



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 2 December 2019
from 9.00 am to 3.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,
Kelburn Campus**

PRESENT:

Mr John Allen
Ms Robyn Bargh
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Traci Houpapa *until 12.45 pm*
Mr Alan Judge
Mr Hugo Lawrence
Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)
Dr Farib Sos
Dame Therese Walsh (Pro-Chancellor)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES:

Associate Professor Kate Hunter
Dr Carwyn Jones

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr Leon Bakker, Director, Planning and Information Management
Ms Maria Belich, Communications & Marketing Manager, Wellington Faculty of Science
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich, Head of School, School of Social and Cultural Studies, Council member elect from 1.1.20
Mr Stu Haselden, Director, Information Technology Services
Mr Clive Jenkins, Associate Director Planning and Performance Management
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Blair McRae, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Ms Rhianna Morar, Student, Council-member elect from 1.1.20
Ms Marianna Nicolaou, Associate Director Financial Operations
Mr Phil O'Connor, Director, Safety, Risk and Assurance
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director, Communications, Marketing and Engagement

19.193

KARAKIA

Noted:

that Ms Robyn Bargh led the Karakia.

19.194

WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ms Bargh for her Karakia.
 - 2 that the Chancellor extended a special welcome to Council-members elect Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich and Ms Rhianna Morar in attendance for the public session of the meeting.
 - 3 that in their absence Council members Kate Hunter and Carwyn Jones were congratulated on their promotions to Professor and Associate Professor respectively. These promotions take effect on 1.1.20.
 - 4 that Isabella Lenihan-Ikin was congratulated on receiving a 2020 Rhodes Scholarship.
 - 5 that the Chancellor acknowledged that this was the final meeting for Robyn Bargh and Isabella Lenihan-Ikin. He thanked both of them for their contribution.
 - 6 that as Carwyn Jones was not able to attend this meeting he was thanked and farewelled at the Te Aka Matua Committee on 25 November.
 - 7 that apologies had been received from Associate Professor Kate Hunter and Dr Carwyn Jones.
 - 8 that an apology was received from Ms Houpapa for early departure.

- Resolved:**
- 1 **that the apologies from Associate Professor Kate Hunter, Dr Carwyn Jones be sustained.**
 - 2 **that the apology for early departure from Ms Houpapa be sustained.**

Paviour-Smith/Judge
Carried
190200

19.195

DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- Noted:**
- 1 that Mr Lawrence advised that his current work for Chapman Tripp involved providing legal advice on the University's insurance. The Chancellor determined that this was not a conflict and reiterated that Mr Lawrence had disclosed his intermittent work for Chapman Tripp on the interests register.
 - 2 that there were no disclosures of interest by members of Council, by way of a general notice under the Education Act 1989 Section 175 and the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968.
 - 3 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.
 - 4 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings.

19.196

COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2019

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 14 October 2019.

Resolved: **that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 14 October 2019 be approved.**

Sos/Allen
Carried
190201

19.197

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

- Noted:**
- 1 activities since the last meeting of Council on 14 October 2019:
 - attended the MRINZ annual function at the Royal Society
 - presented to Auckland commerce teachers' professional development day
 - attended the public lecture presented by Distinguished Alumni Award (DAA) recipient Dr Alexander Gerst
 - attended a Panel Discussion hosted by Professor Jennifer Windsor with Distinguished Alumni Award winners Pamela Bell, Rob Campbell, Whaimutu Dewes, Peggy Fairbairn-Dunlop, Alexander Gerst and Judge Carolyn Henwood
 - attended a luncheon with the DAA winners followed by a rehearsal for the DAA event
 - hosted the Distinguished Alumni Awards at the TSB Arena attended by over 550 alumni and invited guests. At this event the University's Philanthropic Campaign – What if?- was launched
 - attended the Audit & Risk Committee meeting
 - attended the Finance Committee meeting
 - met with the Vice-Chancellor
 - met with the Secretary to Council
 - attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting
 - attended the Adam Art Gallery Te Pātaka Toi 20th Birthday Dinner
 - attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting
 - chaired the Victoria Honours Committee meeting
 - attended former Mayor Justin Lester's farewell function.
 - 2 that the Chancellor thanked all involved in the Distinguished Alumni Awards. It was a fantastic event with an impressive group of awardees which had showcased the University at its best.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Lawrence/Bargh
Carried
190202

19.198

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 26 November 2019 (document VUWC 19/130).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that further to the Chancellor's comments, the success of the Distinguished Alumni Awards Event was reinforced with a vote of thanks to the Engagement Team for a very successful event.
 - 3 that over \$12.5 million was awarded in the 2019 Marsden Fund round across a broad range of programmes. Council congratulated all concerned.
 - 4 that a \$13 million grant awarded by MBIE to a collaboration led by the University's School of Engineering and Computer Science working to develop zero-carbon aquaculture through data science was highlighted.

- 5 that micro-credentials are not a replacement for undergraduate or postgraduate degrees, rather, they are a supplement, building on the platform offered by a degree in order to help people adapt to changing skillset requirements in the workforce.
- 6 that Royal Society Te Apārangi Research Honours Awards were presented in October to three Academic staff. Dr Ocean Mercier (Ngāti Porou), Head of School of Te Kawa a sMāui, received the Callaghan Medal for outstanding contribution to science communication, Dr Bronwyn Wood from the School of Education received the Early Career Research Excellence Award for Social Sciences, and Dr Lisa Te Morenga (Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Whātua, Te Uri o Hua, Te Rarawa) from the Faculty of Health received the Hamilton Award, the Early Career Research Excellence Award for Science.
- 7 that the University's brand refresh continued with the refreshed logo and new web address introduced recently. The Communications, Marketing and Engagement Group was thanked for their efforts on this significant piece of work.

