors or subtle points of grammar.

College of Creative Arts

- Gabrielle Deborah Amodeo: *Life-drawing: trauma and intimacy in the essay qua drawing*
- Judith Beyer: *Antigender fashion: the boundless possibilities of gender-fluid fashion design*
- Tessa Ma'Auga: *Movements from Pearl Rivers: Connections Flowing from Southern China to Aotearoa*
- Madaleine Heulwen Trigg: *From Dough to Wheat: A Postman Performance Practice with Companion Species*

College of Health

- Corrin Hulls: *Investigating the pathogenesis of catastrophic humeral fractures in dairy heifers in New Zealand*
- Jayne Mary Mercier: *What do we mean by good outcomes for youth?: an exploration of how young people and those who work with them in positive youth development contexts perceive outcomes*

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Darya (Dasha) Fedchuk: *"It's definitely been a roller coaster": an exploration of youth service users' understandings of personal recovery and experiences of intentional peer support*
- Lesley Ann Gray: *Disaster risk reduction considerations for big-bodied people in Aotearoa New Zealand*
- Sesimani Havea: *Tongan indigenous approaches to family restoration and wellbeing*

College of Sciences

- Ellie Lynn Bradley: *Identification and functional characterisation of glycoside hydrolases from the kauri dieback pathogen, *Phytophthora agathidicida**
- Rupsa Chakraborty: *Mineral prospecting via biogeochemical signals and surface indicators using hyperspectral remote sensing*
- Thao Thi Phuong Bui: *Towards zero carbon refurbishment of existing buildings in Aotearoa New Zealand: a decision support framework*
- Bruce Mark Chilton: *Studies towards thermodynamically stable G-quadruplexes embedded in canonical DNA duplexes*
- Jacques de Satgé: *Mangrove-avifauna relationships in Aotearoa New Zealand: conservation insights from banded rail (*Gallirallus philippensis*) ecology*
- Alexandra Egan: *Direct economic losses of oil spills in populated and remote locations within New Zealand*



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- Dinesha Rajinee Jayawardana: *Genetic parameters of fertility traits of cows milked once daily versus twice daily in New Zealand*
- Kylie Ann Legg: *Physiological demands of jockeys in relation to injury risk, performance and career longevity*
- Junyan Liu: *Resource allocations of *Ephestia kuehniella* Zeller (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae) in response to socio-sexual environment during immature and adult stages*
- Muhammad Hammad Saleem: *Deep learning-based approaches for plant disease and weed detection*
- Mariana Massoco Tarallo: *Identification and characterization of effector proteins from pine needle pathogens*
- Hien Thi Dieu Troung: *Characterising honeys in situ by spectral methods*
- Agampodi Nuwan Rumeshe Weerawansa: *Reproductive performance of a spider mite *Tetranychus ludeni* Zacher (Acari: Tetranychidae) in response to social environments*
- Alvaro Sebastian Wehrle Martinez: *Investigating the pathogenesis of catastrophic humeral fractures in dairy heifers in New Zealand*
- Benjamin Patrick Westberry: *The disordered and ordered-state structures of κ -carrageenan: an X-ray scattering, molecular dynamics, and density-functional theory study*
- Mercedes Rocafort Ferrer: *Unravelling the molecular basis of subcuticular host-colonisation by the apple scab fungus, *Venturia inaequalis**
- Vajisha Udayangi Wanniarachchi: *Analysing underpinning patterns in social media posts that promote fat stigmatisation*
- Achini Shanika Weerasinghe: *The impacts of occupant behaviours on energy consumption in New Zealand office buildings*

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- Christine Elers: *Theorising Māori health and wellbeing in a whakapapa paradigm: voices from the margins*

Mahi undertaken to foster, support and enable research excellence. Examples include:

- *Celebrating the Contributions of Doctoral Examination Convenors at Massey University*
The role of doctoral oral examination convenors is crucial to maintaining the integrity and quality of our doctoral programmes. Convenors act as impartial overseers during the oral examinations, ensuring the process is fair, rigorous, and adheres to university standards. Their presence is indispensable in upholding the academic excellence that Massey University is known for.

Doctoral oral examination convenors are responsible for ensuring the examination process is conducted according to university policies, facilitating communication between examiners and the student and supervisors, and addressing any issues that arise during the examination. Their role is pivotal in assuring the examination is a fair test of the student's knowledge and research capabilities.

Convenors add immense value to Massey University by upholding academic standards and integrity, contributing to the quality assurance of our doctoral degrees, and supporting a structured and transparent examination process.

Highlighting our Superstars

We are proud to highlight some of our most dedicated and exceptional examination convenors who have shown extraordinary commitment and excellence in their roles:

- Professor Barry Borman - With 55 exams convened, Professor Borman is recognised for his brilliance and extensive experience, particularly in complex exams.
- Dr Phil Ramsey - Known for always being willing to step in, Dr Ramsey has convened 55 exams, demonstrating remarkable dedication.



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- Professor Marlena Kruger - With 50 exams convened, Professor Kruger's willingness and expertise in handling complex exams make her a key asset to our convening team.
- Professor Jenny Carryer - Specialising in Creative Arts and Māori exams, Professor Carryer has convened 45 exams and is praised for her versatility and availability.
- Professor Andy Martin - Known for his ability to step in at the last minute, Professor Martin has convened 38 exams, showcasing his reliability and expertise in complex exams.
- Associate Professor Rochelle Stewart-Withers - Dr Withers has convened 24 exams, contributing significantly with her expertise in overseeing inclusive and respectful examination processes.
- Dr Maria Borovnik – With 19 exams convened, Dr Borovnik brings extensive experience to the examination process.

Convenors for Māori Exams Spotlight

We are also proud to highlight our dedicated convenors who can also oversee Māori exams. Their contributions are critical in ensuring our examinations are inclusive and respectful of Māori knowledge and traditions:

- Associate Professor Bevan Erueti - Dr Erueti is recognised for his cultural expertise in the examination process.
- Associate Professor Pania Te Maro - Dr Te Maro is known for her cultural sensitivity and dedication to the examination process.

These convenors exemplify dedication and excellence in their roles, contributing significantly to the academic success of our doctoral candidates. Their efforts ensure our examination processes are fair, culturally sensitive, and uphold the highest standards of academic integrity.

- *Royal Society Te Apārangi Catalyst Funding (Seeding) – Outcome*
The Catalyst Seeding fund facilitates new small and medium pre-research strategic partnerships that cannot be supported through other means, and with a view to developing full collaborations that could be supported over time through Catalyst: Strategic funding. The maximum amount available is \$80,000 for two years.

Dr Lorena de la Torre Parra was successful with her Catalyst: Seeding General application (\$80,000). One of five applications submitted (four to the Catalyst Seeding and one to the Catalyst Leader- Julius van Haast Fellowship. The project will bring together Andean Indigenous leaders and Ecuadorian experts who work with Indigenous knowledges related to native plants and their pathogens, alongside Māori and Aotearoa New Zealand experts in plant ecology, mātauranga Māori, ecopsychology, and iwi- and hapu-led responses to Myrtle Rust.

- *Research Enhancement and Development Initiative (REaDI)*
At their recent regular meeting, the REaDI Working Group considered a revised REaDI programme for 2024. This comes in the wake of the Government established University Advisory Group and the cancellation of the Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) Quality Evaluation 2026. The group discussed the revised programme and agreed to:
 - discontinue offering the Self-Assessment Tool (SAT) as of 31 May 2024,
 - explore options to create a generic research plan template in Elements for researchers to use at any time to support their research planning (to be offered in mid to late 2024),
 - continue to encourage and support staff to enter outputs into Elements and engage with the Impact Module in Elements.

The Working Group also noted the value in exploring options for a standardised process to identify research active staff, the importance of continuing the verification of research outputs in Elements and the value in a consistent approach across the university to encourage the uptake of ORCID.



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- Elements Research Impact and Engagement Module*

The Symplectic Elements Research Impact and Engagement module is ready to go live. The tool will function as an enhancement to the research outputs and professional activities modules by allowing researchers to plan for, track, and report on the impact of their research. Alongside the module going live, a suite of training and support resources is available on the Research OneMassey site, and Research Impact Advisors are prepared to offer introductory webinars and training sessions if requested. The module will be available to all Elements users.
- Dean Appointed as Mentor*

Dean, Postgraduate Research, Professor Tracy Riley has been appointed as a mentor in an international mentoring programme for developing researcher developers. Mentoring for Researcher Developers (M4RD) is an international scheme for anyone working in a researcher development role. Mentoring is a powerful tool for career and professional development. As a community of practitioners, many academics and professional staff are dedicated to the development of researchers in their respective institutions, but it is important to focus on their own professional development too. The scheme was developed in response to a need for such mentoring within the researcher developer community. Professor Riley will be working alongside an Associate Dean from an Australian faculty in this mentoring scheme for 2024 – a great opportunity for learning with, from and about one another.

Te Pou Ako – Learning and Teaching

Examples of the delivery of an excellent learning environment include:

- Advance HE Accreditation*

Massey University has been awarded Advance HE accreditation for the provision of three pathways (Associate Fellow, Fellow, and Senior Fellow) using the new professional standards framework. Accreditation is valid for four years.

The Accreditation Panel commended Massey on the following aspects:

- A clear commitment to championing teaching excellence and the professional development of staff who teach and/or support learning.
 - The creation of the Kia tū ngaio: He tukanga whakaako professional development ecosystem in which the Advance HE experiential pathways to fellowship sit.
 - The Centre for Education Transformation (CET) not only has oversight of accredited provision, but also offers a vibrant range of formal and informal professional learning opportunities to suit the context of the institution. Examples include Kia tū ngaio: aro takitini (Introduction to teaching at Massey course), Teaching Excellence Awards, online communities of practice and on-demand resources via the Educator Resource Hub.
 - A clear rationale for the provision submitted for accreditation, demonstrating that it has been designed to suit the context of the institution.
- Farm Focus assignments a hit with students*

Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University and Masterton-based Farm Focus have joined forces to produce a comprehensive agricultural programme around farm finances. The pilot programme involved second-year students completing a series of farming financial budgeting and cashflow forecasting assignments, based on real-life data using the Farm Focus software. [Read more...](#)

Mahi undertaken to foster, support and enable an excellent learning environment. Examples include:



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- *NASA State-of-the-art facilities and new industry partnerships celebrated*
Ensuring students are ready to leap into the screen arts industry with the confidence, skills and knowledge that employers need is the aim of Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa's National Academy of Screen Arts.

On 15 August, a launch event was held for industry partners to come on site to experience the world-class facilities at NASA. Guests included representatives from the New Zealand Film Commission, WellingtonNZ, Wellington City Council, Wētā FX, Te Papa Tongarewa, Pik Pok, Park Road Post, Admit One Entertainment, Screen Music and Sound Guild of New Zealand, Tāwhiri, WingNut Films and more.

Also announced at the event was a new partnership with [Screen Wellington](#)/Wellington UNESCO City of Film to host the Centre for Screen Excellence. [Read more...](#)

- *Consultation for Curriculum Transformation Discussion Paper*
Provost Professor Giselle Byrnes, has led consultation on curriculum transformation that commenced with the release of a discussion document. Professor Brynes met and discussed this document with committees and boards at the university, along with six forums open to all staff. Student feedback was also sought. Submissions closed on 2 September.

Consultation was an opportunity for our community to provide input and suggestions as we create the roadmap for Massey's curriculum over the next decade and beyond. Thank you to all those who took the opportunity to contribute to this process. We will be considering the feedback and creating an updated and revised Curriculum Transformation Discussion Paper. This will be released for further consultation in October.

- *Massey Literacies Framework*
Work on the Massey Literacies Framework is now entering its next phase with final revisions to the first draft of the framework. The team is beginning to investigate the best options for developing a digital tool to provide intuitive and scaffolded support for using the framework. It is anticipated that a custom-built AI tool may prove to be the best option for achieving this.
- *Generative Artificial Intelligence usage guidelines for staff approved*
Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) is revolutionising various sectors, including higher education. This technology can create content, generate data and even simulate human-like interactions. In the context of higher education, GenAI presents both exciting opportunities and significant challenges. It can enhance teaching, streamline research and improve administrative efficiency. However, it also raises important issues related to privacy, equity, ethical use and data sovereignty, particularly for Māori.

To help staff navigate these complexities, we have developed a set of guidelines. By following these guidelines, staff can leverage the benefits of GenAI while mitigating its risks, ensuring a balanced and ethical approach to this transformative technology.

- *New online support for students*
Massey is partnering with [Brightside](#), a new mental health research initiative that provides free online counselling support to students. Brightside are researchers from around Aotearoa, based at the University of Otago, who want to help students improve their wellbeing and mental health by providing free online tools.

