



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 13 June 2022
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building and via Zoom Videoconference
from 10.30 am to 4.45 pm**

PRESENT: Mr John Allen (Chancellor)
Professor Richard Arnold *via Zoom*
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich
Mr Jaistone Finau
Ms Tiana Jakicevich
Mr Alan Judge *via Zoom*
Dr Dianne McCarthy (Pro Chancellor) *via Zoom*
Mr David McLean *via Zoom*
Ms Cath Nesus *via Zoom*
Hon Maryan Street
Mr James Te Puni
Professor Jennifer Windsor (Acting Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Marc Aurel Schnabel, Dean Faculty of Architecture & Design Innovation
Mr Graham Beever, Acting General Counsel
Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)
Professor Dale Carnegie, Dean of Engineering
Professor Stephen Dobson, Dean of Faculty of Education
Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications
Associate Professor Meegan Hall, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Mātauranga Māori)
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori
Mr Simon Johnson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Dame Winnie Laban, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Pasifika
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Professor Ehsan Mesbahi, Pro Vice-Chancellor, SEADI
Ms Kelly Mitchell, Ngai Tauira Co-President
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Fa'amatuāinu Aaron Nonoa, Manager Pasifika Student Success Team
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director Safety, Health and Wellbeing
Ms Pelesa Semu, Senior Advisor to the Office of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika)
Mr Ralph Zambrano, VUWSA President

**INVITED
SPEAKERS:** Ms Lisa McLaren, 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient
Dr Kate Mirfin, Director, CERNO

22.86 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Pro-Chancellor, Dr Dianne McCarthy, led the Karakia.
 - 2 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that five Council members were attending via Zoom due to flights being cancelled into Wellington as a result of bad weather and the ongoing impact of COVID-19.
 - 3 that the Chancellor acknowledged those watching the meeting via Livestream.

22.87 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

- Noted:**
- 1 that Council members were reminded to advise the Secretary to Council of any changes to their disclosure of interests listing between meetings.
 - 2 that no further disclosures were made relating to today's agenda.

22.88 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2022

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2 May 2022.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 2 May 2022 be approved.

Street/McCarthy
Carried
220077

22.89 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 7 June 2022 (document VUWC 22/60).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that the University, and the overall tertiary education sector, face ongoing challenges due to the impact of COVID-19.
 - 3 that in this environment it is critical for Council to support the University's academic mission and delivery of teaching to students. In addition to managing costs, there is also a pressing need to grow and diversify revenue to ensure the University can continue investing in its people, research, and infrastructure.
 - 4 that students are taking fewer courses as they prioritise their health and wellbeing and fit study around paid employment. This is impacting the University's financial position, as are the delays and uncertainty around the return of international students.
 - 5 that there have been some positive events in recent weeks, including graduation celebrations, the launch of the 125th anniversary timeline, the staff excellence awards, and an event to mark the achievements of six of the University's distinguished alumni.
 - 6 that a brief update on the recruitment of the next Vice-Chancellor was provided with an announcement expected in the near future.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

McCarthy/Finau
Carried
220078

22.90 REPORT FROM THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 7 June 2022 (document VUWC 22/61).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the highly acclaimed seminar series to honour the legacy and work of Emerita Professor Lydia Wevers was highlighted with Council acknowledging the leadership of Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich in delivering this seminar series so soon after her appointment as Director of the Stout Research Centre.
- 3 that the launch of Whenua Taurikura—Centre of Research Excellence for Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism, hosted at the University was acknowledged.
- 4 that positive feedback had been received on the new Student Portal—Pūaha and the new student customer relationship management system—Kurawai.

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

McLean/Arnold
Carried
220079

22.91 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 APRIL 2022

Received: the Financial report to 30 April 2022 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery (document VUWC 22/62).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

Resolved: that the Financial report to 30 April 2022 be noted.

Te Puni/ Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
220080

22.92 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Received: Reports from Committee Chairs:

- Academic Board meeting held 12 April 2022
- Te Aka Matua Committee, meeting held 9 May 2022
- Audit & Risk Committee, meeting held 23 May 2022
- Finance Committee, meeting held 23 May 2022

Noted: that the minutes of the above Committee meetings were taken as read.

Resolved: that the Committee reports be noted.

Jakicevich/Street
Carried
220081

22.93

PASIFIKA REPORT

Received: an oral report from Associate Professor Hon. Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban – Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika).

Noted:

- 1 that key areas of focus are growing the Pasifika identity within, and contribution to, the University community, increasing Pasifika student numbers (currently 6.4% of the student population) and increasing Pasifika staff numbers (currently 160, with 81 of those being permanent staff members).
- 2 that it was agreed that there will be ongoing dialogue to determine how Council can support these goals.

Resolved: that the oral report on Pasifika items be noted.

