



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 October 2017  
From 1.00 pm to 4.45 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,  
Kelburn Campus**

**PRESENT:** Sir Neville Jordan (Chancellor)  
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost (Acting Vice-Chancellor)  
Ms Robyn Bargh  
Ms Jacinta Gulasekharam  
Ms Traci Houpapa  
Associate Professor Kate Hunter  
Ms Alexandria Mark  
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Pro-Chancellor)  
Dr Farib Sos  
Mr Roger Taylor  
Dame Therese Walsh  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Dr Carwyn Jones  
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director, Human Resources  
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Professor Kate McGrath, Vice-Provost, Research  
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director Communications, Marketing and Engagement

### 17.222 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting. He especially acknowledged the attendance of Council members just prior to the meeting at the blessing of Te Toki A Rata, the new science building.
  - 2 that Professor Lerner was warmly welcomed as Acting Vice-Chancellor.
  - 3 that apologies from Professor Grant Guilford and Dr Carwyn Jones were sustained.

Sos//Hunter  
Carried  
70166

### 17.223 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 were made.
  - 2 that the Disclosures of Interests Register was available at all times on the Resource Centre of Board books.

- 3 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings. The summary disclosures list was circulated with every public board book and the interests register was on the Resource Centre of Board books.

**17.224 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
25 SEPTEMBER 2017**

- Received:** the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 25 September 2017.
- Noted:** that there were no matters arising.
- Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 25 September 2017 be approved.

Sos/Hunter  
Carried  
170167

**17.225 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

- Received:** the Financial Report to 30 September 2017 (VUWC 17/128).
- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that the September YTD University Group result (excluding the Foundation) at \$12.2m was \$4.7m favourable to budget.
- Resolved:** that the Financial report to 30 September 2017 be noted and approved.

Bargh/Hunter  
Carried  
170168

**17.226 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED**

- Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 25 October 2017 (document VUWC 17/129).
- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 17/129 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 25 October 2017.
  - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Gulasekharam/Hunter  
Carried  
170169

**17.227 COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – 2018**

- Received:** a Council Paper from the Chancellor dated 19 October 2017 recommending the appointment of Members to the Victoria University of Wellington Council (document VUWC 17/130).

- Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Nominations Panel:

- 1 that in accordance with clause 4.2.1(b) of the Council Membership Statute, Ms Isabella LENIHAN-IKIN be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019.

Mark/Houpapa  
Carried  
170170

- 2 that in accordance with clause 4.2.1(b) of the Council Membership Statute, Associate Professor Kate HUNTER be re-appointed to Council for a four year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021.

Mark/Houpapa  
Carried  
170171

- 3 that in accordance with clause 4.2.1(b) of the Council Membership Statute, Mr Alan JUDGE be appointed to Council for a four year term from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021.

Paviour-Smith/Houpapa  
Carried  
170172

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### REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

**Received:** an oral report from the Chancellor.

**Noted:** that since the last meeting of Council on 25 September the Chancellor:

- Chaired the Nominations Panel
- Attended a special meeting of the Finance Committee
- Met with the Director of the New Zealand School of Music
- Met with the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor regarding the Karori campus
- Toured Te Toki A Rata with Members of Council
- Chaired a special meeting of the Victoria Honours Committee
- Met with the Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Provost and Secretary to Council
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting
- Chaired a breakout group at the ASEAN Conference in Auckland.

**Resolved:** that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Walsh/Bargh  
Carried  
170173

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### REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 19 October 2017 (document VUWC 17/131).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that the Acting Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report highlighting:
    - the success of three staff being presented with medals at the 2017 New Zealand Research Honours, including volcanologist Professor Colin Wilson who received the Rutherford Medal.

Letters of congratulation have been sent by the Chancellor on behalf of Council.

- Five projects were funded in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's 2017 Endeavour Fund round with a total investment of \$29 million.
- a new Computational Media Innovation Centre was established after winning funding from the Government's \$35 million Entrepreneurial Universities initiative.
- Victoria was ranked first in New Zealand for arts and humanities, and among the top six universities in Australasia, in the Times Higher Education (THE) subject rankings.

3 that the Council recorded its congratulations to Professor Wendy Lerner on her appointment as the next Royal Society Te Apārangi President.

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

Sos/Paviour-Smith  
Carried  
170174

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## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Received and noted:**

the Minutes from the following meetings:

- *Te Aka Matua Committee, 2 October 2017*
- *Finance Committee, 9 October 2017*
- *Academic Board, 10 October 2017*

**Resolved:** that the Minutes be noted.

Gulasekharam/Houpapa  
Carried  
1700175

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

**Received:**

a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 9 October 2017 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 17/132).

**Noted:**

that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 27 November 2017 starting at 12.00 noon with a light lunch in the Hunter Common Room. The formal meeting will commence at 12.30 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, 27 November 2017 be noted.

Hunter/Walsh  
Carried  
170176

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## RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

**Received:**

a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 17/133).

**Resolved:**

that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 12-21 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.

Bargh/Mark  
Carried  
170177