This is in addition to assistance through the [Student Counselling Services](#) and other supports such as [TalkCampus](#) and the many resources on [MyHub](#) already available free of charge to all students. More information is available [here](#).



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- Teaching inductions**
Kia tū ngaio aro takitini (the university's introduction to teaching at Massey course) has been running since February and is due to complete in June. A total of 26 academic staff are enrolled in this offering. The course has been very well received by participants, with one noting, *"This course has been an invaluable and incredibly user-friendly resource as I have embarked on my new role as lecturer at Massey University. Whilst prior to starting at Massey I had been involved in teaching, marking assignments and student supervision in the past, I had not been responsible for a paper coordination. This course has facilitated my adjustment to a new workplace by signposting resources and tools available for use for lectures and students and provided great insight into the privilege it is to facilitate students' learning."*
- Open textbook project wins OER Collective grant**
The Library is supporting the creation of two open textbooks. One of them, titled *Critical health psychology*, has won one of six grants on offer this year from the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL)'s OER (Open Educational Resources) Collective. The grant will be spent on copyediting services and koha for external peer reviewers. The textbook will be free for students to read, download, and share. It is authored by Professor Sarah Riley and eight co-authors from the School of Psychology and will be published by the start of semester one 2025.
- Massey University and PSB Academy Enhanced Collaboration Agreement**
Earlier this year, I signed an Enhanced Collaboration Agreement between PSB Academy and Massey, significantly expanding Massey's presence in Singapore. Massey's international engagement in Singapore progresses beyond traditional offshore teaching partnerships and is a first for New Zealand universities.

PSB Academy have produced a short video about the partnership, as part of its 60th anniversary celebrations. [Watch it here.](#)
- [STEM & Health Experience Day 2024 a huge success!](#)**
The STEM & Health Experience Day 2024 on 6 June was an exciting day for 150 secondary school students, filled with interactive workshops, tours, and presentations showcasing Massey's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and health offerings. This is one of the largest on-campus recruitment events of the year. [Read more...](#)

Te Pou Tangata – People

Mahi undertaken to foster, support and enable an inclusive, respectful and safe environment.
Examples include:

- Kōrero with staff**
Staff Update is a weekly e-newsletter that shares information from across the university and works in parallel with *People@Massey*, which celebrates staff achievements and shares insights into the work our people do. *Staff Update* includes the latest updates from SLT, whether it is a message from myself or other relevant information from others in the team. This enhances the visibility of SLT members and our decision making. *Staff Update* includes information and updates that do not warrant a *Massey-all* email. Please note that the ongoing SLT *Focus on the Future* communications are provided via the weekly *Staff Update*, where possible.

Massey-all emails are used for significant items of interest that are time-critical and important to all staff, and generally will come direct from the Vice-Chancellor and members of the university's Senior Leadership Team.



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We have also regularly been inviting staff feedback through an evergreen feedback mechanism, which you can find at [vcfeedback](#). This is monitored daily, and I respond to as many comments as is practical.

- *MySafety: New Occupational Health and Safety site*
MySafety is the new Occupational Health and Safety site on Massey's internal site. Managers and staff can easily access documents, policies, and information to support them in their responsibilities to Health and Safety. To keep staff informed a new Occupational Health and Safety newsletter has also been introduced. Staff can also find wellbeing resources at on the internal site under MyWellbeing.
- *Student Wellbeing and Safety at Massey*
All staff are required to complete the Student Wellbeing and Safety at Massey online intranet module. Here they can learn about our collective and individual roles for supporting student wellbeing and safety. It also includes a range of resources available to help staff navigate this mahi.

Celebrating our People

- *Massey celebrates 2022 and 2023 Teaching Awards and Research Medal recipients*
The 2022 and 2023 Teaching Awards and Research Medals ceremony was held in early July, to celebrate and acknowledge the excellence of our outstanding teachers and researchers and to gather as a community to honour them. Congratulations to all. [Read more...](#)
- *Disaster management leaders named as Distinguished Professors*
Congratulations also to our two new Distinguished Professors:
 - Distinguished Professor David Johnston, Director of the Joint Centre for Disaster Research, School of Psychology.
 - Distinguished Professor Christine Kenney, Te Ātiawa ki Kāpiti, Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Toarangatira, School of Psychology.[Read more...](#)
- *Primary Industries New Zealand Awards 2024 - Champion Award: Dr Warren Parker (posthumous)*
The late Dr Warren Parker was honoured as the primary industries 'Champion'. Dr Parker's outstanding academic career, including 18 years as Professor of Agribusiness and Resource Management at Massey University, included involvement at the highest levels of primary sector governance. The former chair of Pāmu, he had a passion for leaving the environment better for future generations and sharing his wisdom and knowledge as a mentor.
- *KiwiNet's Emerging Innovator Programme*
Riddet Institute researcher Dr Debashree Roy has been selected for KiwiNet's Emerging Innovator Programme. The programme supports and nurtures promising scientists with entrepreneurial potential, helping them achieve commercial success and become future innovators for Aotearoa New Zealand. [Read more...](#)
- Professor Naomi Cogger from Tāwharau Ora School of Veterinary Science has been elected Vice-President of the World Organisation for Animal Health's Scientific Commission. [Read more...](#)
- Professor Andrew Brown, School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication, has been elected President of the Australian and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies.

Scholar Success stories

- Massey PhD alumna Rose Collis, has been selected as one of six emerging leaders into [Te Niwha's](#) Fellowship programme. The inaugural one-year Kia Niwha Leader Fellowships will support early and mid-career infectious diseases researchers through an intensive programme to lift their skills in areas of leadership necessary in best protecting New Zealanders from infectious diseases and their impacts.

Ms Collis is a post-doctoral researcher at AgResearch's Food System Integrity Team based at the Hopkirk Research Institute in Palmerston North. She completed her PhD at Massey University in 2022 and featured on the Dean's list of exceptional theses the same year. Her thesis focused on the prevalence and distribution of antimicrobial resistance determinants on New Zealand dairy farms.

- PhD student and Fulbright award recipient Bonita Bigham (Ngāruahine, Te Atiawa) left New Zealand earlier this year to start her Fulbright journey and will be spending about 12 months in Hawai'i. She is a Taranaki Regional Councillor, artist and passionate community and Māori arts advocate. She will research impacts of laws and conventions on the retrieval and use of marine mammal resources for artistic purposes, in Aotearoa and Hawai'i. Ms Bigham was one of two wāhine who headed the Aotearoa New Zealand delegation for FestPAC 2024. FestPAC or the Festival of Pacific Arts & Culture, is the world's largest celebration of indigenous Pacific Islanders, artists and cultural practitioners. Ms Bigham and her co-chair Puamiria Parata-Goodall featured on US [television](#) prior to the opening ceremony.
- *PhD student named Future Thinker of the Year for flood resilience research*
PhD student Widi Auliagisni has been bestowed with the title Future Thinker of the Year by the New Zealand Green Building Council at an event in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland in May. [Read more...](#)
- Massey alumna Kieran McCahon, who graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor of Agricultural Science, has been honoured as the 2024 New Zealand Dairy Manager of the Year! Hailing from Northland, Mr McCahon has been recognised for his intelligent approach and dedication to enhancing the New Zealand dairy industry. He excelled in his studies and received the Massey University Vice-Chancellor's High Achievers Scholarship, the Massey University Undergraduate Scholarship and was recognised as a Massey Scholar with an overall GPA of 8.75 in his discipline.
- Second-year Vet student Tayla Steele recently featured in the [NZ Herald](#) as one of four recipients of the Stratford Demonstration Farm Society scholarships. These scholarships are for students with a link to the Taranaki region who are studying agriculture, soil sciences or veterinary science. Ms Steele says once she is qualified, she plans to work in Taranaki. "I couldn't see myself anywhere else. I want to come back and work in the community that's helped raise me and also supported me." She has also received a Harwood Farm Trust Scholarship.
- Massey Peer Scholar Leilani Faaiuso featured on the [Māori Millionaire](#) podcast with Te Kahukura Boynton recently. The podcast's mission is to "empower Māori to make positive financial decisions." Te Kahukura is a 20-year-old entrepreneur encouraging young Māori and Pasifika to budget and invest money. She talked about her scholarship journey which started in senior high school. She explained what significance money has in her culture and family upbringing. Ms Faaiuso has held six scholarships while studying at Massey University, including the MU Pacific Scholarship for First Year Undergraduate studies and Massey Business School Future Leaders Scholarship.



Te Pou Hono – Connection

Mahi undertaken to create, honour and sustain meaningful connections and partnerships, and addressing the world's big problems, matters of national interest, and promoting leadership. Examples include:

- *2024 QS Executive MBA Rankings – Results*

I am delighted to advise that Massey's Executive MBA (EMBA) ranking has increased 20 places to 131-140, from 151-160 in 2023. 194 EMBA programmes were evaluated out of 222 considered programmes across 48 locations. We scored above the global average for these indicators: Executive profile and Diversity.

This is the second year we have participated in this ranking and we would like to acknowledge the staff whose efforts have gone into data submission for the ranking.

- *Ushering in a new era of Te Tiriti leadership and partnership*

New leadership group Ngā Kaiwhakapūmau i Te Tiriti o Waitangi i Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa met on the Pukeahu campus in Wellington for a pōwhiri at Te Rau Karamū Marae before taking part in their first official hui on 29 July.

Ngā Kaiwhakapūmau i Te Tiriti o Waitangi i Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa has been established to provide a high level of Te Tiriti o Waitangi expertise and Te Ao Māori leadership for the university's Te Tiriti o Waitangi goals and commitments. The group consists of representatives from the university's three mana whenua iwi, as well as a member representing Ngā Iwi nō Ngā Hau e Whā (iwi from throughout Aotearoa New Zealand) and representatives on behalf of Māori staff and ākonga Māori (students). [Read more...](#)

- *A taste of university life for Children's University ākonga*

Almost 300 ākonga were acquainted with university life through Discovery Days on the Wellington and Manawatū campuses during July. [Read more...](#)

- *Massey to host Sustainable Development Goals Summit*

Massey has been confirmed as the lead host of the 2024/2025 Aotearoa National Sustainable Development Goals Summit. Massey will work with Rangitāne o Manawatū, Palmerston North City Council and Food HQ to host this biennial event. [Read more...](#)

- *Manaaki Scholars Conference*

In May, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and Education New Zealand (ENZ) hosted a Manaaki Scholars Conference in Auckland over three days. This conference, with the theme of "Enduring connections: Global partnerships and Sustainable Development" was attended by about 550 current Manaaki scholars, tertiary staff and guest speakers.

Massey Manaaki scholars and staff from all three campuses joined this networking opportunity, discussed global issues and connected with Manaaki scholars from other New Zealand universities. Massey University currently has 42 Manaaki scholars across all campuses and qualification levels, supported by Scholars Massey.

- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Joint Centre for Disaster Research, School of Psychology, and the Earthquake Commission (EQC) has been extended for a further three years, as well as the secondment of Emma Hudson-Doyle to act as Principal Advisor Resilience and Research at EQC.

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- *Massey University celebrates global connections at the 2024 China Alumni Conference*
More than 100 alumni, esteemed guests and academic leaders attended the 2024 China Alumni Conference, held on 19 May at the Poly Development Plaza in Guangzhou, China. [Read more...](#)
- *Library delivers AI workshop*
Librarian Katherine Chisholm delivered a BusinessFirst workshop on information issues around AI (prompt engineering, information quality, and copyright) to around 15 local business people in April. The workshop was delivered at the request of academic staff from the School of Management.
- *Mud, sweat and cheers during third annual Massey Mud Run*
The third iteration of the university's annual event saw nearly 100 staff and students gather on the Manawatū campus at the end of May to brave the conditions and course. [Read more...](#)
- *Partnership brings industry training programme to Pōneke Wellington*
BIG FAN has partnered with Toi Rauwhārangī College of Creative Arts to bring their Ignite programme to Pōneke Wellington for the first time. [Read more...](#)
- *Chair of New Zealand Government Review of Methane*
Professor Nicola Shadbolt, Professor of Farm and Agribusiness Management, is to chair an independent panel commissioned by the Government to review New Zealand's methane reduction targets. [Read more...](#)
- *Massey athletes set for success on global stage*
From late July, more than 50 of our Massey whānau will be competing on the world stage. We caught up with a few of the athletes to hear about their preparations and how they balance their busy schedules. [Read more...](#)

A [special message](#) of good luck to our Massey whānau competing on the world stage. Karawhiua, give it heaps!

