



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 14 June 2021  
from 9.00 am to 4.40 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,  
Kelburn Campus, Wellington**

**PRESENT:** Mr John Allen  
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich  
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)  
Professor Kate Hunter  
Ms Tiana Jakicevich  
Mr Alan Judge  
Dr Dianne McCarthy (Pro Chancellor)  
Ms Rhianna Morar  
Ms Cath Nesus  
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)  
Mr James Te Puni  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Associate Professor Maria Bargh, Te Kawa a Māui  
Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)  
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications  
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori  
Mr Andrew Jackson, Director, Strategic Projects  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director, Safety, Risk and Assurance  
Mr Michael Turnbull, VUWSA President  
Professor Jennifer Windsor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, FHSS and Education

### 21.86 KARAKIA

**Noted:** that Mr Judge led the Karakia.

### 21.87 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged those who might be watching remotely and requested that Council members use the microphones to ensure that sound was transmitted to the livestream.
  - 2 that there were no apologies.

21.88

## DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

**Received:** declarations and disclosure of interests by members of Council.

**Noted:** that there were no further declarations or disclosures of interest by members of Council since the circulation of the interests register with the meeting documentation.

21.89

## COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 10 MAY 2021

**Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10 May 2021.

**Resolved:** that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 10 May 2021 be approved.

McCarthy/Allen  
Carried  
210081

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## REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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

**Noted:**

- 1 that since the last meeting of Council held on 10 May 2021 the Chancellor:
  - met / spoke with the Vice-Chancellor on several occasions
  - spoke at the Faculty of Law's Old Government Buildings 25-year commemoration event attended by the Governor General
  - attended a Zoom meeting of New Zealand University Chancellors
  - attended the PhD graduation celebration
  - attended the Pasifika celebration in the Hub
  - presided over six graduation ceremonies at the Michael Fowler Centre and Te Hui Whakapūmau ceremony in the Hub.
  - led two graduation parades with the Vice-Chancellor and the VUWSA President
  - attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting on 17 May 2021
  - attended the Audit & Risk Committee meeting on 24 May 2021
  - attended the Finance Committee meeting on 24 May 2021
  - met with VUWSA President, Michael Turnbull.

2 that thanks and congratulations were extended to everyone involved in the superbly organised and highly successful May graduation ceremonies, celebrations and parades.

3 that the event to mark the 25th anniversary of the Faculty of Law's relocation to Old Government Buildings was highlighted with Council members commending the speeches from the Governor General, The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy, Council Member Rhianna Morar and the Chancellor. This event had showcased the University's critic and conscience role in society.

4 that the meeting of NZ University Chancellors had confirmed that whilst all Universities face their own unique challenges, the same areas of common concern prevail including the border issues and potential impact on 2022, student numbers, escalating building costs and the availability of construction workers, as well as challenges around the new pastoral care code.

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

Judge/Hunter

**Carried**  
**210082**

**21.91**

**REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 2 June 2021 (document VUWC 21/58).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the success of the University's General Counsel Simon Johnson being named Public Sector In-House Lawyer of the Year was commended.
- 3 that Provost Professor Wendy Lerner was congratulated on being awarded the 2021 Distinguished New Zealand Geographer Award and Medal by the New Zealand Geographical Society.
- 4 that in recognition of her lifetime of outstanding service to science Professor Martha Savage was awarded the Marsden Medal by the New Zealand Association of Scientists.
- 5 that Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori), Professor Rawinia Higgins was inducted as a 2020 Fellow of the Royal Society Te Apārangi.

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

**McCarthy/Nesut**  
**Carried**  
**210083**

**21.92**

**FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2021**

**Received:** the Financial report to 30 April 2021 (document VUWC 21/58).

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the University continues to be in a very good position to achieve or exceed the financial target set by the Council for 2021.
- 3 that confirmation had been received from the Tertiary Education Commission that the Government would be paying the Student Achievement Component tuition subsidy of all domestic students enrolled during 2021 even though the number of students will significantly exceed the number that had been forecasted in the University's Investment Plan.
- 4 that additional funds have been allocated to Faculties and Central Service Units and these are being carefully invested with budget holders cognisant of the financial challenges expected in 2022.
- 5 that compilation work is underway on the formal Q2 forecast update and this will be presented to the July Finance Committee meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Financial report to 30 April 2021 be noted.

**Bönisch-Brednich/Te Puni**  
**Carried**  
**210084**

**21.93**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Received:** reports from Committee Chairs:

- Te Aka Matua Committee, 17 May 2021
- Audit & Risk Committee, 24 May 2021
- Finance Committee, 24 May 2021

- Noted:** *Te Aka Matua Committee*
- 1 that the Ngai Tauria students had been in attendance at this hui and had provided a comprehensive report on Māori students at Te Herenga Waka.
  - 2 that the DVC Māori had confirmed that Māori student numbers continue to grow. She also confirmed that her team is working with Human Resources to facilitate workshops open to all staff on Māori values.
  - 3 that there was no further update regarding the Audit & Risk or Finance Committee meetings.