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

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
190203

at 9.30 am Ms Houpapa joined the meeting

19.199 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received: Minutes and oral reports from Committee Chairs:

- Academic Board report, meeting held 12 November 2019
- Audit & Risk Committee, 18 November 2019
- Finance Committee, 18 November 2019
- Te Aka Matua Committee, 25 November 2019

Noted:

1 that the reports and minutes were taken as read.
Academic Board

2 that the Academic Board would continue to thoroughly debate matters relating to exams.
Te Aka Matua Committee

3 that the Te Aka Matua Committee had welcomed the appointment of two new external members – Sir Matiu Rei and Ms Kim Skelton. The new Ngāi Tauira student members were also welcomed and the contribution of the 2019 members Noho Parata and Te Mahara Swanson-Hall was acknowledged.

4 that the two Council members on the Committee who have Council terms concluding on 31.12.19 were thanked for their contribution - Robyn Bargh as Chair during her four year term and Carwyn Jones as a member of the Committee for three years.

Resolved: that the reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

Lawrence/Allen
Carried
190204

19.200 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 OCTOBER 2019

Received: the Financial report to 31 October 2019 (document VUWC 19/131).

Noted: 1 that the report was taken as read.
2 that the Foundation's investment returns continue to be strong.
3 that it was expected that the year-end results would meet the required TEC ratios.

Resolved: that the Financial Report to 31 October 2019 be noted.

Judge/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
190205

19.201

SEXUAL HARASSMENT RESPONSE POLICY AND ACCOMPANYING PROCEDURES

Received: a Council Paper from the Provost and the Director, Human Resources dated 26 November 2019 on the Sexual Harassment Response Policy and accompanying Procedures (document VUWC 19/132).

Noted: 1 that the Council paper and accompanying documents were taken as read.
2 that the new Sexual Harassment Response Policy will be launched in time for Trimester 1 2020.
3 that there was strong support for the policy among the University community and good engagement with approximately 70 submissions received, many on behalf of large groups of stakeholders.
4 that the policy makes clear the University's condemnation of sexual harassment and offers a number of pathways to address it – in particular, distinguishing between a 'disclosure' and a 'complaint'.
5 that the importance of education, training and communication in launching the policy along with clear, user-friendly explanatory material was emphasised.
6 that it was important to consider the diversity of the student body so that education, training and communication activity caters to all student groups.
Action:
7 that a report back to Council be provided in December 2020.

Resolved: that the Sexual Harassment Response Policy and accompanying procedures be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Houpapa
Carried
190206

19.202

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 26 November 2019 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 19/133).

Noted: 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
2 that the Secretary to Council thanked those Council members who had confirmed their attendance at December graduation ceremonies.
3 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 10 February 2020 at 9.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus.

Resolved: that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 10 February 2020 be noted.

Jones/Lawrence
Carried
190207

19.203 MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Associate Director Communications, Marketing and Engagement dated 26 November 2019 providing a Media report (document VUWC 19/134).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the University's approach to freedom of speech was to allow controversial speakers unless there was genuine concern for safety and wellbeing. Advice would be sought from the police where there was a concern.
- 3 that in response to a request to adopt the Chicago principles the Council was reminded that such principles are largely enshrined in our law with the Education Act providing the highest statutory protection around academic freedom.
- 4 that media coverage continued to focus on accommodation provided at New Zealand university halls of residence and pastoral care. There was some concern that proposed new regulation of halls of residence could result in higher fees and other unintended consequences.

Resolved: that the Media Report be noted.

Sos/Allen
Carried
190208

19.204 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Received: a Council paper from the Returning Officer and Secretary to Council dated 26 November 2019 regarding the appointment of Council members following the 2019 staff and student elections (document VUWC 19/135).

Resolved: 1 that in accordance with clause 5.1(c) of the Council Membership Statute, Ms Rhianna MORAR be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021.

Paviour-Smith/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
190209

2 that in accordance with clause 5.1(b) of the Council Membership Statute, Professor Brigitte BÖNISCH-BREDNICH be appointed to Council for a four year term from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
120210

19.205 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 2 December 2019 (document VUWC 19/136).

Noted: that the Chancellor had agreed to a request this morning from the Graduation Manager to add **Deepak Kumar Singh** to the Graduates in Absentia list.

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 19/136 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 2 December 2019.
 - 2 that Council grants a Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering to Deepak Kumar Singh and that his name be added to document VUWC 19/136.
 - 3 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Lawrence/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
190211

19.206 ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR AND PRO-CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Secretary to Council on the election of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.

- Noted:**
- 1 that as confirmation regarding three Ministerial appointments was still awaited it had not been possible to conduct the normal process.
 - 2 that further advice would be provided once the Ministerial appointments had been confirmed.

19.207 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 19/138).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 15-29.
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
	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.	
Minutes of previous meeting held on 14 October 2019	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)

Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Student accommodation pastoral care	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Financial report to 31.10.19	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i) and s9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Final annual management plan and budget	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
2020 Strategic plan roadmap	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Insurance update	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Insurance mandate	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
FY19 External audit fee	s9(2)(b)(ii) and s9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Sale of Small Houses, Aro Valley	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i), s 9(2)(h) and s 9(2)(j)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Quarterly Reports Digital Roadmap Foundation	s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Committee reports	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Safety, Health and Wellbeing reports to 31.10.19	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Council only time	s 9(2)(a)	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.

- 2 that such members of the senior leadership as the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor request be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, with the exception of agenda item 29, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Paviour-Smith/Judge
Carried
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The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.40 am