- *Massey in the spotlight*
Media articles and opinion pieces that I thought may be of interest to Council members.
 - [VC interview with George Heagney](#)
 - [Media: Progress as Massey negotiates through financial difficulties](#)
 - [Opinion: Why Te Tiriti and not Gaza?](#)
 - [Our screen students can shape the future of global entertainment](#)
- *New donations for Library special collections*
Special Collections Manager Pauline Knuckey has recently received a range of donations for addition to the Library's special collections:

Publications from Otakou Press, Dunedin

Helen Renwick, Massey University Librarian 1991 – 2001, donated several items of beautifully printed, numbered editions published by [Otakou Press, Otago University](#). One example, David Elliot's illustrations of *The Hunting of the Snark*, is seen on the right.



Photo: The Hunting of the Snark, Lewis Carroll, illustrations by David Elliot.

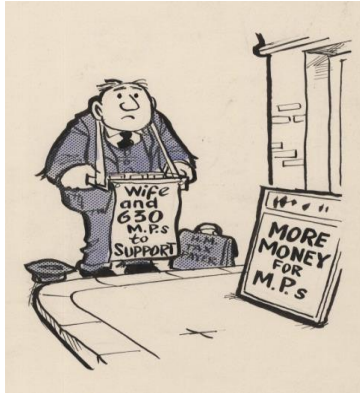
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Art+Object catalogues

Lesleigh Salinger, art historian and consultant, and former director of New Zealand Academy of Fine Arts and New Zealand Institute of Architects, generously donated her collection of Art+Object catalogues to the Library. These catalogues are a valuable addition to the limited number of editions the Wellington Library already holds.

British cartoonist George Chrystal, 'Chrys'

The Library received a donation of original pen and ink cartoons by British cartoonist George Chrystal, 'Chrys', (1916-1972). 'Chrys' commented on the political, specifically agricultural policy, and social themes of Great Britain from the 1950s to his death in 1972. These will be scanned and uploaded to [Tāmīro](#). Further information on his career and the provenance of this donation can be found [here](#). An example of one of his cartoons is seen on the left.



Original cartoon, # 52 'No caption' by 'Chrys' – George Chrystal, British cartoonist (1916-1972)

MEETING DATE:	19 September 2024
AUTHOR:	Vice-Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas
SUBJECT:	STRATEGY IN ACTION: Nicola Legat ONZM and Massey University Press

Recommendations

- That Council note the Strategy in Action paper on Nicola Legat ONZM and Massey University Press.

Purpose

This paper has come to Council as evidence of Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University’s Strategy in Action. This item focuses on the work and accomplishments of Nicola Legat ONZM in establishing and leading Massey University Press, and the importance of the Press for the university’s research outcomes. The paper is evidence of Te Pou Tangata – People, as well as Te Pou Rangahau – Research.

The birth of Massey University Press

Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University has a vibrant and dynamic publishing arm thanks to highly respected Publisher Nicola Legat. In 2015, she had left her job as publishing director at Random House New Zealand and heard through the grapevine that the university might be thinking of starting its own press.



The university’s entrepreneurial and applied-knowledge approach was something Nicola admired, and the idea of being at the helm of creating the university’s press from scratch particularly interested her. So, she emailed Steve Maharey, the Vice-Chancellor at the time, to find out more, applied for the job and got it.

Once she accepted the role, Nicola had the mammoth task of building Massey University Press up from scratch.

“I had to fulfil roles that were performed by other colleagues in other departments at a big multi-national company. I was the publishing director at Random House and while I obviously understood those roles, I’d never had to know the day to day specifics of shipping, royalty payments, marketing, warehousing and so on. It was a steep learning curve!”

One of the key milestones in the early days was the creation of a standalone ecommerce website. When funding was secured for that and the website went live, Nicola says it was of enormous benefit to the business and it has continued to be a strong income source.

Within a year she had a part-time project manager working with her on the books. The Press quickly grew to publishing 10 books a year by the end of 2017. Today, Massey University Press publishes

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about 20 books a year and Nicola manages a full-time team of three and a part-time finance manager. The Press, which sits in the Provost's portfolio, also utilises freelancers for editing, proofreading and design, who are contracted on a book-by-book basis.

The award-winning books Massey University Press issues are incredibly high-quality publications covering a wide range of genres including history, design, art, natural history, architecture, biography and memoir, veterinary science and social issues. They also produce a number of accessibly priced textbooks tailored for courses across Massey Business School, the College of Science and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Press's overarching aim is to publish intelligent, relevant books for inquiring readers and they are buoyed by the whakataukī *mā Aotearoa mō Aotearoa – For Aotearoa About Aotearoa*.

How a book comes to life

While anyone can submit a manuscript for consideration, this is not normally the way books develop. It is more often through conversations Nicola has with authors or a result of her contacting an author with a particular field of expertise. Books don't turn up as fully evolved manuscripts, Nicola says. Rather, they are 'germs' of ideas that she works with authors on.

When Nicola decides she's interested in publishing a book, the first thing she does is cost it. She will then write an acquisition proposal for the Press's Editorial Board that sets out why she thinks the Press should publish it and that shows that it is financially viable.

Massey University Press has an advisory committee, the Editorial Board, which is comprised of Professor Anna Brown from Toi Rauwhāangi College of Creative Arts (chair); Head of the School of Humanities, Media and Creative Communication Professor Kerry Taylor; Darryn Joseph, former Associate Professor from Te Pūtahi-a-Toi School of Māori Knowledge, now



an independent writer; Professor Jodie Hunter from the Institute of Education; and Kevin Chapman, the former Managing Director of Hachette New Zealand, who runs Upstart Press. Kevin is a senior figure in the New Zealand publishing industry and provides the Board with an all-important external view of the market.

Once approval has been granted, the task of turning a proposal into a book begins. It's a long process, but one that Nicola finds enormously fulfilling.

"It's a huge job but it's very creative. Book publishing is a place where creativity meets the commercial world and it's intellectually very stimulating. I'm going in and out of peoples' fields of interests and their specialties and helping them make terrific books to explain what it is they do."

Nicola likens her role to that of a midwife; helping an author extract a book from their brain and get it out into the world.

The importance of the Press for the university's research outcomes

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Since the inception of the Press, around half of the published books have come from Massey staff, particularly those in the humanities. Nicola says this is due, in part, to other areas of the university being more journal focused for Performance-Based Research Fund (PBRF) purposes.

“The books that we’ve been able to publish for staff in the humanities have been incredibly important to them. For them, there are also fewer outlets for publishing. If you’re a New Zealand historian, for example, there are only two or three academic journals to be published in, but a book is a very meaningful and significant thing and our publicity work ensures that it reaches a wider audience.”

Nicola understands that it’s difficult to join the dots and establish a causal link between what the Press publishes and specific research outcomes, such as those measured by the PBRF. However, she says the link absolutely exists if books are regarded as a way of advancing research and consolidating research knowledge and findings. In many respects, the Press is not a business, and exists as a research dissemination and amplification tool, as well as a way to enhance a university’s standing.

Many of the world’s best universities have presses and there is no doubt that the various awards that books by Massey University Press have won, and the media coverage that new books garner, play a significant part in elevating the profile and reputation of the university.

“We work hard to keep the Massey brand vital and well respected,” Nicola says.

The future for Massey University Press

Not long after the Press began, Nicola realised the need for another funding stream to underpin its viability. So she tendered to take on the publishing for Te Papa Press, the publishing arm of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa. The successful bid meant that the supplementary income from delivering publishing services to the museum enabled Massey University Press to be financially sustainable. This arrangement has run for nine years, and has recently come to an end. Nicola says she’s now free to spend more time on Massey University Press and is relishing that focus.

Almost all of the books offered by the Press are available internationally, with many also sold as ebooks. Nicola says there are endless opportunities for the Press, including stepping into the world of audiobooks, which is on the very near horizon.

ENDS



MEETING DATE:	19 September 2024
AUTHOR:	Academic Board Chair, Professor Fiona Te Momo
SUBJECT:	ACADEMIC BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Recommendations

That Council:

- Notes the current actions of Academic Board listed; and
- Notes the confirmed Academic Board minutes of 24 July 2024 – Part I and the unconfirmed Academic Board minutes of 21 August 2024 – Part I.

Purpose

To notify Council of current actions of Academic Board following the meetings held on 24 July 2024 and 21 August 2024.

Key Actions

24 July 2024 Meeting Summary – Part I

- **Chair Report** – the outgoing Chair welcomed our new Academic Board members and noted this will be her final meeting as Chair.
- **Vice-Chancellor Report** – the Vice-Chancellor thanked the outgoing Chair, Claire Matthews, for her work on Academic Board. She also welcomed me as the new Chair of Academic Board. The Vice-Chancellor also noted the Chancellor will be attending the August meeting to discuss the relationship between Council and Academic Board.
- **Provost Report** – the Provost acknowledged the outgoing Chair, Claire Matthews, for her knowledge and thanked her for her service while also welcoming myself as the new Chair. She noted there are 17 new University Advisory Group (UAG) questions that require feedback, and the Science Sector Advisory Group (SSAG) report is now with cabinet. She noted the 2022 and 2023 Teaching Awards and Research medals ceremony were held on 9 July at the Manawātū campus and a ceremony was also held on 23 July in Tāmaki Makaurau for Ōteihā based staff, highlighting that these events were an opportunity to acknowledge the excellence of outstanding teachers and researchers at Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa.
- **Student Report** – A student report was not provided for the July meeting.
- **Staff Use of Generative AI Guidelines** – the Provost noted there have been challenges in the AI space and the Learning and Teaching committee have drafted guidelines for staff. It was recommended that Academic Board be the owner of these guidelines and establish a working group to monitor these.
- **Academic Board Election Outcomes** – The Director of Governance and Assurance noted the new appointees to Academic Board and that their appointments are for a three-year term. She also noted the Chair nomination was confirmed by Council on 18 July 2024.
- **Meeting Scheule 2025** – the Director of Governance and Assurance noted the 2025 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule was approved by Council on 18 July 2024.



21 August 2024 Meeting Summary – Part I

- **Chair Report** – I opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Professor James Liu from the School of Psychology. I acknowledged and thanked the previous Chair Associate Professor Claire Matthews for her leadership of Academic Board over the past three years. I noted that from October 2024, time would be made available in Part I of the agenda for all colleges to present academic issues with a table outlining upcoming presentations for each college.
- **Vice-Chancellor Report** – the Vice-Chancellor congratulated my new appointment as Chair and recognised the valuable contributions of the former Chair, Claire Matthews, during her tenure. She acknowledged the significant contributions of staff during the recent open days across campuses. She noted that the Curriculum Transformation Discussion Paper was currently under consultation. The Vice-Chancellor announced the launch of the National Academy of Screen Arts on the Pukeahu campus in Wellington, home to the new Bachelor of Screen Arts (Hons) programme, noting it had attracted over 300 students this year. The Vice-Chancellor highlighted Massey's progress towards Te Pou Rangahau 2023-2027 goals, including a QS ranking of 239.
- **Provost Report** – The Provost confirmed that the University Advisory Group (UAG) review had been submitted to the Minister, with key recommendations now under consideration. The final report is due to be delivered to the Minister in February 2025 with advice from the group informing policy changes, and the potential significant impacts on New Zealand's university system, including Massey.
- **Student Report** – A student report was not provided for the August meeting.
- **Chancellors Update** – the Chancellor acknowledge the importance of collaboration between the Academic Board and Council. He highlighted key responsibilities of Academic Board and their significant powers in relation to ethics, the quality of teaching and research and the overall direction of the university.
- **Research Rankings Update** – the Provost noted the university maintained its position within the QS World University Rankings in the 200-250 band, ranking 239th globally. Noting this marks the sixth consecutive year the university has ranked in the top 300 universities globally. She also noted, as of 2024, Massey University has two subjects in the top 50 globally (Veterinary Science ranked 21st and Development Studies ranked 30th) and 17 subjects in the top 500.
- **Academic Committee Terms of Reference** – the Academic Board approved the Academic Committee's revised Terms of Reference.
- **UAG Submissions, Round 2 Feedback** – the Academic Board discussed the 17 new consultation questions, particularly those relevant to Academic Board. The Provost reminded board members formal feedback is due by 23 August 2024.
- **General Report from subcommittee College of Humanities and Social Sciences Board** – PVC Humanities and Social Sciences, Cynthia White, noted this is a two-yearly report outlining the College Board's activities in alignment with its Terms of Reference and the university strategy.

Conferment of Degrees

A schedule of 105 Graduands in July and 303 Graduands in August were approved by the Academic Board for Degree Conferment and awarding of Diplomas and Certificates.



