



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 11 February 2019
from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm in the Wharenuī, Te Herenga Waka Marae,
Kelburn Campus**

PRESENT:

Mr John Allen
Ms Robyn Bargh
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Traci Houpapa
Associate Professor Kate Hunter
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)

APOLOGY:

Dr Carwyn Jones (joined by teleconference from 11 am to 12.45 pm)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr Lucy Baragwanath, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director Human Resources
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications, Marketing & Engagement
Dr Meegan Hall, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Centre for Academic Development
Professor Dave Harper, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor SEAD
Professor Mark Hickford, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Law
Professor Margaret Hyland, Vice-Provost, Research
Ms Julia Innocente-Jones, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, International
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Ms Maria Jones, Acting Director, Communications, Marketing and Engagement
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Ms Sally McKechnie, Simpson Grierson
Professor Linda Trenberth, Vice-Provost (Academic)
Professor Ian Williamson, Pro Vice-Chancellor & Dean, Commerce
Professor Jennifer Windsor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Education
Members of the public

19.02 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially acknowledged student member Hugo Lawrence in attendance at his first Council meeting.
 - 2 that the Chancellor also acknowledged members of the senior leadership team and members of the public. He thanked marae staff for hosting the meeting.
 - 3 that this was the first Council meeting in the new format allowing eight all day meetings for the year rather than the previous schedule of monthly afternoon meetings.
 - 4 that there was one apology from Dr Carwyn Jones who was on research leave in Boston. It was noted that he would join the meeting by teleconference for Item 21 in the confidential agenda.

Resolved: that the apology from Dr Carwyn Jones be sustained.

**Paviour-Smith/Sos
Carried
190001**

19.03 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- Noted:**
- 1 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.
 - 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.
Action:
 - 4 that the Secretary to Council was asked to update the interests register with disclosures by any Council members who have close family members studying or working at the University.

19.04 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2018

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 November 2018.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 November 2018 be approved.

**Paviour-Smith/Hunter
Carried
190002**

19.05 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

Noted: activities since the last meeting of Council on 26 November 2018:

- attended the School of Government prizegiving at the Beehive

- attended the memorial concert for Denis Adam at the New Zealand School of Music
- attended the Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting
- attended a KPMG dinner “Reimagining tertiary education in NZ” hosted by Professor Stephen Parker
- joined Te Tini a Rehua - a celebration of Māori achievement at Victoria University of Wellington
- attended the end of year function hosted by Iona Holsted, Secretary of Education
- attended the Chancellors’ meeting in Christchurch which included a farewell for departing Canterbury Vice-Chancellor Dr Rod Carr
- met individually with all Council members
- met with new Council member, Hugo Lawrence
- hosted an Honorary Doctorate dinner for Sir Bill English
- presided over three graduation ceremonies at the Michael Fowler Centre and one on Te Herenga Waka Marae
- led the graduation parade with the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor and other members of Council
- attended the Chimpanzee Habitat opening at Wellington Zoo
- met with the Vice-Chancellor and the Secretary to Council on two occasions
- met with VUWSA President-elect Tamatha Paul
- chaired a Council member conference call
- attended a graduation debrief meeting
- met with Dr Kate Mirfin of Cerno regarding the Vice-Chancellor’s 360 review exercise

Resolved: that the Chancellor’s report be noted.

Sos/Hunter
Carried
190003

19.06

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 4 February 2019 (document VUWC 19/01).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following:
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) Professor Rawinia Higgins won the Education category in the 2018 Wellingtonian of the Year awards for her role in the revitalisation of te reo Māori.
 - Professor Noam Greenberg and Dr Dan Turetsky from the School of Mathematics and Statistics received the New Zealand Mathematical Society’s (NZMS) Kalman Prize for an outstanding and innovative piece of research. NZMS also awarded fellowships to Professors Greenberg and Stephen Marsland and Associate Professor Peter Donelan.
 - 3 that Professor Sarah Leggott had been appointed Dean of Humanities and Science thereby allowing the Pro Vice-Chancellor to be free of Dean responsibilities.
 - 4 that the Chancellor acknowledged the excellent work by the graduation team ensuring that the December ceremonies and parade were a memorable and special set of occasions for all. He also acknowledged

honorary doctorate recipient Sir Bill English who delivered a graduation address full of warmth, pride and humour.

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

Paviour-Smith/Lawrence
Carried
190004

19.07 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received: oral reports from Committee chairs in the absence of any Committee meetings since the last meeting of Council.

