



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

ACADEMIC BOARD TE TAUMATA

A meeting of the Academic Board to be held on
Tuesday, 22 September at 1:00 pm
To be held in the Hunter Council Chamber, Kelburn 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 21 September will be considered approved.

3. **VICE-CHANCELLOR ORAL REPORT**

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

4. DVCs WRITTEN REPORT AB26-78

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. AI VISION STATEMENT AND GOVERNANCE GROUP: UPDATE AB26-79

To approve: The Te Herenga Waka AI Vision Statement.

To note: The completion of the AI Collaboration Group programme of work.

To note: The establishment of the AI Governance Group and its draft Terms of Reference.

6. INTERNATIONAL OFFICE: STRATEGIC UPDATE

To receive: An overview of international enrolment performance, key market trends, and the opportunities and risks influencing future enrolment demand.

Amy Rutherford (Director, International) will speak to this update.

7. RESOLUTION CONCERNING EXCLUSION OF NON-MEMBERS AB26-80

To resolve: That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 15 and 16.

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
Agenda item 15 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 August 2026	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)
Agenda item 16 Nomination for Emeritus Professor	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

8. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

AB26-81

To confirm: The minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 18 August 2026 (Numbers 26.58-26.69).
Note: Excludes Part C for reasons of confidentiality.

9. PROGRAMME AMENDMENTS FOR ACADEMIC BOARD APPROVAL

To approve: The following programme amendments:

Note: Two of the programme amendments in this item have been progressed through Mata and are presented using the new Mata Programme Amendment Cover Sheet. This format provides a concise summary of the proposal, consultation undertaken and implementation considerations, together with links to the proposed changes in Mata. The THEA amendment is being progressed through the offline proposal process, which may continue to be used for larger or more complex proposals. Members may direct any questions about the presentation of the proposals to the Academic Office (academic.office@vuw.ac.nz).

Faculty	Proposal Title	Reference
FHSS	Amend THEA major to add ENGL 208	AB26-82 (APC26-77)
FOSE	Amend Master of Engineering to remove endorsements	AB26-83 (APC26-78)
FOSE	Amend AIML and COMP regulations	AB26-84 (APC26-79)

10. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES COMMITTEE

AB26-85

To note: Three programme amendments endorsed for Academic Board approval.

To note: The other items discussed and/or approved by the Committee at its 1 September 2026 meeting.

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

11. GRADUATING YEAR REVIEWS**AB26-86**

- To approve:** For forwarding to the Committee on University Academic Programmes (CUAP), the following Graduating Year Reviews:
- Bachelor of Midwifery
 - Communication Design and Interaction Design as new majors in the Bachelor of Design
 - Master of Applied Linguistics
 - Master of TESOL
 - Master of Nursing Practice
 - Master of Linguistics (discontinued)
 - Instrumental/Vocal Composition and Sonic Arts & Music Technology as new majors in the Bachelor of Music
 - Master of Business Professional (discontinued).

12. LAW FACULTY BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE**AB26-87**

- To approve:** 2026 Amendments to the Terms of Reference for Faculty Board (Law Faculty).

13. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE UPDATE**AB26-88**

- To approve:** 2026 Amendments to the Terms of Reference for the University Research Committee.

14. ACADEMIC PROGRAMME REVIEW: ONE YEAR UPDATE - RELIGION**AB26-89**

- To note:** Post-Academic Review Report and Implementation Plan for the Religion programme.