CUAP Proposals – Part I

In the July meeting we received the below CUAP proposals:

3.1 CUAP New Qualification (for approval)

3.1.1 Proposal Summary for the new Bachelor of Earth and Environmental Science (AC24/07/201)

3.1.2 Bachelor of Earth and Environmental Science (AC24/07/202Rev1)

3.2 CUAP New Specialisations (for approval)

3.2.1 Geoscience Major (AC24/07/203) and Geoscience Minor (C24/07/204)

3.2.2 Land and Water Science Major (AC24/07/205) and Land and Water Science Minor (C24/07/206)

3.2.3 Horticultural Management Major (AC24/07/208)

3.3 CUAP Offshore Offering of Existing Qualification (for approval)

3.3.1 Bachelor of Information Sciences (AC24/07/209)

3.4 CUAP Reported Qualification Retirement (for approval)

3.4.1 Memo – Retiring of Doctor of Education (AC24/06/159)

3.4.2 Doctor of Education (AC24/06/150)

3.5 CUAP Reported Qualification Retirements (for approval)

3.5.1 Memo – Retirement of Closed Qualifications (AC24/07/221)

No CUAP Proposals to note for August, these will be presented in the September meeting.

Noting Papers

[Academic Board minutes of 24 July 2024 – Part I confirmed](#)

[Academic Board minutes of 21 August 2024 – Part I unconfirmed](#)

July 2024 Finance Report – Part I – For information



MEETING DATE:	19 September 2024
AUTHOR:	Deputy Vice-Chancellor – University Services, Shelley Turner
SUBJECT:	JULY 2024 FINANCE REPORT – PART I

Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- Note the contents of the finance report for the seven months ended 31 July 2024.

Purpose

This report summarises the financial results for Massey University (the University) and its controlled entities (the Group) for the seven months ended 31 July 2024.

For the purpose of this paper the group includes the following entities:

- Massey University (the University);
- Massey University Foundation Trust (MUF);
- Massey Ventures Limited (MVL) and its controlled entities; and
- Massey Global Limited (MGL) and its controlled entity.



Key Highlights of the Finance Report

Income Statement

	YTD ACTUAL (\$000)	YTD BUDGET (\$000)	YTD VAR (ACT TO BUD) (\$000)	FY FORECAST (\$000)	FY BUDGET (\$000)	FY VAR (FOR TO BUD) (\$000)
Government Grants	121,706	119,374	2,332	209,797	204,641	5,156
Student Fees	97,606	107,547	(9,942)	179,825	177,208	2,617
Research Income	52,702	51,635	1,067	97,784	86,601	11,183
Consultancy, Conference, Trading and Other Income	34,712	34,317	394	64,954	62,248	2,706
Total Income	306,725	312,873	(6,148)	552,360	530,698	21,662
Staff Related Expenses	170,969	178,577	7,608	299,388	299,643	255
Depreciation	44,810	53,528	8,718	77,057	92,309	15,252
Other Expenditure	89,166	95,958	6,792	185,449	163,746	(21,703)
Total Expenses	304,944	328,063	23,118	561,895	555,698	(6,197)
University Operating (Deficit)/Surplus Before One-off Item	1,780	(15,190)	16,970	(9,535)	(25,000)	15,465
(Deficit)/Surplus % Before One-off Item	0.58%	(4.85%)		(1.73%)	-4.71%	
One-off items	1,971	(5,625)	7,596	(2,161)	(5,000)	2,839
University Operating (Deficit)/Surplus After One-off Item	3,752	(20,815)	24,566	(11,696)	(30,000)	18,304
(Deficit)/Surplus % After One-off Item	1.23%	(6.82%)		(2.14%)	(5.74%)	
(Deficit)/Surplus from Controlled Entities	5,620	2,202	3,418	2,507	4,929	(2,423)
Group Operating (Deficit)/Surplus	9,371	(18,613)	27,984	(9,189)	(25,071)	15,881
Group Operating (Deficit)/Surplus %	2.97%	(5.97%)		(1.65%)	(4.68%)	

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YTD	Year to Date
FY	Full Year

The University's year to date (YTD) operating surplus was \$3.8m, which is \$24.6m better than the budget of -\$20.8m, mainly due to lower than expected expenses in all areas and higher than budgeted Government Grants and Research Income, which were partially offset by lower Student Fees and Consultancy, Conference, Trading and Other Income. For the full 2024 year, the University is forecast to make a deficit of -\$11.7m against a budgeted deficit of -\$30.0m as explained below.

Income

YTD income was \$6.1m below budget due to lower Student Fees and Consultancy, Conference, Trading and Other Income. This was partially offset by higher Government Grants and Research Income. FY forecast income is \$21.7m above budget due to higher than budgeted income in all areas.

Expenses

YTD expenses of \$304.9m were below budget by \$23.1m due lower than expected costs across all main areas. FY forecast expenses are \$6.2m higher than budget mainly due to increases in costs associated with increased revenue, partially offset by decreases in forecast depreciation due to savings related to the revaluation of useful lives of certain university buildings after the budget was finalised.

Group Result



YTD Group surplus of \$9.4m was \$28.0m better than budget due to the \$24.6m favourable variance from the University and a \$3.4m favourable variance from controlled entities. The \$3.4m favourable variance is primarily due to higher returns from managed funds held by MUF. FY forecast Group deficit of -\$9.2m is \$15.9m better than budget consistent with the University's FY forecast.

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet								
	YTD ACTUAL (\$000)	YTD BUDGET (\$000)	YTD VAR (ACT TO BUD) (\$000)		FY FORECAST (\$000)	FY BUDGET (\$000)	FY VAR (ACT TO FOR) (\$000)	
Current Assets	161,152	130,133	31,019	●	162,809	161,628	1,181	●
Non-Current Assets	1,776,024	1,783,111	(7,087)	◆	1,837,931	1,862,463	(24,532)	◆
Current Liabilities	250,193	260,924	10,730	●	266,204	279,003	12,799	●
Non-Current Liabilities	31,564	33,947	2,383	●	31,564	33,947	2,383	●
University Net Assets	1,655,418	1,618,373	37,045	●	1,702,972	1,711,141	(8,169)	◆
University Equity	1,655,418	1,618,373	37,045	●	1,702,972	1,711,141	(8,169)	◆
Net Assets - Controlled Entities	57,701	51,902	5,798	●	54,587	54,612	(25)	▲
Group Net Assets	1,713,119	1,670,276	42,843	●	1,757,559	1,765,753	(8,194)	◆
Group Equity	1,713,119	1,670,276	42,843	●	1,757,559	1,765,753	(8,194)	◆

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YTD	Year to Date
FY	Full Year

The Group's balance sheet continues to be strong. YTD net equity as at 31 July 2024 was above budget due to the higher than anticipated revaluation of Massey University properties at the end of 2023. The University had no debt as at 31 July 2024 and no drawdown on the Cash Advance Facility is forecast in 2024.

Statement of Cash Flows

Statement of Cash Flows								
	YTD ACTUAL (\$000)	YTD BUDGET (\$000)	YTD VAR (ACT TO BUD) (\$000)		FY FORECAST (\$000)	FY BUDGET (\$000)	FY VAR (FOR TO BUD) (\$000)	
Opening Cash and Cash Equivalents - University	23,104	28,570	(5,466)	◆	23,104	28,570	(5,466)	◆
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	104,308	81,182	23,126	●	58,111	68,073	(9,962)	●
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	(75,497)	(78,205)	2,708	●	(51,166)	(62,876)	11,710	●
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	-	-	-	▲	-	-	-	▲
Net Foreign Exchange Gain (Loss)	10	-	10	▲	-	-	-	▲
Closing Cash and Cash Equivalents - University	51,924	31,547	20,377	●	30,049	33,767	(3,718)	◆
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Controlled Entities	5,464	4,798	665	▲	4,746	5,558	(812)	▲
Group Cash at End	57,388	36,345	21,043	●	34,795	39,325	(4,530)	◆

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YTD	Year to Date
FY	Full Year

The Group's Cash and Cash Equivalent balance was \$21.0m above budget mainly due to delays in capital spending.



MEETING DATE:	19 September 2024
AUTHOR:	Acting Director Governance and Assurance, Frances Mullan
SUBJECT:	NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

Key Strategic Points

1. The term of the student elected member of Council will conclude in December of this year, meaning the election will need to be held in coming months to fill this vacancy.
2. This paper provides official notification of the election and seeks endorsement of the minor updates of the Massey University Council Election Electronic Statute and the Council Elections (Student Member) Statute.

Recommendations

1. That Council approves the updated Massey University Council Election Electronic Statute and the Council Elections (Student Member) Statute.
2. That Council notes the requirement to undertake elections for the student elected member of Council and the proposed timeline.

Discussion

Statute Updates

The Massey University Council Election Electronic Statute and the Council Elections (Student Member) Statute were last updated in 2023 and 2022 respectively.

Since the last updates, the Constitution of Massey University Council Notice 2015 was replaced with the Constitution of Massey University Council Notice 2024 and both statutes have been updated to reflect this.

In addition, the Council Elections (Student Member) Statute has been further amended to update the references to the Education and Training Act 2020, to reference the current version of related Council Statutes and to update the cross-references in the statute related to amendments approved in 2022.

Timeline for the Massey University Council Student Election 2024

As per the Constitution of Massey University Council Notice 2024, one Council member must be appointed following an election (conducted in accordance with statutes made by the Council) by students enrolled at Massey University.

The current term of the student elected member of Council is due to conclude on the 7th of December. It is proposed to have the newly elected student member installed as a Council member by the 5 December 2024 Council meeting. To meet this deadline, a draft timeline is below taking into consideration of key dates in the student calendar but some degree of overlap with Semester Two study break from 21–25 October and examinations from 29 October to 11 November has not been possible to avoid altogether.

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The draft timeline for the Council Student Member Election 2024 is as follows:

Nominations open	Wednesday 2 October
Nominations close at 4.00pm	Wednesday 23 October (3 weeks)
Voting commences 12.00noon	Wednesday 8 November (2 weeks)
Voting closes 4.00pm	Monday 18 November (10 days)
Successful candidates advised by no later than	Thursday 21 November (3 days)
New student member installed as Council member	Thursday 5 December

Supporting Document

- Appendix A - [Massey University Council Election Electronic Statute – Track changed](#)
- Appendix B - [Council Elections \(Student Member\) Statute - Track changed](#)

Part I: Paper for Decision



**MASSEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

**HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
on**

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY 2024 AT 1.30 PM

PART I

Present:

Associate Professor Claire Matthews (Chair), Vice Chancellor Professor Jan Thomas, Dr Maria Borovnik, Provost Professor Giselle Byrnes, Associate Professor Darryl Cochrane, Professor Naomi Cogger, Associate Professor Jo Cullinane, Deputy Vice Chancellor Māori Professor Meihana Durie, Dr Simon Hills, Pro Vice Chancellor College of Science Professor Raymond Goer, Pro Vice Chancellor College of Creative Arts Professor Margaret Maile, Pro Vice Chancellor College of Health Professor Jill McCutcheon, Associate Professor Tara McLaughlin, Associate Professor Andre Murnieks, Professor Hatice Ozer-Balli, Professor Diane Pearson, Professor Julieanna Preston, Professor Matt Roskruge, Dr Marta Rychert, Professor Nicollette Sheridan, Associate Professor Veronica Tawhai, Professor Fiona Te Momo, Rongomaiaia Te Whaiti, Professor Kaye Thorn, Professor Bryan Walpert, Pro Vice Chancellor College of Humanities and Social Sciences Professor Cynthia White.

In Attendance: Chancellor Alistair Davis, Director Governance and Assurance Heather Kirkwood, Governance Advisor Chanell Meehan, Corporate Communications Manager Jenna Nichols, and a member of the public.

Apologies: Professor Tasa Havea, DVC Students and Global Engagement Tere McGonagle-Daly, Cameron McCausland-Taylor, Sosefina Filo-Masoe, Micah Geringer, Flynn O'Hallahan and Hennessey Wilson.

Apologies for lateness: Professor Matt Roskruge and Rongomaiaia Te Whaiti.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Introduction/Mihimihi

The Chair opened the meeting with a mihimihi and welcomed all members present and those in attendance.

1.2 Apologies/Quorum

The apologies were noted by the Board and there were 26 members in attendance.

1.3 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared for the meeting.

Part I: Paper for Decision

1.4 Meeting Agenda Review

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 19 June 2024 – Part I (AB24/07/109)

AB24-41 **RESOLVED:** **(Agreed)**

THAT the Academic Board adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024 as a true and correct record

CARRIED

1.6 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1.7 Action Schedule - Part I (AB24/07/110)

The Chair spoke to the action schedule and noted the congratulatory letters are an outstanding action.

1.8 Academic Board Work Plan 2024 - Part I (AB24/07/111)

The Board noted the 2024 Work Plan.