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chair of the Finance Committee advised that he had been on a tour of student accommodation sites with the Chief Operating Officer and his staff.
 - 2 that the Audit & Risk Committee was to be chaired by Mr Allen during 2019.
 - 3 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to think of nominees for Hunter Fellowships and Honorary Doctorates. The committee meets again on 5 March with the deadline for nominations being 26 February.
 - 4 that the Human Resources Committee was working on the Vice-Chancellor's performance review and 2019 KPIs.

Resolved: that the oral reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
190005

19.08 NAME CHANGE RESPONSE FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION

Received: a Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 4 February 2019 regarding the name change response from the Minister of Education including the Minister's letter dated 18 December 2018 (document VUWC 19/02).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Minister had declined the Council's recommendation that the University change its name to *University of Wellington*.
 - 2 that potential next steps and independent peer-reviewed legal advice on the Minister's decision will be discussed in the public-excluded session of the meeting.
 - 3 that the name-change process had provided an opportunity to re-engage with alumni and there was now an opportunity to build on this by increasing connection with all of the University's communities.

Resolved: that the Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor regarding the name change response from the Minister of Education be noted.

Hunter/Houpapa
Carried
190006

19.09 2019 NEW YEAR HONOURS

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 4 February 2019 listing the graduates, friends and associates of the University who received awards in the 2019 New Year Honours (document VUWC 19/03).

Noted: that recipients Dame Kerry Prendergast, Sir Kim Workman and Mele Wendt were especially acknowledged due to their close association with the University.

Resolved: **that Council conveys its congratulations to all Victoria University of Wellington graduates, friends and associates honoured in the 2019 New Year Honours.**

**Hunter/Sos
Carried
190007**

19.10 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 4 February 2019 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 19/03).

Noted:

- 1 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 25 March 2019 at 9.00 am in the Boardroom, Level 12, Rutherford House, Pipitea Campus.
- 2 that the Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner to be held on 14 November 2019 was a highlight of the University calendar. The Secretary to Council had sent Council members a 'hold' calendar invitation.

Resolved: **that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 25 March 2019 be noted.**

**Walsh/Hunter
Carried
190008**

19.11 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 4 February 2019 (document VUWC 19/05).

Resolved:

- 1 **that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 19/05 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 4 February 2019.**
- 2 **that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.**

**Lawrence/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
190009**

19.12 REVISED TREATY OF WAITANGI STATUTE

Received: a Council paper from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) dated 4 February 2019 regarding the revised Treaty of Waitangi Statute (document VUWC 19/06).

- Noted:**
- 1 that a new Te Tiriti o Waitangi Statute to replace the current Treaty of Waitangi statute was re-drafted in mid-2018 and was considered on two occasions by the Te Aka Matua Committee. It was also put out for consultation to the entire University community in October-November 2018 and the Academic Board considered it at their November meeting. Following a small amount of feedback which was incorporated it was approved by the Senior Leadership Team in early February 2019.
 - 2 that Council was strongly supportive of the revised Statute and asked that it be included in the governing documentation for all Council and Committee meetings.
 - 3 that the Te Aka Matua Committee would work with the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Maori to assist with the Statute's accompanying guidelines.

Resolved: that the Te Tiriti o Waitangi Statute be approved.

**Bargh/Houpapa
Carried
190010**

19.13

COUNCIL MANUAL – ANNUAL REVIEW

Received: a Council Paper from the Chancellor dated 4 February 2019 regarding the annual review of the Council Manual (document VUWC 19/07).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council Manual was reviewed by the General Counsel and the Secretary to Council with input from the Chancellor.
 - 2 that the manual remains fit for purpose and Council was in agreement with the minor changes.

Resolved: that the updated Council Manual be approved.

**Walsh/Houpapa
Carried
190011**

19.14

APPOINTMENT OF FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Received: a Council Paper from the Chancellor dated 28 January 2019 regarding the appointment of Trustees to the Foundation Board of Trustees (document VUWC 19/08).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Dr Farib Sos be reappointed as a Trustee of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation under rule 2.2 of the First Schedule to the Trust Deed for a term of office of one year from 1 January to 31 December 2019.
 - 2 that Ms Tamatha Paul, having been nominated by the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association, be appointed as a Trustee of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation under rule 2.3 of the First Schedule to the Trust Deed for a term of office of one year from 1 January to 31 December 2019.

**Paviour-Smith/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
190012**

19.15

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2018

Received: the Financial Report to 31 December 2018 (document VUWC 19/09).

Resolved: that the Financial Report to 31 December 2019 be noted and approved.

Judge/Walsh

Carried

190013

19.16

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 19/16).

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 17-26 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/Hunter

Carried

190014