



**1. INTRODUCTION**





There has also been a focus on the Adult Market. The Liaison team is currently trialling late appointments and phone calls.

UC has also had a presence at the community-organised Careers Expos in Invercargill which attracts future students from Year 11 - 13.

### **3.2 International Recruitment**

Development of a pathway programme into the UC Bachelor of Commerce programme via Huazhong University of Science and Technology is in progress, with the first cohort intended to begin their studies in September 2019. It is anticipated that a coalition comprising UC, local high schools and overseas high schools, with support from ChristchurchNZ, ENZ and overseas government agencies, will create a pathway for international students into UC via NCEA.

Semester 2 International Orientation and Enrolment week commenced on 8 July and ran through to 15 July inclusive. It is important to note that enrol in person was extended into the first week of classes this year, making year-on-year comparisons of EFTS not directly comparable.

Recruitment Mid-Year trends as of 20 July (new students starting mid-year) were as follows:

*[This only includes students whose first enrolment in the academic year is in a course starting after 31 May (this number excludes students who simply increase their EFTS load).]*

UC's Domestic mid-year recruitment trends are tracking 2% behind of last year (12 students; 717 vs. 705 students).

UC's Full Fee mid-year recruitment trends are tracking 10% ahead of last year (32 students; 318 vs. 350 students).

The ongoing problems with INZ visa processing times and messaging in market continue to be an issue with applications from India being the most impacted. Students who have not been able to secure a visa in time for Semester 2 enrol in person (approximately 15-20 students) are being encouraged to defer their commencement until 2020.

## **4. STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

### **4.1 Academic Skills Centre**

GradFest, a week-long event for postgraduates with sessions presented by UC academics and general staff, took place in June. Over 230 students participated in 29 sessions, four social events and the PGSA's Poster Showcase. Evaluations via Qualtrics are under way and there are early indications of a high level of engagement and appreciation of the breadth of topics covered. The next GradFest will run in late October.

Academic Skills Centre conducted three half-day academic orientations for adult, international and first year students. Sessions covered topics such as time management, note-taking, critical thinking and academic writing. These events also gave students the chance to meet other new students.

### **4.2 Equity and Disability Service**

A total of 390 registered students made use of mid-year exam supports during the recent exam period. There were 1,005 individual examination sittings in total across this time, with 40 students requiring enlarged font and 31 students requiring rest break accommodations. Reader/writer accommodations also increased this year.

### **4.3 UC Careers**

‘Workplace Visits’ organised by UC Careers for students continued to prove popular and valuable to participants. The visits, primarily to University departments (e.g. Business Insights, Financial Services, ICT, Design and Marketing, and Communications and Events), helped students explore different career options, find out about skills that are most valued by employers, and learn about workplace culture. As the visits increase in popularity, off-campus visits are also being organised.

#### **‘ ‘ Student Care**

Student Care recorded a total of 435 student engagements from 225 unique students during June.

Student Care has continued to experience a significant increase in the numbers of students accessing services. A comparison of the same month last year shows an increase of 221 student engagements for June 2019. Data also indicates 94 more students presented with mental health issues compared with the same period in 2018.

Student Care continued to promote the Supporting Students in Distress Guide to Health & Safety Committees. Student Care staff attended a UNZ-organised hui that brought together practitioners

#### **4.6.1 Rec & Sport**

The RecCentre membership base continued

Thirty-one staff in leadership roles attended. The small workshop style sessions showcased UC



## **5.1 Health, Safety and Wellbeing**

The UC Hazardous Substance Steering Group has made good progress in sourcing a new location for a central transit depot for hazardous substances, which is proposed to become operational in mid-September 2019.

The Health and Safety team are working closely with the UC Wellness Director to establish a workable Wellbeing Strategy for staff. Results from a recent internal wellbeing/wellness survey are undergoing analysis in order to identify a clear direction for the strategy.

UC halls of residence are undergoing external gap analysis audits throughout 2019 in order to provide reports on where they currently lie within regulatory requirements

Finally, understanding the outcomes of UC's teaching and learning for recent alumni was part of the focus this month. The graduate destinations survey was deployed to over 3,000 alumni from the 2018 graduating year. Work has commenced on preparing data for migration to the data warehouse, in readiness for the development of a prototype data dashboard later in 2019. The aim of that exercise is to use information about UC graduates in ongoing curriculum and teaching developments.

## **7. RESEARCH**

At least seven collaborative UC bids (joint with a mix of universities and CRI collaborators) have been submitted to the competitive MBIE Strategic Science Investment Fund (SIFF) "Data Science" call. MBIE has indicated that up to \$49 million will fund up to four strategic multidisciplinary data science programmes over seven years. A key aspect of the investment is institutional and national collaboration with Singapore. Similarly, a new MBIE "Future Foods" call is in development,

A number of new initiatives are in development, including: changing EFTS weighting for part-time doctoral students; guidance on academic progression from master's to doctoral qualifications; proposing a change to the allocation process for UC Doctoral Scholarships; and proposing an increase in UC Doctoral Scholarships funding. All of these initiatives will be considered by relevant committees and/or SMT in the coming weeks.