2. STRATEGIC UPDATES

2.1 Chair's Report (verbal)

The Chair welcomed new Academic Board members Associate Professor Darryl Cochrane, Professor Naomi Cogger, Dr Simon Hills, Professor Tara McLaughlin, Professor Hatice Ozer-Bali, Rongomaia Te Whaiti and Professor Kaye Thorn. She noted she attended the Council meeting held on Thursday 18 July, where the Student Disciplinary regulations and the Intellectual Property policy were both approved. She also noted this will be her final meeting as Academic Board Chair, and congratulated Professor Fiona Te Momo on her appointment as the new Academic Board Chair.

2.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report (AB24/07/112)

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged and thanked the Chair for her work on the Academic Board. She congratulated Fiona Te Momo for her appointment as Chair. She noted the Chancellor will be attending the August meeting to discuss the relationship between Academic Board and Council. She highlighted an increase in education performance indicators, including the closing of the parity gap being ahead of 2026 targets. She noted the Māori learner gap is closing thanks to the programme of work under Veronica Tawhai.

***ACTION:** Congratulatory letters to be sent on behalf of the Board to award recipients as listed in the Vice-Chancellor's report.*

2.3 Provost Report (verbal)

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The Provost provided a verbal report to the Board and noted the curriculum discussion paper has now had its deadline extended from 12 July to 31 August, she welcomed feedback on the paper and noted she is working with Jean Jacoby to meet with groups for feedback. She noted work continues around Online Supervised Exams (OSEs) for 2025 onwards. She noted the 2022 and 2023 Teaching Awards and Research medals ceremony were held on 9 July at the Manawatū campus to celebrate the exceptional achievements of university staff. She noted that a ceremony was also held on 23 July in Tāmaki Makaurau for Ōteihā based staff, highlighting that these events were an opportunity to acknowledge the excellence of outstanding teachers and researchers at Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa. She noted Smart Ideas changed recently. MBIE will no longer take all proposals and expects universities to triage these. She encouraged engagement around the 17 new questions from UAG, noting Mel Barnes is the key contact to provide feedback to and that SLT and Council will also be providing feedback. She noted the first SSAG report is now with cabinet. She noted Pūrehuroatanga is successful and underpins our commitment to equity, excellence. She acknowledged the Chair for her leadership in Chairing Academic Board, her knowledge and thanked her for her service. She noted she is looking forward to working with Fiona.

2.4 Student Report (verbal)

No student report was provided for Part I.

2.5 Staff Use of Generative AI Guidelines (AB24/07/113)

The Provost noted there have been challenges with AI, and that the Learning and Teaching committee have drafted guidelines with staff noting there are benefits of AI if used wisely and in a way to preserve academic integrity. She noted this is a living document, and we are recommending that Academic Board be the owner of the guidelines and establish a working group to monitor these. She believes Academic Board is the body of the university to think about best practice use of AI. She also noted these are guidelines and not a policy and that she seeks advice or comments.

The Board noted the guidelines and their support for establishing the working group. The Board discussed the move in international universities to assess students on how well they utilise AI and the need to prepare students for the workplace. It was noted the guidelines strike a good balance between enabling the use of AI in a responsible and appropriate way and gives agency back to academics. It was noted the university could prepare graduates to use AI ethically to prepare them for the workforce and this could be a point of difference for Massey. It was noted referencing AI can be difficult as it cannot be searched again in the same way; perhaps referencing could be around describing how AI was used. The reference of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Mātauranga data were praised. Turnitin was noted as the current system used to detect AI which is not perfect and should be considered in the guidelines. The Provost noted she will keep the guidelines open and adjust the wording around referencing. She also noted there will be an online repository for staff where the latest advice and documents will be available.

AB24-42

RESOLVED:**(Agreed)****THAT the Academic Board:**

- **Endorse the guidelines outlined in Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa Massey University Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Usage Guidelines for Staff**

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- Consider being the 'owner' of these guidelines and establish a working group to refine and guide implementation and review in 12 months' time.

CARRIED

Action: Provost and new Academic Board Chair to discuss the working group and work on its establishment.

2.6 Academic Board Election Outcomes (AB24/07/114)

The Director Governance and Assurance noted, following the elections, the following have been appointed for a three-year term from July 24-July 27 Associate Professor Darryl Cochrane, Professor Naomi Cogger, Dr Simon Hills, Professor Tara McLaughlin, Professor Hatice Ozer-Bali, Rongomaia Te Whaiti and Professor Kaye Thorn. She noted some colleges had representatives that had been elected in the interim since the last appointment period. She also noted the Chair nomination was confirmed by Council last week, and Fiona Te Momo was appointed as the new Academic Board Chair.

2.7 Meeting Schedule 2025 (AB24/07/114)

The Director Governance and Assurance noted the 2025 meeting schedule was approved in Council and was based off the 2024 schedule.

AB24-43

RESOLVED:

(Agreed)

THAT the Academic Board reviews and notes the Council and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2025.

CARRIED

3. CUAP PROPOSALS (AB24/07/XX)

The Provost spoke to the proposals and noted five categories of CUAP documents to be considered today, and then be sent to VC to forward to CUAP. She acknowledged the work of College of Science in the new Bachelor of Earth and Environmental Science. She noted Geo Science, Land and Water Science and Horticultural Management have been recommended as a major. She also noted the Bachelor of Information Sciences is to be offered offshore at Singapore and there are proposed changes in the postgraduate space.

The Board noted the proposals. The PVC College of Science acknowledged Professor Diane Pearson as the key driver of the new Bachelor of Earth and Environmental Science, noting this Bachelor degree brings these subjects together in a way that we have not had before with a strong focus on Mātauranga Māori. He also noted the Horticulture Management major will now sit under the Bachelor of Agribusiness to enable students to run agricultural businesses. The PVC College of Humanities and Social Sciences noted the Doctor of Education has not had significant demand for a long time and the Institute of Education has launched a doctorate in professional practice with substantial interest and enrolment. The Board discussed the uniqueness of combining Earth and Environmental Science and the importance of bringing the strengths of Massey to the qualification.



**MASSEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

**HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
on**

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2024 AT 1.30 PM

PART I

Present:

Prof. Fiona Te Momo (Chair), VC Prof. Jan Thomas, Dr. Maria Borovnik, Provost Prof. Giselle Byrnes, Associate Prof. Darryl Cochrane, Prof. Naomi Cogger, Associate Prof. Jo Cullinane, DVC Māori Prof. Meihana Durie, Dr. Simon Hills, PVC College of Creative Arts Prof. Margaret Maile, PVC College of Health Prof. Jill McCutcheon, Associate Prof. Tara McLaughlin, Associate Prof. Andre Mūrnieks, Prof. Hatice Ozer-Balli, Prof. Diane Pearson, Prof. Julieanna Preston, Prof. Matt Roskruge, Dr. Marta Rychert, Prof. Nicollette Sheridan, Prof. Bryan Walpert, and PVC College of Humanities and Social Sciences Prof. Cynthia White.

In Attendance: Chancellor Alistair Davis, Governance Advisor Chanell Meehan, and Governance Advisory Support Maryse Ropiha.

Apologies: PVC College of Science Prof. Raymond Goer, DVC Students and Global Engagement Tere McGonagle-Daly, Micah Geringer (student member), Prof. Tasa Havea, Prof. Huia Jahnke, Associate Prof. Veronica Tawhai, Rongomaiaia Te Whaiti, Prof. Kaye Thorn, Cameron McCausland-Taylor, Sosefina Filo-Masoe; and DVC Māori Prof. Meihana Durie for early departure.

Apologies for lateness: Prof. Matt Roskruge and Prof. Nicollette Sheridan.

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Welcome/Karakia

The Chair opened the meeting with a karakia and welcomed all members present and those in attendance.

1.2 Apologies/Quorum

The apologies were received and accepted by the Chair with it noted the meeting was quorate with 22 members present.

1.3 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared by members for the 21 August 2024 meeting.

1.4 Meeting Agenda Review

The Agenda Part I was received and confirmed by the Chair with all papers taken as read.

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held 24 July 2024 – Part I (AB24/08/128)

The Provost commented on the 2022 and 2023 Teaching Awards and Research Medals ceremony held on 9 July at the Manawatū campus to celebrate the exceptional achievements of university staff. She noted that a ceremony was also held on 23 July in Tāmaki Makaurau for Ōteihā based

staff, highlighting that these events were an opportunity to acknowledge the excellence of outstanding teachers and researchers at Te Kunenga ki Pūrehuroa.

AB24-50 RESOLVED: (Chair)

THAT the Academic Board adopts the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2024 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

1.6 Matters Arising

The Chair mentioned item 2.5 on Staff Use of Generative AI and the Board’s endorsement at its July 2024 meeting of the draft guidelines developed by the Learning and Teaching Committee. She noted the Board’s support to establish a working group to refine, guide implementation and review of the guidelines, and recommended that the Provost manage the working group.

The Provost highlighted that this initiative was part of Massey University's strategy to lead in innovative education, with the guidelines being a flexible, evolving document ensuring ethical AI usage and alignment with the university's strategic goals.

1.7 Action Schedule - Part I (AB24/08/129)

The Chair noted the congratulatory letters remained an outstanding action on the schedule and that these would be completed as soon as practicable.

1.8 Academic Board Work Plan 2024 - Part I (AB24/08/130)

The Board noted the 2024 Work Plan.

2. STRATEGIC UPDATES

2.1 Chair’s Report (verbal)

The Chair invited the Board and attendees to join her with a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Prof. James Liu from the School of Psychology.

The work of the previous Chair in this leadership role, Associate Prof. Claire Matthews, was acknowledged by the new Chair and requested that this be recorded in the minutes.

The following was also noted as part of the Chair’s verbal report:

- A new inbox for all Academic Board-related items had been created with all emails to be sent to academicboard@massey.ac.nz
- It was clarified that the Academic Board was not required to appoint a representative to the Academic Promotions Committee, as it was not a sub-committee of the Board under the current Terms of Reference and governance framework.
- The Chair informed the Board that from October 2024, time would be made available in Part I of the agenda for all colleges to present academic issues. The College of Creative Arts was to present first at the October Board meeting, then other colleges subsequently in alphabetical order as follows:

Meeting Date	Reports Due	College to Present
23 October 2024	11 October 2024	College of Creative Arts
20 November 2024	8 November 2024	College of Business
26 February 2025	(TBC)	College of Health
26 March 2025	(TBC)	College of Humanities & Social Sciences
23 April 2025	(TBC)	College of Sciences

2.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report (AB24/08/131)

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated Prof. Fiona Te Momo on her appointment as the new Academic Board Chair by the Massey University Council, recognising the valuable contributions of the former Chair, Associate Prof. Claire Matthews, during her tenure.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following as part of her report:

- **Open Days:** The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the significant contributions of staff during the recent open days across campuses, noting that the Wellington event was still to occur.
- **Curriculum Consultation:** She noted that the Curriculum Transformation Discussion Paper was currently under consultation with all university committees and boards, staff forums and student feedback being sought. The Vice-Chancellor emphasised the importance of elevating aggregated results from the University Student Survey to the Academic Board. She advised that this feedback was crucial for understanding its impact on the teaching and learning environment, helping to shape curriculum improvements and inform teaching strategies that better meet the needs of students. This feedback was vital for shaping the future direction of the university's curriculum with ongoing discussions being led by the Provost.
- **National Academy of Screen Arts:** The Vice-Chancellor announced the launch of the National Academy of Screen Arts on the Pukeahu campus in Wellington, home to the new Bachelor of Screen Arts (Hons) programme, noting it had attracted over 300 students this year. The Academy was a central hub for the screen industry, providing state-of-the-art facilities, supporting industry-relevant research, and fostering innovation. The Academy will focus on building partnerships for regional business growth and international collaborations, while also being strengthened by commercial music programmes and Massey studio facilities. It will also offer resources for composing and producing soundtracks, as well as host professional development and industry events, with a good number of industry representatives attending the opening ceremony.

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the recent passing of Andre Ktori, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Academy, and recognised his vital contributions to its development. Congratulations were extended to the College of Creative Arts for their leadership and success with the Academy's launch.

- **SDGs & Research Rankings:** The Vice-Chancellor highlighted Massey's progress towards Te Pou Rangahau 2023-2027 goals, including a QS ranking of 239 and recognition for research aligned with the UN SDGs. By mapping research to SDGs, Massey enhanced its global profile, with the Vice-Chancellor suggesting that this be shared with the Academic Board. She emphasised the need to aggregate these results to showcase SDG integration in teaching and learning.