Finau/Te Puni
Carried
220082

22.94

ACADEMIC BOARD REPORT, MEETING HELD 15 MARCH 2022

Received: a Council paper from the Provost, Professor Wendy Larnier, dated 26 April 2022 providing a report on the 15 March 2022 Academic Board meeting (document VUWC 22/43).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the full draft minutes are on the confidential agenda for this meeting.

Resolved: that the report on the 15 March 2022 Academic Board meeting be noted.

Te Puni/Finau
Carried
220083

22.95

COUNCIL DATES FOR 2023

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 7 June 2022 regarding the proposed Council and Committee dates for 2023 (document VUWC 22/66).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that the following schedule of dates and times was agreed to.

Wharewaka Workshop meeting, 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Monday, 30 January 2023

Council: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
Monday, 13 February
Monday, 27 March
Monday, 15 May
Monday, 26 June
Monday, 7 August
Monday, 18 September
Monday, 30 October

Monday, 4 December

Te Aka Matua Committee - 3.00-4.30 pm

Monday, 27 February

Monday, 29 May

Monday, 28 August

Monday, 27 November

Audit & Risk Committee – 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Monday, 13 March

Monday, 1 May

Monday, 24 July

Monday, 4 September

Monday, 20 November

Finance Committee – 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Monday, 13 March

Monday, 1 May

Monday, 12 June

Monday, 24 July

Monday, 4 September

Monday, 16 October

Monday, 20 November

Victoria Honours Committee, 4.30 pm -6.00 pm (as and when required)

Monday, 27 February

Monday, 29 May

Monday, 28 August

Monday, 27 November

Resolved:

that Council members note that a schedule of confirmed dates as well as calendar appointments will be sent following this meeting.

Allen/McCarthy

Carried

220084

22.96

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received:

a Council paper from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 2 June 2022 providing a Media and Social media report (document VUWC 22/67).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the enhancements to the social media part of the report were well received by Council members and Ms Katherine Edmond was acknowledged for her work on this.

Resolved:

that the Media and Social Media report be noted.

McLean/Jakicevich

Carried

220085

22.97

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received:

a Council paper from the Secretary to Council, Ms Caroline Ward, dated 2 June 2022, listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 22/68).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
 - 2 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 25 July 2022 at 10.30 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus, Wellington and/or via Zoom. It was highlighted that this meeting will be followed by a tour of some Halls of Residence and conclude with dinner at a Hall of Residence.

Resolved: that the Council paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 25 July 2022 be noted.

Allen/Street
Carried
220086

22.98 CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 13 June 2022 (document VUWC 22/69).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 22/69 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 13 June 2022.
 - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Jakicevich/Finau
Carried
220087

22.99 VUWSA PRESIDENT REPORT

- Received:**
- 1 a report from the VUWSA President, Mr Ralph Zambrano, (document VUWC 22/64).
 - 2 an oral report from Ms Kelly Mitchell, Co-President, Ngāi Tauira.

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed Mr Zambrano and Ms Mitchell to the meeting noting that it was a first for a co-President of Ngāi Tauira, the Māori students association, to speak to Council.
 - 2 that Mr Zambrano's comprehensive report was taken as read.
 - 3 that both student leaders noted activities their groups have been undertaking for students highlighting the considerable work done in recent months to provide support through the Omicron outbreak and their focus on ensuring learning is accessible and equitable for all students.
 - 4 that VUWSA and Ngāi Tauira have aligned their work plans for 2022 to ensure they are working collaboratively on key initiatives.

Resolved: that the report from the VUWSA President be noted.

Nesus/McCarthy
Carried
220088

22.100 SPEAKER – MS LISA MCLAREN, 2021 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT

Received: an address from Ms Lisa McLaren, 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed Ms McLaren to the meeting.
 - 2 that Ms McLaren, a leading advocate for a carbon-zero Aotearoa, challenged the Council to identify ways it can do more to address the climate crisis, including supporting the next generation of young climate activists who will be the changemakers in this area.

Resolved: that the address from Ms Lisa McLaren, 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient be noted.

Allen/Finau
Carried
220089

22.101

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 22/70).

Resolved:

- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 16-32.
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
16. VUWSA President oral report	s9(2)(a) 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.	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2022	s9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii), and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Chancellor's report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Acting Vice-Chancellor's report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Financial report to 30 April 2022 and Q1 2022 Forecast	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Delivering on our commitment to sustainability	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Foundation quarterly report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

24. Living Pā	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Te Tiriti Self-review	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. Amending of a qualification conferred	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. Investment Plan	s 9(2)(ba)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
28. Review of Delegations	s 9(2)(h)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
29. Joan Stevens Lease	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	
30. Naming	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
31. Committee reports	s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
32. Council only time	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

In relation to each of the above items, no public interest consideration has been identified favouring disclosure of the particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

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 32, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Nesus/Arnold
Carried
220090

at 12.05 pm Ms Lisa McLaren and Professors Marc Aurel Schnabel, Stephen Dobson and Dale Carnegie left the meeting