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A meeting of the Academic Board to be held on  
**Tuesday, 14 April 2026 at 1:00 pm**  
To be held in GBLT2, Old Government Buildings, Pipitea Campus, Wellington

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART A**

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 13 April will be considered approved.*

**3. VICE-CHANCELLOR ORAL REPORT**

**To receive:** The Vice-Chancellor's Oral Report.

**4. WRITTEN REPORT**

**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) reports  
Robyn Longhurst, Rawinia Higgins, Sally McArthur and Logan Bannister will speak to this collective report.

AB26-13

**5. UPDATE-AI COLLABORATION GROUP AND AI VISION STATEMENT** AB26-14

**To receive:** Update on AI Collaboration Group and AI Vision Statement

**6. COUNCIL STATEMENT ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION** AB26-15

**To receive:** Draft Council Statement on the Freedom of Expression

**7. NEW PROGRAMMES REQUIRING CUAP APPROVAL**

**To endorse:** The following proposals for new programmes

Faculty	Proposal Title	Reference
FOSE	Proposed new Master of Chemistry (MChem) with nested PGDipChem and PGCertChem	AB26-16 (APC26-14)
FHSS	Proposed new major in Gender and Sexuality Studies (GNSX) in the BA	AB26-17 (APC26-15)
FOSE	New postgraduate Earth Science (ESCI) major in the MSc, BSc(Hons), PGDipSc, PGCertSc, and associated amendments	AB26-18 (APC26-16)

**8. RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXCLUSION OF NON-MEMBERS** AB26-19

**To resolve:** That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda item 19.

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
<b>Agenda item 15:</b> Minutes of the previous meeting held on	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.  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)
<b>Agenda item 16:</b> Honorary Degree nomination	9(2)(a) and s9(2)(ba)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)

*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

### 9. DELETIONS FOR APPROVAL (TO BE REPORTED TO CUAP)

**To approve:** The following Programme Deletions:

Faculty	Proposal Title	Reference
FHSS	Bachelor of Education (TESOL) deletion	AB26-20 (APC25-18)
WSBG	GCert Restorative Justice Practice (GCertRJP) deletion	AB26-21 (APC26-19)

### 10. PROGRAMME AMENDMENT FOR APPROVAL (TO BE REPORTED TO CUAP)

**To approve:** The following Programme Amendment:

Faculty	Proposal Title	Reference
FHSS	Proposed new nested Graduate Certificate in Arts (GCertArts)	AB26-22 (APC26-17)

### 11. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

AB26-23

**To confirm:** The minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 2 February 2026 (Numbers 26.01-26.11).  
*Note: Excludes Part C for reasons of confidentiality.*

**12. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE** AB26-24

**To note:** Three CUAP proposals for AB approval  
Two programme deletions for AB approval  
One programme amendment for AB approval

**To note:** The other items discussed and/or approved by the Committee at its 24 March 2026 meeting.

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

**13. ACADEMIC PROGRAMME REVIEW—ENGLISH LITERATURES AND CREATIVE COMMUNICATION (ELCC)** AB26-25

**To receive:** The ELCC Programme Review and Implementation Plan

**14. LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT 2025** AB26-26

**To receive:** The Te Pātaka Kōrero—Library Annual Report 2025

**15. FACULTY OF GRADUATE RESEARCH (FGR) ANNUAL REPORT 2025** AB26-27

**To receive:** The FGR Annual Report on Postgraduate Research Students

**16. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE (URC) ANNUAL REPORT 2025** AB26-28

**To receive** The URC Annual Report 2025