



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 May 2018
From 12.30 pm to 5.50 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,
Kelburn Campus**

- PRESENT:** Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Mr John Allen
Ms Robyn Bargh
Ms Traci Houpapa (until 4 pm)
Associate Professor Kate Hunter (until 4.45 pm)
Dr Carwyn Jones
Mr Alan Judge
Ms Lenihan-Ikin (from 12.45 pm)
Ms Alexandria Mark
Dr Farib Sos
Dame Therese Walsh (Pro-Chancellor)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)
- APOLOGIES:** Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin (for lateness)
Ms Kate Hunter & Ms Traci Houpapa (for early departure)
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director Human Resources
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Professor Mike Wilson, Acting Vice-Provost (Research)
- INVITED GUESTS:** Mr Nigel Gould, Chair – Tertiary Education Commission Board of Commissioners
Mr Tim Fowler, Chief Executive – Tertiary Education Commission

18.80

WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - 2 that Ms Lenihan-Ikin had informed the Chancellor that she would be late to the meeting due to an exam.
 - 3 that Ms Houpapa needed to leave the meeting early at 4.00 pm and Associate Professor Kate Hunter needed to leave at 4.45pm.

Resolved: that the apology for lateness from Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin and the apologies for early departure from Ms Houpapa and Associate Professor Kate Hunter be sustained.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
180076

18.81 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- Noted:**
- 1 that there were no disclosures of interest by a member of Council, by way of a general notice under the Education Act 1989 Section 175 and the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968.
 - 2 that the Disclosures of Interests Register was available at all times on the Resource Centre of Board books and circulated with material for all Council meetings.
 - 3 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings.

18.82 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 APRIL 2018

Received: the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 30 April 2018.

- Noted:**
- 1 that it was confirmed that in order to fully meet LGOIMA requirements the Council's public and confidential agenda and documentation for the public meeting session are now posted on the Victoria University website each month.
 - 2 that the Chancellor reminded committee Chairs that the same obligation to make available public and confidential agendas exists for Council committees and this should be a considered accordingly.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 30 April 2018 be approved.

Walsh/Judge
Carried
180077

18.83 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2018

Received: the Financial Report from the Chief Financial Officer to 30 April 2018 (VUWC 18/58).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

Resolved: that the Financial report to 30 April 2018 be noted and approved.

Judge/Allen
Carried
180078

18.84 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 28 May 2018 (document VUWC 18/59).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 18/59 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 28 May 2018.
 - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Mark/Hunter
Carried
180079

18.85

**APPOINTMENT OF FOUNDATION TRUSTEE – VICTORIA
UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON FOUNDATION**

Received: a Council Paper from the Chancellor dated 14 May 2018 recommending the reappointment of Mr Craig Stevens to the Foundation Trust Board (document VUWC 18/60).

Resolved: that Mr Craig Stevens be reappointed as a Trustee of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation under rules 2.4 and 7.2 of the First Schedule to the Trust Deed for a term of office of one year from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

**Paviour-Smith/Guilford
Carried
180080**

18.86

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

- Noted:**
- 1 that since the last meeting of Council on 30 April 2018 the Chancellor:
 - Hosted the VUWSA President and Executive team post-Council meeting
 - Attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting
 - Attended the Graduation rehearsal
 - Met with the Vice-Chancellor and Secretary to Council
 - Met with the DVC (Maori) Rawinia Higgins
 - Met with Charles Finny, Chair of Education NZ
 - Corresponded with the State Services Commission to confirm the Vice Chancellor's remuneration
 - Met with John Selby, Viclink Director
 - Hosted an Honorary Doctorate dinner for Sir Terence Arnold
 - Officiated at six Graduation ceremonies at the Michael Fowler Centre
 - Walked in the Graduation Parade along with other Members of Council
 - Attended Te Hui Whakapumau - a celebration for Maori graduands on the Marae
 - Attended the Pasifika Graduation Celebration
 - Attended the Finance Committee Meeting
 - Attended the Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting.
 - 2 that graduation week was a great success and the Chancellor recorded his thanks to the staff and over 90 volunteers who had contributed their time and energy.
 - 3 that Wellington has been named the Most Liveable City in the World for the second year running in a Deutsche Bank global study. This was extremely positive news for the University and important for student recruitment and retention.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

**Allen/Sos
Carried
180081**

Ms Lenihan-Ikin joined the meeting at 12.45 pm

18.87 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 22 May 2018 (document VUWC 18/61).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following:
 - the University's Spotlight lecture series in which staff discuss topical issues. Council members were invited to contribute topic suggestions that the public might be interested in.
 - the appointment of Professor Rawinia Higgins by the Minister of Education to his Education Summit Advisory Group.

Resolved: that the Vice-Chancellor's report be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Allen
Carried
180082

18.88 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received: the Minutes from the following meetings:

- Academic Board, 17 April 2018
- Te Aka Matua Committee, 7 May 2018
- Finance Committee, 21 May 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes be noted.

Bargh/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
180083

18.89 NAME SIMPLIFICATION

Received: a Council Paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 22 May 2018 regarding Name Simplification (document VUWC 18/62).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council Paper was taken as read which detailed a proposed name simplification for the University which would see the word 'Victoria' retired from the name and the potential change of the university's Māori name to Te Herenga Waka.
- 2 that consultation with staff, students, alumni, civic leaders, government and other stakeholders was underway and this had generated a range of views which were being considered.
- 3 that a public forum had been held although this had only attracted six attendees.
- 4 that feedback from the University's Maori community had been very positive with regard to the proposed change of Maori name.
- 5 that a working group is being established chaired by Professor Jane Stafford to consider how to honour the heritage of the 'Victoria' name if the simplification proceeds.
Action:
- 6 that Council will receive a further update at its June meeting on the consultation process.
- 7 that the Chancellor requested that management be ready to answer questions as to how they have considered actively facilitating feedback through the consultation process and encouraged continuing sending of

emails out to stakeholders and seeking of views even if the response rates are seemingly low.

- 8 that the Chancellor noted that Council would want to be advised about: the expected costs involved with name simplification net of what would otherwise be spent on the existing name; how entities with other 'Victoria' names (eg clubs) be addressed if a decision to simplify is made; clarity around what former and current students may refer to as regards their degree and matters such as degree certificates; and in terms of impact on rankings whether there was a risk of a decline in the short-term due to a lack of familiarity with a new name.

Resolved: that the report from the Vice-Chancellor regarding Name Simplification be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Walsh
Carried
180084

18.90 FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT

Received: the 2017 Annual Report for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) (document VUWC 18/63).

Resolved: that the 2017 Annual Report for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation be noted.

Sos/Jones
Carried
180085

18.91 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 7 May 2018 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 18/64).

- Noted:**
- Action:*
- 1 that the Secretary to Council was asked to look at the 2019 Council dates with a view to holding meetings approximately every six weeks rather than the current four-week schedule.
 - 2 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 25 June 2018 starting at 1.00 pm with a light lunch in the Hunter Common Room. The formal meeting will commence at 1.30 pm in the Hunter Council Chamber.

Resolved: that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details for the next Council meeting on Monday, 25 June 2018 be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Houpapa
Carried
180086

18.92 OTHER BUSINESS

Noted: that the University's Annual Report was presented in Parliament and a letter had been received from the Minister of Education, Hon. Chris Hipkins congratulating the University on its pleasing progress and results.

18.93 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 18/65).

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 15-34 for the reasons and duration outlined in the recommendation, with the exception of such members of the management team as the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor may request to remain for the public excluded part of the agenda as they have knowledge relevant to particular issues to be discussed.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
180087