2.3 Provost Report (verbal)

The Provost confirmed that the University Advisory Group (UAG) review had been submitted to the Minister, with key recommendations now under consideration. She noted that the second tranche of consultation questions had closed, focusing on core activities like teaching, research, and governance with the UAG, supported by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC), being selective in choosing stakeholders for further engagement. The final report was due to be delivered to the Minister in February next year with advice from the group informing policy changes, and the potential significant impacts on New Zealand's university system, including Massey.

She added that it was important to note that as global rankings grow and adapt with more institutions participating, Massey's standing could fluctuate even as it improves individual measures. There may also be a lag before the impact of certain initiatives, such as those aimed at improving citation rates, becomes evident in rankings. The Provost noted that several initiatives were in progress for 2024 to help Massey continue its path toward achieving its rankings targets by 2027, which include improving citation rates and aligning more closely with the SDGs.

2.4 Student Report (verbal)

No student report was provided for Part I.

2.5 Chancellor's Update (verbal)

Chancellor, Alistair Davis, began by acknowledging his role and the importance of collaboration between the Academic Board and the University Council.

State of the University

The Chancellor referenced a webinar delivered by the Vice-Chancellor in July, which outlined the state of the university. He emphasised the importance of the ongoing review, including the upcoming government review of the sciences. These reviews would take place over the next six months and were crucial to the university's short-term Financial Action Plan (FAP). He added that the longer-term goal was the university's transformation to ensure its sustainability over the next 100 years.

Academic Board's Role and Council's Expectations

The Chancellor advised that from the Council's perspective, the Academic Board played a critical role, especially given the university's unique multi-campus structure and diverse student body. He highlighted that the Council was limited in its capacity to deliver everything the university needed, as resources were tight.

He noted the requirements of the Education Act 2020, and that university councils were required to establish academic boards and cited the Board's Terms of Reference (ToR) regarding its role in advising the University Council. He pointed out that the decision to establish the Māori Council, Ngā Kaiwhakapūmau, originated from the Academic Board and was a good example of the Board's role to Council.

Academic Board Powers and Responsibilities

Alistair reiterated that the Academic Board had significant powers in relation to ethics, the quality of teaching and research, and the overall academic direction of the university. He urged the Board to provide clear, well-considered advice on issues to the Council, noting that the Chair Fiona Te Momo, was the Academic Board representative and would convey this advice to the Council.

Prof. Cynthia White expressed her appreciation for the Chancellor's presence and his ongoing support of the Academic Board. She emphasised that if the Council required specific advice from the Board, it would be helpful to formally send questions/requests for specific information or areas for guidance to the Board in advance.

Prof. Margaret Maile thanked the Chancellor for clearly articulating the relationship between the Academic Board and the Council. She welcomed the invitation to foster greater collaboration between the two bodies, which she believed would lead to better outcomes and reinforce the Academic Board's accountability.

2.6 Research Rankings Update (AB24/08/132)

The following key updates regarding Massey University's research rankings were discussed:

QS World University Rankings: Massey University maintained its position within the 200-250 band, ranking 239th globally. This was consistent with its 2024 ranking, highlighting its stability in the international academic landscape. This marks the sixth consecutive year that Massey has ranked in the top 300 universities globally.

Subject Rankings: As of 2024, Massey University has two subjects in the top 50 globally (Veterinary Science ranked 21st and Development Studies ranked 30th) and 17 subjects in the top 500. It is anticipated that Massey would eventually have 20 subjects ranked in both the QS and Shanghai rankings by 2027, as outlined in the University's strategic goals.

Sustainability and Holistic Measures: There was growing recognition that research rankings would shift towards more holistic measures, integrating broader impact metrics like

sustainability. The University Research Committee (URC) had established a working group to focus on these activities and enhance research impacts aligned with sustainability goals, such as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Strategic Discussion: The Provost emphasised the need for continued investment in areas aligning with new metrics, which were expected to become more nuanced in the next 5-10 years. Board members raised points about positioning Massey University within this evolving ranking framework, especially in global regions with shifting investment patterns. It was stressed that Massey should not limit itself to traditional benchmarks like dissertations but rather focus on broader impact areas.

Sustainability and SDGs: Massey had performed strongly in sustainability rankings, particularly with its initiatives related to SDG2 (Zero Hunger) and SDG11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities). Massey's commitment to sustainability was evident through projects like Whenua Haumanu, regenerative farming research, and partnerships in sustainable agriculture.

Future Considerations: The importance of understanding how sustainability factors contribute to rankings was discussed and how the university can better integrate these elements into its academic mission and operational practices.

It was recommended that the Associate Director-Sustainability, Policy & Comms, Allannah Ryan, and International Research Rankings Advisor, Anita Muthukaruppan, be invited to brief the Board further on sustainability rankings and the University's alignment with these broader goals.

ACTION: That Associate Director-Sustainability, Policy & Comms, Allannah Ryan, and International Research Rankings Advisor, Anita Muthukaruppan, be invited to a future meeting to brief the Board further on sustainability rankings and the University's alignment with these.

2.7 Academic Committee Terms of Reference (AB24/08/133)

The revised Academic Committee Terms of Reference were presented with the Board requested to approve the 2024 revisions.

AB24-51 RESOLVED: (Chair)

THAT the Academic Board approves the revised 2024 Academic Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

2.8 UAG Submission – Round 2 Feedback (AB24/08/134)

The Chair invited discussion on the 17 consultation questions relevant to the Academic Board in the second round of the University Advisory Group (UAG) consultation and quality assurance processes. The following key points were raised during the meeting:

UAG Phase 2 Consultation Questions: The Provost emphasised the relevance of all 17 questions for the Academic Board, particularly in reflecting on how to respond to the UAG and provide feedback to both the University Council and the UAG itself. The Board was encouraged to consider all questions thoroughly, as the feedback could have significant implications for Massey University.

Quality Assurance (QUAC) and Alternative Options: The conversation touched on whether the current arrangements for external peer reviews under QUAC were fit for purpose. The Provost raised the potential for alternative models, such as internal peer reviews, to replace or complement QUAC. This change could affect certain programmes, with a shift toward more academic autonomy.

Question 16: Addresses the scope of academic-led decision-making and who determines what was desirable in this context, with a Board member stressing the importance of hearing the forum's views on academic decision-making.

A Board member questioned the perceived necessity of QUAC, suggesting it might not be required at a tertiary level and could be streamlined. This was supported and noted that removing QUAC could broaden the scope for academic decision-making at the university level, potentially enhancing academic autonomy. The Provost reiterated that any decision regarding the removal of QUAC would need careful consideration, as it could impact programme quality. However, it could open opportunities for a more flexible and collaborative academic quality assurance process.

Prof. Cynthia White emphasised the importance of collaborative autonomy, particularly regarding decision-making within the university. It was also noted by Prof. Julieanna Preston that, from her perspective, the QUAC process had not always been as effective as intended and could benefit from revisiting its role and structure.

It was agreed that any additional feedback from Academic Board members or reflections on these matters should be provided to the Provost by Friday 23 August.

AB24-52 **RESOLVED:** **(Chair)**

THAT the Academic Board discusses the consultation questions and offers feedback for inclusion in the University's submission.

CARRIED

2.9 General Reports from AB Subcommittees

2.9.1 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (AB24/08/135)

Prof. Cynthia White presented the two-yearly report from the College Board of Humanities and Social Sciences (CoHSS), which detailed the College Board's activities in alignment with its Terms of Reference (TOR) and the university strategy. The key points from the report include:

Alignment with University Strategy: The CoHSS Board has maintained a strong focus on university strategy, specifically with its emphasis on being Tiriti-led. Meetings consistently integrate elements of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and academic offerings are continually reviewed to reflect this commitment.

Academic Responsibilities: Over the two-year period, the College Board had overseen substantial academic changes, including amendments to 59 qualifications, 63 specialisations, and 415 courses, as well as proposals for new qualifications and specialisations, demonstrating the College Board's custodianship of quality management and enhancement within the college.

Focus on Research and Teaching: Key discussions have centered around Pou Rangahau (Research) and Pou Ako (Teaching and Learning), ensuring that the Board's work aligns with academic quality management, research excellence, and student success and well-being. The Board also addressed multiple university-wide discussion documents, policies, and strategic objectives related to both research and teaching.

Feedback and Reporting: The College Board has actively contributed to university policy and strategic debates, providing feedback on documents such as the University Graduate Profile, Curriculum Transformation, and assessment policies. Additionally, CoHSS members have contributed to wider academic and policy discussions within the university.

AB24-53 **RESOLVED:** **(Chair)**

THAT the Academic Board receives the two-yearly report from the College Board of Humanities and Social Sciences, which provided an account of attention to the university strategy and to its Terms of Reference requirements and responsibilities.

CARRIED

3. PAPERS FOR NOTING

The Board noted the papers as listed.

- ★ 3.1 University Research Committee Minutes 27 June 2024 – Part I AB24/08/136

4. DECISIONS TRANSFERRED FROM PART II OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING

4.1 Conferment of Degrees Paper (AB24/08/139)

AB24-56 **RESOLVED:** (Chair)

THAT the Academic Board approves the degrees be conferred, and the certificates and diplomas be awarded to those as listed in document AB24/08/139, and the seal affixed to the parchments.

CARRIED

5. MOVING INTO PART II - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC (AB24/08/137)

AB24-54 **RESOLVED:** (Chair)

THAT the Academic Board exclude the public from the papers as noted in the table below, excluding Governance Advisor Chanell Meehan and Governance Advisory Support Maryse Ropiha.

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason	Section 48(1) grounds
AB24/08/138	Confirmation of Minutes Academic Board Meeting 24 July 2024 – Part II	For the reasons set out in the Part I minutes of 24 July 2024 held with public present	
AB24/08/139	Conferment of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas and Certificates	Personal privacy	s7(2)(a)

This resolution was 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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

CARRIED

Part I of the meeting closed at 3.10 pm

Signature: _____

Date: _____



**MASSEY UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL ELECTRONIC ELECTION STATUTE 2024³**

Pursuant to section 276 of Education and Training Act 2020

1. Title and Commencement

This Statute may be cited as the Electronic Election Statute 2024³ and comes into force on the day after it is passed and this Statute repeals Massey University Council Electronic Election Statute 2023⁴.

Conduct of Elections

2. Returning Officer

- a. The Council shall appoint a Returning Officer to conduct Elections under this Statute. Until otherwise determined the Returning Officer shall be the Director Governance and Assurance.
- b. Unless the Council determines otherwise the Returning Officer for Elections conducted under this Statute shall hold office until his or her removal by the Council, or his or her resignation, incapacity or death, in any of which events the Council shall appoint a Returning Officer in his or her place.
- c. Every Election conducted under this Statute shall be conducted by the Returning Officer, but, if for any reason he or she is unable to fulfill the duties of his or her office at any Election, the Council shall appoint a substitute, who, for the purposes of that election, shall be deemed to be the Returning Officer.

3. Date of Election and Term of Office

- a. Elections conducted under this Statute shall be held at a time in the Academic Year determined by the Returning Officer.
- b. Successful Candidates shall hold office for a term consistent with Schedule 11 of the Education and Training Act 2020 and with the Constitution of Massey University Council Notice ~~2024.2015.~~

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4. Electors

- a. The Returning Officer shall compile a list of Electors eligible to vote in each election, which will include all Electors at a date to be determined by the Returning Officer.

5. Notice of Election, Nomination of Candidates, and Closing Date for Nominations

- a. No less than 20 days and no more than 40 days before the day or days fixed by the Returning Officer for an Election, except where a second election for the want

of candidates may be required in which case as soon as reasonably practical, the Returning Officer shall give advance notice thereof in such University Publications as the Returning Officer sees fit and the University website and shall in that notice request the nomination of Candidates in writing and a closing date for the receipt of such nominations.

6. Nomination of Candidates

- a. To be eligible for Election a candidate must meet the criteria for that election at the time when nominations close.
- b. Nomination of Candidates for Election under this Statute must:
 - i. Contain the required information as set out in the relevant election statute, procedure or terms of reference; and
 - ii. Be signed by not less than two Electors as the nominators; and
 - iii. Carry the written consent of the nominee and a declaration of eligibility; and
 - iv. Be in such a form so as to be verifiable by the Returning Officer.
- c. Every Candidate for election may submit to the Returning Officer with his or her nomination paper a statement about the Candidate:
 - i. The statement shall not exceed 200 words.
 - ii. The statement must be submitted electronically.
 - iii. The statement shall include information about the candidate relevant to the role of a Massey University Council member, including how the skills and competencies of the candidate meet the needs of Massey University and the sound governance of the Institution, and will include a passport-like photograph of the Candidate.
 - iv. The Returning Officer may require a Candidate whose statement does not comply with the requirements of this section to revise the statement so as to comply and may refuse to make available any statement which does not comply. This requirement and ability to refuse is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Returning Officer whose decision will be final.
 - v. The Returning Officer shall ensure that the information in each statement which complies with this section is included in the Instructions for Voting sent to each Elector.
- d. Every Candidate for Election must also submit to the Returning Officer with his or her nomination paper, a declaration by the Candidate to abide by the Statutes of the University and either the Staff or Student Election Rules for Candidates (as appropriate).
- e. Every nomination paper shall be lodged with or given to the Returning Officer not later than 4pm on Nomination Day. The Returning Officer shall acknowledge receipt of every nomination paper on that nomination paper.
- f. Every Candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper.

