



Vice Chancellor's Report to Council

June 2021

Introduction

As we come into the middle of the year, Semester 1 has reached its conclusion with the examination period, which began in mid-June.

agreement with WORD Christchurch. This agreement will unify the partnership with WORD and greatly increase its value and visibility for both parties. Key elements include two annual events: an

The School of Teacher Education and Learning for Earth/Ako Futures (LEAF) joined up with the Ara Institute of Canterbury and EOS Ecology to learn how the Nature Agents (EOS) programme in Banks Peninsula engages kōhanga | students in collecting and monitoring stream health data from their local streams (e.g., in schools). Nature Agents is a participatory community science programme in which students collect data and use online ArcGIS tools to look for patterns across their own data as well as data from other schools. On a clear, brisk morning, stream health data was collected in the Waitutuutu (Okeover) Stream on the UC campus, creating multiple connections to and new possibilities for our work with pre-service teachers. In the spirit of kotahitanga, we look forward to future collaborations with Ara and EOS.

The 2021 School of Law Open Mooting Competition Final was held. For the second consecutive year, the Judges' Cup for Best Mooter was awarded to Vincent Kenworthy, while Brett Johansen was awarded the Blue Cup for Best First Time Mooter. The bench consisted of four 'judges': the Dean Ursula Cheer, Associate Judge Dale Lester from the High Court, Grant Tyrrell (Law Society) and Tim Clarke (a Bell Gully partner), who presided over a full-to-the-brim Moot court.

At the M ōri moot a week later, Adrienne Paul (School of Law) and Dee Morgan (from Lawhub solicitors) sat on the bench. All five mooters did a fabulous job. The winner was Tamahou Thoms, who will next be representing the University of Canterbury School of Law at Te Hunga R ōia M ōri o Aotearoa National Kaupapa M ōri Moot Final, at the M ōri Land Court on 1 July.

Springer, New York in August. The book fills a major gap in research into smoking and tobacco

Winner for Environmental Sciences and her contribution to Global Environment Outlook –

care and the plight of onshore secondary school students who are looking at a second year 'stuck' in New Zealand.

The School of Law supported Law students Nuha Anas and Raana Zahmatkesh to attend the International Association of Women Judges Biennial Conference (IAWJ) in Auckland. Nuha reports:

Over three days in May, myself and a few other students from UC Law were privileged enough to attend the IAWJ. This conference included speeches from female Judges and legal experts from around the world, speaking on a wide range of thought-provoking topics. The conference was opened with a P whiri on the r kei Marae accompanied by sessions relating to indigenous legal issues. The second and third day of the conference was held at the Cordis Hotel and featured speakers from across the globe, in person as well as over Zoom. Session topics consisted of mainly Judges speaking on immigration, trafficking, gender equality, Judges in Afghanistan facing danger at work, indigenous legal systems and much more.

In attendance in person were a few New Zealand judges from across all courts, ranging from the Chief Justice to judges in other courts such as the Matariki and Rangatahi Courts. From overseas attended by Zoom, judges from various countries attended and were not limited to female judges. Countries included: Afghanistan, Australia, India, Mexico, Pakistan, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States – to name a few. Also attending were representatives from all over the legal profession including students. Personally, I was able to meet a range of amazing judges, from the District Court, High Court and Supreme Court. I was also able to meet Judges from courts I was not even aware of such as Coroners Court, Drug Courts and Matariki Courts. On a whim, I addressed the room of legal professionals with permission from IAWJ President Justice Glazebrook. This was regarding a human rights matter affecting pregnant prison inmates, relayed to me by my table mate Dame Silvia Cartwright. Thanks to the support of UC Law, I was also able to attend the IAWJ Gala Dinner which the IAWJ scholarship did not cover. The dinner was a great opportunity to get to know some great people making change in the legal profession from all levels. I am happy to say I left the event with some new friends and great connections. This conference has proven to me that there is a space in the law for all of us.

Organisational Efficacy – of a sustainable scale by 2030

On 3 June, the University of Canterbury participated in Power Up | Kia Hihiko, Waitaha Canterbury Careers Advice and Study Expo, a free event featuring a series of seminars delivered by industry experts at the Christchurch Town Hall. The expo gave attendees the opportunity to talk with employers and tertiary providers and get tailored advice on career and study options to help reshape their future. Targeted at the adult market, the event helped us to promote undergraduate and postgraduate study options to future students who are seeking professional development, career advancement or career change.

The official opening ceremony for Tupu nuku was celebrated together with mana whenua Ng i T huriri, Unilodge and construction partners on 10 June to coincide with Matariki. This first-year hall of residence remains at 99% occupancy and is continuing to attract strong interest for 2022. Accommodation tours for prospective students are in high demand with increased numbers engaging in both in-person and virtual information events, supported by a new video featuring students talking

about their experiences in our halls. The new name and identity of Arcady Hall are also being introduced during these sessions.

Work has commenced on a new contract management and quality assurance framework for all accommodation partners, including enhancement processes in preparation for the introduction of a revised Code of Practice for Pastoral Care in 2022. Consultation has now been completed for the Accommodation Plan, with an initial draft expected to be completed by late July.

The University has also started the official budget process for 2022, having completed a revised 10-

An all-staff Air Travel Survey will be distributed in July to understand how to better balance the need for travel with the need to reduce our carbon footprint, in the context of reduced travel during the COVID-19 pandemic.