**Resolved:** that the report from the Te Aka Matua Committee Chair and minutes of the above meetings be noted.

Bönisch-Brednich/Te Puni  
Carried  
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## MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

**Received:** a Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 2 June 2021 providing a Media and Social Media report (document VUWC 21/60).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that there was discussion on the fact that the mainstream media generally does not pick up the multitude of positive news stories.
  - 3 that mainstream media was now just one part of the media landscape with the University deploying multiple channels in sharing its many achievements and story.
  - 4 that among these alternatives Newsroom and The Conversation provide excellent sources of information authored by academics and backed by research.
  - 5 that the outstanding contribution academic staff and postgraduate students continue to make to the University's commitment to public engagement, through the contributions they make to New Zealand media on their research or area of expertise was acknowledged.

**Resolved:** that the Media and Social Media report be noted.

Jakicevich/McCarthy  
Carried  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 31 May 2021 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 21/61).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
  - 2 that Council members were asked to note the graduation dates later in the year and endeavour to attend at least one graduation event.
  - 3 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 26 July 2021 at 9.00am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus, Wellington.

**Resolved:** that the Council paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details for the next Council meeting on Monday, 26 July 2021 be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Hunter

**Carried**  
**210087**

**21.96 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA**

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 14 June 2021 (document VUWC 21/62).

**Noted:** that the question regarding simplifying the process raised at the last meeting is being worked through and a further update will be provided to the next Council meeting.

**Resolved:**

- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 21/62 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 14 June 2021.
- 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia be recorded.

**Morar/Jakicevich**  
**Carried**  
**210088**

**21.97 REAPPOINTMENT OF FOUNDATION TRUSTEE**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 28 May 2021 regarding the reappointment of two Foundation Trustees (document VUWC 21/64).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the Council was unanimously supportive of the recommendation that Mr Raphael Hilbron and Mr Steven Fyfe be reappointed to the Board of Trustees.  
*Action:*
- 2 that the Secretary to Council circulate an updated list of Trustees including the recent appointment of Tricia Walbridge and reappointment of Raphael Hilbron and Steven Fyfe.

**Resolved:**

- 1 that Mr Raphael Hilbron be reappointed as a Trustee of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation under rule 2.4 and 7.2 of the First Schedule to the Trust Deed for a term of office of three years from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.
- 2 that Mr Steven Fyfe be reappointed as a Trustee of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation under rule 2.4 and 7.2 of the First Schedule to the Trust Deed for a term of office of three years from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.

**McCarthy/Te Puni**  
**Carried**  
**210089**

**21.98 2022 COUNCIL DATES**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 8 June 2021 regarding 2022 Council Dates (document VUWC 21/65).

**Noted:**

- 1 that Council members were asked to advise any clashes or issues with the proposed dates. At this point there appeared to be none and there was agreement that the dates be approved.

- 2 that the University's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary takes place in 2022. Early thinking was underway as to the best way to celebrate this significant milestone.

*Action:*

- 3 that the Vice-Chancellor was asked to confirm the exact 'first' date of the University in 1897 in time for the next meeting.

**Resolved:** that the proposed 2022 Council and Committee dates as set out in document VUWC 21/65 be approved.

Judge/Jakicevich  
Carried  
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#### **SPEAKER – ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR MARIA BARGH**

**Received:** an oral presentation from Associate Professor Maria Bargh, Associate Professor in Māori Studies.

- Noted:**
- 1 that Associate Professor Maria Bargh (Te Arawa, Ngāti Awa) was presented the Puāwaitanga Award by Royal Society Te Apārangi for making a distinctive contribution to Te Ao Māori through her internationally recognised research on political economy and environment.
  - 2 that she outlined her areas of research and teaching and welcomed the growing interest throughout the University in Te Ao Māori and tikanga Māori while acknowledging the demand this places on Māori staff.
  - 3 that the need for more Māori academics at Te Herenga Waka was discussed as well as the challenges of bringing in external research funding and carrying out research while also delivering on teaching commitments.
  - 4 that Council thanked Associate Professor Bargh for her presentation.

**Resolved:** that the oral presentation from Associate Professor Maria Bargh be noted.  
McCarthy/Nesus  
Carried  
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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 21/66).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 15-28.  
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 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.	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
15. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 May 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
16. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Strategic Plan roadmap update and progress reporting	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Financial report to 31 March 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Undergraduate Curriculum Framework Project	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Guaranteed Entry Score Removal	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Te Tiriti O Waitangi at Te Herenga Waka	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Academic Board Statute Review	s 9(2)(h)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Report of the VUWSA President	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. Reports from Committee Chairs	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. 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 27, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

**Paviour-Smith/Hunter**  
**Carried**  
**210092**