7. Rejection of Nominations

- a. The Returning Officer shall reject the nomination of a nominee who does not qualify for Election under section 6a.
- b. Where a nomination is rejected the Returning Officer will notify the nominee in writing giving the reasons for the rejection.

8. Withdrawal of Nomination

- a. Any Candidate may withdraw his or her nomination at any time before noon on Nomination Day, by notice in writing to the Returning Officer, signed by the Candidate. A withdrawal must be treated as a retirement as per section 11.

9. Only one candidate nominated for the election, Candidate declared elected

- a. If the number of candidates does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall, as soon as practicable after the close of nominations, by notice in such University Publications as he or she sees fit, declare the Candidate in that election so nominated to be duly elected to the Council.

10. Notice of Nominations and Election

- a. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of positions to be filled, the Returning Officer shall, as soon as practicable after the close of nominations, give notice in such University Publications as he or she sees fit of the day or days on which the Election is to be held and of the names of the Candidates for the election.

11. Candidate May Retire

- a. A Candidate at an Election may retire after the close of nominations at any time before a declaration has been made pursuant to section 10a of this Statute, or, where an Election is required to be held, at any time before the day or days of the Election, by notice in writing to the Returning Officer, signed by that Candidate.
- b. Advice of the death or incapacity of a candidate will be treated by the Returning Officer as notice of retirement.
- c. Where the Returning Officer receives notice pursuant to section 11a above:
 - i. Where practicable, the Returning Officer shall before the day or days of the Election give notice of the retirement in such University Publications as he or she sees fit;
 - ii. If a Candidate retires after the Instructions for Voting have been distributed, the Returning Officer shall take such steps as are practicable to advise Electors that the Candidate has retired;
 - iii. Any vote cast for that Candidate shall be void.
- d. If, by the retirement of a Candidate in accordance with section 11a above the number of Candidates is reduced to or below the number of positions to be filled on the Council:
 - i. The Returning Officer shall, by notice in such University Publications as he or she sees fit, before the day or days of the Election, declare the remaining

Candidate to be duly elected; or

- ii. If the Candidate retires at such a time that it is not possible to give such a notice before the day or days of the Election, the Election shall not be held and the declaration shall be made on the day or days of the Election or as soon thereafter as possible.

12. Election to be Conducted Electronically

- a. Unless sections 9a or 11d of this Statute apply, the Returning Officer shall conduct an Election by means of an electronic voting system,
- b. The voting methodology used shall be first-past-the-post.

13. Issue of Instructions for Voting

- a. The Returning Officer shall, not later than the day or days on which the Election is to be held, send by email addressed to each Elector at their University email address Instructions for Voting which directs Electors to the instructions for an Election of members on the Council which:
 - i. Give instructions for voting in that Election;
 - ii. State the day or days of the Election; and
 - iii. State the name and Statement of the Candidates for the Election.

14. Method of Voting

- a. On receipt of the Instructions for Voting sent by the Returning Officer, the Elector shall alone exercise his or her vote in accordance with the Instructions for Voting.
- b. Where any Elector:
 - i. Is wholly or partially blind; or
 - ii. Suffers from any other disability which makes it difficult to cast his or her vote in the prescribed manner,

that Elector's vote may be recorded by another person in accordance with the instructions of the Elector.

- c. Where any Elector is unable to access, securely or otherwise the electronic voting system the same instructions will be supplied in hard copy.

15. Invalid Votes

- a. A vote shall only be valid if:
 - i. The Elector's vote is entered into the electronic voting system using the official link in their individual email;
 - ii. The Elector has not previously recorded their vote; and
 - iii. The Elector's vote is recorded on the day or days of the Election.

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16. Counting of Votes

- a. Votes shall be counted by such means as are prescribed by the Returning Officer.
- b. The Returning Officer shall make arrangements for votes to be counted as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of voting.
- c. Where there is an equality of votes between candidates and the addition of a vote would entitle any of these candidates to be declared elected, the Returning Officer must determine by lot which candidate will be declared elected.

17. Declaration of Result

- a. No later than one month after all the votes have been counted, the Returning Officer shall declare, by means of notices in such University Publications as the Returning Officer sees fit, the result of the Election.

18. Recount

- a. Where any Candidate has reason to believe that the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election is incorrect, and that on a recount thereof the result of the Election might be found to be different, he or she may within seven days after the declaration, apply to the Returning Officer for a recount of the votes.
- b. Every application for a recount in accordance with section 18a above shall:
 - i. Be accompanied by a deposit of \$500, which shall be refunded if, following a recount of the votes, the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election proves to be incorrect;
 - ii. State the grounds upon which the applicant believes that the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election is incorrect, and that on a recount thereof the result of the Election might be found to be different; and
 - iii. State the name of the applicant.
- c. If the Returning Officer is satisfied that an applicant for a recount has reasonable cause to believe that the Returning Officer's declaration of the result of the Election may be incorrect and that on a recount the result of the Election might be found to be different, the Returning Officer shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving the application and deposit as aforesaid, arrange for a recount of the votes to be made by such means as the Returning Officer thinks fit.
- d. Where the Returning Officer arranges for a recount of the votes in accordance with section 18c above, he or she shall:
 - i. Notify the applicant in writing of the result of the recount; and
 - ii. Where the result of a recount is that the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election is incorrect, declare, by means of notices in such University Publications as he or she sees fit:
 - I. That upon a recount of the votes, the declaration by the Returning

- Officer of the result of the Election was found to be incorrect; and
- II. The name or names of the candidates duly elected.

19. Destruction of Votes

- a. The Returning Officer shall, no earlier than one month after the declaration of the result of an Election, and if an application for a recount is made, not before the declaration of the result of the Election, arrange for all records of Electors' votes to be destroyed in a manner which ensures the confidentiality of voting information is preserved.

20. General Provisions

- a. Subject to the provisions of this Statute, the Returning Officer may publish such rules as he or she considers appropriate to ensure the fair conduct of the election and of campaigning in connection with the election. Without limitation, such rules may include restrictions on the mode and timing of campaigning. Where a breach of any published rule has been established in respect of the candidacy of any candidate (not being a candidate for student member) and the Returning Officer is satisfied that the breach may have, or may have had, a material effect on the outcome of the election he or she may declare that candidate's nomination or election or the entire election to be invalid. The Returning Officer may make any decision, at their sole and absolute discretion, that they consider appropriate in respect of candidates who are student member candidates as set out in Schedule 1, Massey University Council Elections (Student Member) Statute ~~202420~~ for the student candidates.
- b. Any candidate affected by a declaration of the Returning Officer under section 17a. may appeal the matter by giving written notice to the Vice-Chancellor within 10 days of the Returning Officer's decision. Upon such notice being given, the Vice-Chancellor shall appoint an independent person, suitably qualified to review the decision. The independent person's determination will be final.
- c. The Returning Officer shall have the general power to settle any question that may arise under this Statute and for which no provision is made.

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21. Casual Vacancies

- a. A casual vacancy arises in the office of a Member on the Council during his or her term if he or she:
 - i. Dies; or
 - ii. Becomes disqualified to hold office under this Statute; or
 - iii. Is declared bankrupt; or
 - iv. Becomes mentally disordered within the meaning of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992; or
 - v. Resigns office by notice in writing to the Chancellor; or
 - vi. Is convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment.
- b. A Casual Vacancy that occurs within three months of the end of a term of office need not be filled.

- c. Where a Casual Vacancy occurs any earlier in the term of office it shall be filled in accordance with Schedule 11(6) of the Act.

22. Definitions

'Academic Year' means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 January.

'Act' means the Education and Training Act 2020.

'Candidate' means a candidate for election under this Statute as a member on the Council.

'Council' means the Council of Massey University.

'Election' means an election of members on the Council conducted under this Statute.

'Instructions for Voting' means those instructions issued by the Returning Officer for the conduct of the electronic voting by means of a secure system which ensures each Elector is only able to cast one vote.

'Nomination Day' means the day appointed for the closing of nominations of candidates for election as members on the Council.

'Statement' means the statement made by a Candidate in accordance with clause 6(c).

'University' means Massey University.

'University Publications' may be in hard copy or electronic form and includes magazines, newsletters and websites published by the University.

'Vice-Chancellor' means the person holding office for the time being as the Chief Executive Officer of the University; and includes any person for the time being acting in that capacity.

Document Management and Control

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Approved by: Council
Date Approved: ~~7 August 2015 (C15/80 – October: 4.1.4)~~
~~1 August 2016 (C16/2 – December: ?)~~
5 September 2019
25 August 2023



**MASSEY UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL ELECTIONS (STUDENT MEMBER) STATUTE 2024~~2~~**

Pursuant to section ~~276~~~~474~~ of Education and Training Act 2020

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1. Title and Commencement

This Statute may be cited as the Council Elections (Student Member) Statute 2024~~2~~ and comes into force on the day after it is passed and this Statute repeals Massey University Council Elections (Student Member) Statute 202~~2~~~~9~~.

Conduct of Elections

2. Returning Officer

- a. The Council, or its delegate, shall appoint a Returning Officer to conduct elections under this Statute. Until otherwise determined the Returning Officer shall be the Director Governance and Assurance.
- b. ~~Unless~~ the Council determines otherwise, the Returning Officer for elections conducted under this Statute shall hold office until his or her removal by the Council, or their resignation, incapacity or death, in any of which events the Council shall appoint a Returning Officer in his or her place.
- c. Every election conducted under this Statute shall be conducted by the Returning Officer, but, if for any reason they are unable to fulfil the duties of their office at any election, the Council shall appoint a substitute, who, for the purposes of that election, shall be deemed to be the Returning Officer.

3. Date of Election and Term of Office

- a. Elections conducted under this Statute shall be held at a time in the Academic Year determined by the Returning Officer.
- b. Successful candidates shall hold office for a term consistent with the Education and Training Act 2020 and with the Constitution of Massey University Council Notice 20~~24~~~~45~~ or until they cease to be an enrolled student of the university.

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4. Students Eligible to Vote

- a. The Returning Officer shall authorise the list of students eligible to vote for the Student Member on Council in the Election, which will include all students enrolled in the university at a date to be determined by the Returning Officer.

5. Notice of Election, Nomination of Candidates, and Closing Date for Nominations

- a. No less than 20 days and no more than 40 days before the day or days fixed by the Returning Officer for an election, except where a second election for want of candidates may be required in which case as soon as reasonably practicable, the Returning Officer shall give advance notice thereof in such university publications as the Returning Officer sees fit and the university website and shall in that notice request the nomination of candidates in writing and a closing date for the receipt of such nominations.

6. Nomination of Candidates

- a. To be eligible for election a nominee must:
 - i. Be enrolled as a student at the time when nominations close;
 - ii. Neither be employed for a continuous period of more than six months on a full-time basis by the university or under terms and conditions of full-time employment set by the university nor have been so employed at any time during the two years preceding the date of the election.
- b. Nomination of candidates for election under this Statute must:
 - i. Be in the form approved by the Returning Officer; and
 - ii. Be signed by not less than two students as the nominators; and
 - iii. Carry the written consent of the nominee and a declaration of eligibility; and
 - iv. Contain a declaration by the nominee as to whether the nominee has or has not ever been employed (as described in sub-section 6a ii) by the university and an undertaking to include such information in all material circulated in connection with the nominee's nomination.
- c. Every candidate for election must submit to the Returning Officer with their nomination paper a statement about the candidate:
 - i. The statement shall not exceed 200 words.
 - ii. The statement must be submitted electronically.
 - iii. The statement shall include information about the candidate relevant to the role of a Massey University Council member, including: how the skills and competencies of the candidate meet the needs of Massey University and the sound governance of the institution; and will include a passport-like photograph of the candidate.
 - iv. The Returning Officer may require a candidate whose statement does not comply with the requirements of this section to revise the statement so as to comply and may refuse to make available any statement which does not comply. This requirement and ability to refuse is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Returning Officer whose decision will be final.
 - v. The Returning Officer shall ensure that the information in each statement which complies with this section is included in the Instructions for Voting sent to each voter.