**8. BICULTURALISM**

This favourable variance has been partially offset with unfavourable variances coming from (\$1.072) million less income from UCF/ Trusts, (\$1.843) million less international tuition income, (\$0.977) million less PBRF income following recent reassessment of UC PBRF-related performance and (\$1.107) million less research external income.

We continue to forecast a surplus above budget for the full year. Expected reductions in revenue in relation to international tuition fees and PBRF are offset by improved interest revenue and external research revenue, with savings in personnel and depreciation expenditure.

Capital expenditure is \$18.602 million below budget. Of the expenditure incurred to date, \$14.028 million is UC Futures related (RRSIC, Rehua and CETF) against a year to date budget of \$30.067 million, much of which relates to programme delays and final account payment requests yet to be received for the larger building projects.

The June 2019 cash position of \$332.180 million is higher than budget by \$37.814 million due largely to higher than expected balances at 31 December 2018, and lower capital spend.

For further details, please refer to the latest monthly financial report.

		5,313	5,461	5,983	3,578	3,688	3,262	3,662	
		9,646	9,944	10,569	8,508	9,087	8,409	8,704	

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### **11.3 Digital**

Over the coming weeks the Digital team's focus will be predominantly on the new T4 upgrade. A series of demonstrations and training sessions started mid-July for all users.

The Digital team is working closely with the Comms team on Phase 2 of UCGo, putting together a series of user stories.

The Digital team also recently launched the new Rankings section in the website and has been supporting the Mature Market campaign by updating the pages and student bios.

UC's social media presence is strong, with Open Day coverage and promotions set to increase engagement.

### **11.4**

## **12. COLLEGE SUMMARIES (PROVIDED BY PVCs)**

### ***College of Arts / Te R ngai Toi Tangata***

Chia-rong Wu, senior lecturer in Chinese, is taking over from Phil Marshall-Lee as Director of the Confucius Institute. The Department of Cinema Studies has been merged into the Department of English. The College is continuing to work on the review of the BA through all-College workshops. It is rolling out an online version of its workload planning template, including for the first-time service elements alongside teaching and supervision. It is also reviewing the European/EU Studies programme in conjunction with the NCRE. For information on the College's many cultural and scholarly events, see its regular newsletter, *Arts Update*: <http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/arts/arts-news/archive/arts-update/>.

### ***College of Business and Law / Te R ngai Umanga me Te Ture***

Colleagues welcomed new staff member, Associate Professor Diane Mollenkopf to the Business School. Diane was formerly the McCormick Associate Professor of Logistics at Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee and has research and teaching expertise in global supply chain/logistics integration and sustainability. Ruth Ballantyne, currently Professional Practice Fellow, Law Faculty, University of Otago, has been appointed to a lectureship in Private/Family Law, and Adrienne Paul has been appointed as a part-time lecturer in M ori Land Law. A registered Barrister and Solicitor, Adrienne is currently an Advisory Team Member of the Ministry of Justice M ori Land Court and Motiti Commissioner in the Department of Internal Affairs.

UC Accounting Professor Markus Milne was recognised for his work at the Asia-Pacific Interdisciplinary Research in Accounting conference in July when he was inducted into the *Accounting, Auditing & Accountability Journal* Hall of Fame for “distinguished service contributions to the progress of interdisciplinary accounting research”. Markus' research focus is on social and environmental reporting, and sustainability, specifically how organisations apply ‘triple bottom line’ accounting methods. Associate Professor Andrea Mencolva and Asaad Ali were awarded the 2019 Statistics NZ prize “for the paper that is deemed to have the best use of official statistics”. They received the award for their paper “Returns to Initial Years of Formal Education: How Birthdate Affects Later Educational Outcomes”, which found that timing of birth – and hence school start dates – significantly influence students' NCEA and UE results.

### ***College of Engineering / Te R ngai P kaha***

The HITLab is awaiting the imminent arrival of three high-profile new staff as part of the TEC's recent Entrepreneurial University funding round: Associate Professor Heide Lukosch and Associate Professor Stephan Lukosch, both at Delft University of Technology, and Professor Andrew Phelps, until recently at the Rochester Institute of Technology, USA. Together, this ‘dream team’ will bring over 50 years of expertise to bear on developing applied immersive gaming for education, simulation and training in New Zealand, and significant entrepreneurial and commercialisation knowledge.

The College office staff have been busy helping students who have received exam results and, as a consequence, may need to change their engineering choice. The College aims to find the right pathway for all and keep everyone at UC.

At the recent Open Day, the College invited all applicants for its WiECan residential week back in January this year to catch up and have lunch with staff. About 30 prospective female students attended with their wh nau for a detailed question-and-answer session, followed by lunch.





### 13. Appendix 1: VC Activities

**Past**

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