



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

ACADEMIC BOARD TE TAUMATA

A meeting of the Academic Board to be held on
Tuesday, 18 August at 1:00 pm
To be held in RHLT1, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus, Wellington

AGENDA

PART A

The meeting will begin with a karakia:

Mauri oho	Awaken the spirit
Mauri tū	Engage the spirit
Mauri ora ki a tātou	The spirit of life amongst us
Haumi e, hui e, tāiki e!	Be united in purpose!

1. **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS and FAREWELLS**

A welcome to new members and those leaving will be farewelled.

2. **PART B OF THE AGENDA**

To consider: Requests from members to transfer items from Part B to Part A of the agenda.

Items for approval that are not transferred to Part A by noon Monday 17 August will be considered approved.

3. **VICE-CHANCELLOR ORAL REPORT**

To receive: The Vice-Chancellor's oral report.

4. DVCs WRITTEN REPORT

AB26-58

To receive: Report of the DVCs: The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori and Kaitiakitanga), Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students) written reports.

Professor Robyn Longhurst, Professor Rawinia Higgins, Professor Sally McArthur and Dr Logan Bannister will speak to this collective report.

5. RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXCLUSION OF NON-MEMBERS

AB26-59

To resolve: That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda item 12.

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

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
	The public conduct of each item below would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under the sections of the OIA identified below.	
Agenda item 12: Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 July 2026	s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(ba)(i) s9(2)(a) and 9(2)(ba)(ii) and 9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii) LGOIMA s48(1)(a)

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are set out above.

PART B

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

AB26-60

To confirm: The minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 14 July 2026 (Numbers 26.22-26.36).

Note: Excludes Part C for reasons of confidentiality.

7. PROGRAMME AMENDMENTS FOR ACADEMIC BOARD APPROVAL (TO BE REPORTED TO CUAP)

To approve: The following programme amendment, to be reported to CUAP

Faculty	Proposal Title	Reference
FOSE	Introduce a new nested Postgraduate Certificate in Biomedical Science (PGCertBmedSc)	AB26-61 (APC26-55)

8. PROGRAMME AMENDMENTS FOR ACADEMIC BOARD APPROVAL

To approve: The following programme amendments

Faculty	Proposal Title	Reference
FEHPS	Introduce new courses, amendments to the regulations for Bachelor of Education (Teaching) Early Childhood and Graduate Diploma of Teaching (ECE)	AB26-62 (APC26-34)
FHSS	Amend regulations to Diploma of University Studies (Pasifika Pathways)	AB26-63 (APC26-44)
FADI	Amend the MArch(Prof), MIA and MLA regulations to include new thesis courses	AB26-64 (APC26-56)
FADI	Amend the Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURPlan) Regulations to add new courses	AB26-65 (APC26-58)
FEHPS	Amend the Health Leadership and Management (HLMG) specialisation in the Master of Health (MHLth)	AB26-66 (APC26-59)
FEHPS	Amend the Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid) programme to add a new course and make updates to course titles, prescriptions, points, and requisites across all four years	AB26-67 (APC26-60)
FHSS	Amend the major requirements for Literary and Creative Communication (LCOM) and Environmental Humanities (EHUM)	AB26-68 (APC26-64)
FHSS	Amend the Bachelor of Global Studies (BGS); Introduction of two new ICOM courses, amendments to major requirements for CHIN, FREN, GERM, ICOM, JAPA, SPAN	AB26-69 (APC26-65)

FHSS	Amend regulations for Master of Migration Studies (MMigs)	AB26-70 (APC26-66)
FOSE	Amend postgraduate Biological Sciences courses and programme regulations	AB26-71 (APC26-67)
FOSE	Amend the Statistics (STAT) major and minor, the Actuarial Science (ACTS) specialisation, and related regulations	AB26-72 (APC26-68)
FOSE	Consequential amendments following introduction of the Mechatronics major	AB26-73 (APC26-69)

9. **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE** **AB26-74**

To note: One programme amendment for Academic Board approval and to be reported to CUAP

Ten programme amendments for Academic Board approval

To note: The other items discussed and/or approved by the Committee at its 28 July 2026 meeting.

Note: Items that are included in this report are available from the Academic Office upon request.

10. **ACADEMIC PROGRAMME REVIEW - BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES** **AB26-75**

To endorse: The Academic Programme Review Report and Implementation Plan for the Biological Sciences programmes.

11. **ACADEMIC PROGRAMME REVIEW - PHILOSOPHY** **AB26-76**

To endorse: Academic Programme Review Report and Implementation Plan for the Philosophy programmes