- d. Every candidate for election must also submit to the Returning Officer with his or her nomination paper, a declaration by the nominee to abide by the Massey University Council Election Rules for Student Candidates (Schedule 1). Every nomination paper shall be lodged with or given to the Returning Officer not later than 4pm at the close of nominations/on nomination day. The Returning Officer shall acknowledge receipt of every nomination paper on that nomination paper.
 - e. Every candidate shall be nominated by a separate nomination paper.
7. Rejection of Nominations
- a. The Returning Officer shall reject the nomination of a nominee who does not qualify for election under section 6a
 - b. Where a nomination is rejected the Returning Officer will notify the nominee in writing giving the reasons for the rejection.
8. Withdrawal of Nomination
- a. Any candidate may withdraw his or her nomination at any time before noon on Nomination Day, by notice in writing to the Returning Officer, signed by the candidate.
9. Death of Candidate Before Close of Nominations
- a. Where before the close of nominations the Returning Officer receives advice that a candidate who has been nominated and has not withdrawn his or her nomination has died or has become incapable of holding the position of Student Member on Council, his or her nomination shall be treated as if the Candidate had withdrawn.
10. Only one Candidate nominated for the Election, Candidate Declared Elected
- a. If there is only one candidate for the election under this Statute the Returning Officer shall, ~~subject to the candidate meeting the requirements for appointment to Council as provided by section 11b of this Statute,~~ as soon as practicable after the close of nominations, by notice in such university publications as he or she sees fit, declare the candidate in that election so nominated to be duly elected to the Council.
11. Notice of Nominations and Election
- a. Candidates for the Election will be provided with a copy of Schedule 1, and are required to read and agree to, the Massey University Council Election Rules for Student Candidates.
 - b. The Returning Officer will give notice in such University publications as he or she sees fit of the day or days on which the Election is to be held and of the names of the candidates for the Election.
12. Candidate May Retire
- a. A candidate at an election may withdraw after the close of nominations at any time before a declaration has been made pursuant to section ~~11b~~ 11a of this Statute, or, where an election is required to be held, at any time before the day or days of the election, by notice in writing to the Returning Officer, signed by that candidate.
 - b. Where the Returning Officer receives notice pursuant to section 12a above:

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- i. Where practicable, the Returning Officer shall before the day or days of the Election give notice of the retirement in such University publications as they see fit;
 - ii. If a candidate retires after the Instructions for Voting have been distributed, the Returning Officer shall take such steps as are practicable to advise voters that the candidate has retired;
 - iii. Any vote cast for that candidate shall be void.
- c. If, by the retirement of a candidate in accordance with section 12a above, the number of candidates is reduced to or below the number of positions to be filled on the Council:
- i. The Returning Officer shall, by notice in such University publications as they see fit, before the day or days of the Election, declare the remaining candidate to be duly elected; or
 - ii. If the candidate retires at such a time that it is not possible to give such a notice before the day or days of the Election, the Election shall not be held and the declaration shall be made on the day or days of the Election or as soon thereafter as possible.

13. Death or Incapacity of Candidate After Close of Nominations

- a. Where:
- i. After the close of nominations and before the day or days of the Election, any candidate dies or becomes incapable of holding the position of Student Member on Council; or
 - ii. Any such candidate dies or becomes incapable as aforesaid before the close of nominations but advice of his or her death or incapacity is received by the Returning Officer after the close of nominations, the provisions of section 14 of this Statute, so far as they are applicable and with the necessary modifications, shall apply as if the deceased or incapacitated candidate had withdrawn on the date of his or her death or incapacity, or, as the case may be, on the date on which advice of his or her death or incapacity is received by the Returning Officer.

14. Election to be Conducted Electronically

- a. Unless sections 10a or 12c of this Statute apply, the Returning Officer shall conduct an election by means of an electronic voting system, in accordance with the Massey University Council Electronic Election Statute ~~2024.49.~~

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15. Issue of Instructions for Voting

- a. The Returning Officer shall, not later than the day or days on which the Election is to be held, send by email addressed to each student at their University email address Instructions for Voting which directs electors to the instructions for an election of the Student Member on the Council which:
- i. Give instructions for voting in that election;
 - ii. State the day or days of the election; and

- iii. State the name and statement of the candidates for the Election.

16. Method of Voting

- a. On receipt of the Instructions for Voting sent by the Returning Officer, the student shall alone exercise their vote in accordance with the Instructions for Voting.
- b. Where any student:
 - i. Is wholly or partially blind; or
 - ii. Suffers from any other disability which makes it difficult to cast their vote in the prescribed manner,

that student's vote may be recorded by another person in accordance with the instructions of the student.

17. Invalid Votes

- a. A vote shall only be valid if:
 - i. The student's identification number is entered into the electronic voting system;
 - ~~ii. The student's duly chosen pin is entered into the electronic voting system;~~
 - iii. The student has not previously recorded their vote; and
 - iv. The student's vote is recorded on the day or days of the Election.

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18. Counting of Votes

- a. Votes shall be counted by such means as are prescribed by the Returning Officer.
- b. The Returning Officer shall make arrangements for votes to be counted as soon as reasonably practicable after the close of voting.

19. Declaration of Result

- a. No later than one month after all the votes have been counted, the Returning Officer shall declare, by means of notices in such University publications as the Returning Officer sees fit, the result of the Election, being the name of the candidate elected as the Student Member on the Council.

20. Recount

- a. Where any candidate has reason to believe that the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election is incorrect, and that on a recount thereof the result of the Election might be found to be different, they may within seven days after the declaration, apply to the Returning Officer for a recount of the votes.
- b. Every application for a recount in accordance with section 20a above shall:
 - i. Be accompanied by a deposit of \$500, which shall be refunded if, following a recount of the votes, the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election proves to be incorrect;

- ii. State the grounds upon which the applicant believes that the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election is incorrect, and that on a recount thereof the result of the Election might be found to be different; and
- iii. State the name of the applicant.
- c. If the Returning Officer is satisfied that an applicant for a recount has reasonable cause to believe that the Returning Officer's declaration of the result of the Election may be incorrect and that on a recount the result of the Election might be found to be different, the Returning Officer shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after receiving the application and deposit as aforesaid, arrange for a recount of the votes to be made by such means as the Returning Officer thinks fit.
- d. Where the Returning Officer arranges for a recount of the votes in accordance with section 20c above, they shall:
 - i. Notify the applicant in writing of the result of the recount; and
 - ii. Where the result of a recount is that the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election is incorrect, declare, by means of notices in such University publications as he or she sees fit:
 - I. That upon a recount of the votes, the declaration by the Returning Officer of the result of the Election was found to be incorrect; and
 - II. The candidate elected as Student Member on the Council.

21. Destruction of Votes

- a. The Returning Officer shall, no earlier than one month after the declaration of the result of an election, and if an application for a recount is made, not before the declaration of the result of the Election, arrange for all records of students' votes to be destroyed in a manner which ensures the confidentiality of voting information is preserved.

22. Vacation of Office

- a. A member of the Council elected under this Statute ceases to hold office as a member if that member becomes employed for a continuous period of more than six months on a full-time basis by the University or under terms and conditions of full-time employment set by the University. The casual vacancy occurring for that reason shall be filled in accordance with ~~Section 176~~ Schedule 11(6) of the Act.

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23. Casual Vacancies

- a. A casual vacancy arises in the office of the Student Member on the Council during his or her term if he or she:
 - i. Dies; or
 - ii. Becomes disqualified to hold office under this Statute; or
 - iii. Is declared bankrupt; or
 - iv. Becomes mentally disordered within the meaning of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992; or
 - v. Resigns office by notice in writing to the Chancellor; or

vi. Is convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment ~~or~~

b. A casual vacancy that occurs within three months of the end of a term of office of the Student Member need not be filled.

c. Where a casual vacancy occurs any earlier in the term of office of the Student Member it shall be filled in accordance with ~~section 176~~ Schedule 11 (6) of the Act.

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24. Definitions

'Academic Year' means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 January.

'Act' means the Education and Training Act 2020.

'Candidate' means a candidate for election under this Statute as the student member on the Council.

'Council' means the Council of Massey University.

'Election' means an election of the student member on the Council conducted under this Statute.

'Instructions for Voting' means those instructions issued by the Returning Officer for the conduct of the electronic voting by means of a secure system which ensures each Student is only able to cast one vote.

'Nomination Day' means the day appointed for the closing of nominations of candidates for election as the student member on the Council.

'Statement' means the statement made by a candidate in accordance with section 6c.

'Student' means a duly enrolled student of the university.

'Student Member on Council' means: One member who must be appointed following an election, conducted in accordance with this Statute, by students enrolled at Massey University, and following election must continue to be a student of Massey University while holding office as a Student Member on Council.

'University' means Massey University.

'University publications' may be in hard copy or electronic form and includes magazines, newsletters and websites published by the University.

'Vice-Chancellor' means the person holding office for the time being as the Chief Executive Officer of the University; and includes any person for the time being acting in that capacity.

Related Documents

- [Education and Training Act 2020](#)
- ~~[Massey University Council Electronic Election Statute 2019](#)~~
[Massey University Council Electronic Election Statute 2024](#)
- ~~[Massey University Appointments Statute 2019](#)~~–[Massey University Appointments Statute 2024](#)
- ~~[Massey University Notice \(Constitution\) 2015](#)~~–[Massey University Notice \(Constitution\) 2024](#)
- [Council Elections – Student Member Nomination Form](#)

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Schedule 1: Massey University Council Election Rules for Student Candidates

Purpose of the Rules:

1. To control the conduct of the elections.

Official Statement

2. Official Statement means a written statement of no more than 200 words containing the prescribed information and to which a photograph of the Candidate shall be attached.
3. The Official Statement shall be given to the Returning Officer for the purposes of the election.
4. At the commencement of the election the Returning Officer will publish the Official Statement to the electorate (those eligible to vote).

Conduct

5. Candidates are permitted to campaign.
6. At all times when campaigning, Candidates are required to comply with their obligations as a student at Massey University, including comply with the Code of Student Conduct, all policies, rules, statutes and procedures of the university and the relevant laws of New Zealand.
7. Candidates shall not:
 - (a) use undue influence to get a voter to vote or to abstain from voting;
 - (b) publish, distribute, broadcast or exhibit (or have anyone publish, distribute or exhibit) a statement of fact that a Candidate knows is false in any material particular.

Consequences for Possible Breach

8. Any behaviour by a Candidate during campaigning that may be a breach of the obligations of a student studying at Massey University may be dealt with in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct, policy, rule, statute and procedures of the university.
9. If the Returning Officer considers a Candidate (or anyone on behalf of the Candidate) while campaigning may have breached the obligations of a student at Massey University, or if the Returning Officer considers a Candidate may have breached Rule 7, then the Returning Officer, may, at his or her absolute sole discretion, after giving

the Candidate within a reasonable time to comment and respond and upon giving reasons:

- (a) Declare a Candidate's nomination or election or entire election to be invalid; or
- (b) Declare that no action is to be taken.

10. Nothing in these Rules limits the remedies available to any Candidate(s) against any other Candidate(s) at law for the actions or omissions of another Candidate nor limits the repercussions on any Candidate for their actions or omissions when campaigning.



Part I: Paper for Decision

MEETING DATE:	19 September 2024
AUTHOR:	Chancellor, Alistair Davis
SUBJECT:	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Recommendation

- That the Council exclude the public from the papers as noted in the table below:

General subject of each matter to be considered		Reason	Section 48(1) grounds
C24/118	Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting 18 July 2024 – Part II	For the reasons set out in the Part I minutes of 18 July 2024 held with public present	
C24/119	Confirmation of Minutes Council Meeting 26 July 2024 – Part II	For the reasons set out in the Part I minutes of 26 July 2024 held with public present	
C24/120	Action Schedule Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/121	2024 Council Work Plan Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
Verbal	Chancellor's Verbal Report – Part II	Personal Privacy	s7(2)(a)
C24/122-123	Vice-Chancellor's Report – Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/124	Strategic Topic – Part II	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/125	Enrolment and EFTS Forecast	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/126-128	FAC Chair Report	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/129-130	Estates Strategy Update	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/131	Manawatu Properties	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/132	Atawhai Village	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
C24/133	Committee Status Update	Improper gain or advantage	s7(2)(j)
Noting Papers			
i)	AB Minutes July 2024 – Part II Confirmed (C24/134)		
ii)	AB Minutes August 2024 – Part II Unconfirmed (C24/135)		
iii)	PAC Minutes July 2024 – Part II Unconfirmed (C24/136)		

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iv) FAC Minutes 29 August 2024 – Part II Unconfirmed (C24/137)

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 which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.