



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25 July 2022
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building and via Zoom Videoconference
from 10.30 am to 3.30 pm**

PRESENT: Mr John Allen (Chancellor)
Professor Richard Arnold
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich *via Zoom*
Mr Jaistone Finau
Ms Tiana Jakicevich
Mr Alan Judge
Dr Dianne McCarthy (Pro Chancellor) *via Zoom*
Mr David McLean
Ms Cath Nesus *via Zoom*
Hon Maryan Street *via Zoom*
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
Ms Leanne Gibson, Chief Information Officer
Ms Rhonda Thomson, Pou Hapai - Senior Adviser
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori
Mr Andrew Jackson, Director, Strategic Projects
Mr Mike James, Project Delivery Manager, Property Services
Mr Simon Johnson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Mr Blair McRae, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director Safety, Health and Wellbeing

**INVITED
SPEAKER:** Ms Liz Mellish

22.119 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

Noted: 1 that Ms Tiana Jakicevich led the Karakia.

- 2 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that four Council members were attending via Zoom due to overseas travel and the ongoing impact of COVID-19.
- 3 that the Chancellor acknowledged those watching the meeting via livestream.

22.120

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.

22.121

COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13 June 2022.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 13 June 2022 be approved.

Arnold/McLean
Carried
220106

22.122

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 19 July 2022 (document VUWC 22/80).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the appointment of Professor Nic Smith as Victoria's next Vice-Chancellor was announced on 22 June 2022.
- 3 that Professor Jennifer Windsor was thanked for agreeing to continue as Acting Vice-Chancellor until Professor Smith takes up the position.
- 4 that the Chancellor had attended the recent Academic Board meeting to talk about issues affecting the academic community.
- 5 that the pressures on staff from the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the demands of dual teaching, the impact of inflation and rising costs, and the frustration with some of the University's systems processes are key concerns of Council.
- 6 that the Council's commitment to providing students with a great campus-based experience was discussed acknowledging the benefits that face-to-face learning offers, including increased engagement opportunities. In this context, it was recognised that students increasingly want flexible options to allow them to work enough to cover the cost of study.
- 7 that a recent report by the Greens was highlighted by Mr Finau. It covers the issues students are facing in depth, in particular how increasingly expensive it is to be a student in today's environment.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Bönisch-Brednich/Arnold
Carried
220107

22.123

REPORT FROM THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 13 July 2022 (document VUWC 22/81).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that Professor Windsor highlighted a range of key achievements and milestones for University staff and students including funding for four University research projects through the Health Research Council of New Zealand, the appointment of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) Professor Rawinia Higgins (Tūhoe) to the Board of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand, the delivery of the annual Lecretia Seales Memorial Lecture by Green Party MP Chlöe Swarbrick, and a recent event at Parliament to celebrate the 50-year legacy of Professor Stephen Levine.
- 3 that the successful and well-attended Matariki celebrations in the Hub had been a particularly uplifting mid-winter occasion.

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

Street/Finau
Carried
220108

22.124

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2022

Received: the Financial report to 30 June 2022 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery (document VUWC 22/82).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

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

McLean/Te Puni
Carried
220109

22.125

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 19 July 2022 regarding the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours (document VUWC 22/83).

Noted: that the report was taken as read and the success of members of the University community was commended.

Resolved: that Council conveys its congratulations to all Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington graduates, friends and stakeholders honoured in the 2022 Queen's Birthday Honours.

McCarthy/Nesus
Carried
220110

22.126

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Received: Reports from Committee Chairs:

- Academic Board meeting report, meeting held 21 June 2022
- Finance Committee minutes, meeting held 4 July 2022

Noted: that the public minutes of the Finance Committee and the report of the Academic Board meeting were taken as read.

Resolved: that the Committee reports be noted.

Jakicevich/Street
Carried
220111

22.127 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 13 July 2022 providing a Media and Social media report (document VUWC 22/84).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

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

McCarthy/Arnold
Carried
220112

22.128 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council, Ms Caroline Ward, dated 8 July 2022, listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 22/85).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 5 September 2022 at 9.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus, Wellington and/or via Zoom.

Resolved: that the Council paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 5 September 2022 be noted.

Arnold/Te Puni
Carried
220113

22.129 CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 25 July 2022 (document VUWC 22/87).

Resolved:

- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 22/87 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 25 July 2022.
- 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Jakicevich/Finau
Carried
220114

22.130

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE PEOPLE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 14 July 2022 regarding the appointment of a Member to the People and Culture Committee (document VUWC 22/88).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that under the expanded remit of the People and Culture Committee, looking across the culture of the University in addition to HR matters relating to the Vice-Chancellor, the Council was unanimously supportive of the proposal to appoint a Māori member of Council to the Committee.
- 3 that Ms Cath Nesus had agreed to undertake this additional appointment and the Chancellor thanked her for agreeing to this.

Resolved: **that under clause 4.1 of the People and Culture Committee Terms of Reference, Ms Cath Nesus be appointed as a member of the People and Culture Committee.**

**Allen/Street
Carried
220115**

22.131

STUDENT CONDUCT STATUTE

Received: a Council paper from the Provost, Professor Wendy Larnar, dated 19 July 2022 regarding the Student Conduct Statute (document VUWC 22/88).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that a review began in 2021 with the goal of ensuring the Statute reflects a maturing and strengthening of the University's commitment to the principles of restorative justice, the new Sexual Harassment Response Policy and Procedures, changes to the Pastoral Care Code that took effect in January this year, and a review of academic integrity issues.
- 3 that extensive consultation had taken place with staff and students. The Academic Board had endorsed the proposed amendments at its recent meeting.
- 4 that Council raised questions on the statute being completely silent on referring matters to the authorities, the general misconduct criteria around 'not in keeping with the Values of the University' and the definition of University precincts. It was confirmed that the University does not generally refer matters to the police of its own accord, that the broad definition under values has been supported by VUWSA and takes a standard legal analysis in working out if values have been breached, and in terms of precincts the Statute applies in three areas – University premises, University activity (i.e. functions), and where misconduct directly relates to the University. With these explanations Council was unanimously in agreement with the proposed amendments.
- 5 that the revised Statute will be launched in time for Trimester 3 and an education, training and communication plan is being developed to support the launch.
- 6 that Ms Jackie Anderson was acknowledged and thanked for her work leading this review.

Resolved: **that Council approve the revised Student Conduct Statute and note the associated Academic and General Misconduct Procedures.**

Allen/Street

Carried
220116

22.132

SPEAKER – MS LIZ MELLISH

Received: an address from Māori businesswoman, director and community leader Ms Liz Mellish (Te Atiawa).

Noted:

- 1 that the Chancellor warmly welcomed Ms Mellish to the meeting.
- 2 that Ms Mellish discussed how the University can attract and support the development of young Māori students and graduates. She said a key role for the University is to equip young people to understand the nature of, and opportunities in, the Māori economy by giving them skills and knowledge in areas such as business, governance, finance, and accounting, alongside understanding of Māori language and culture.
- 3 that she also highlighted the importance of providing Māori students with the support and pastoral care they need to succeed in their studies.
- 4 that the Chancellor thanked Ms Mellish for her address to Council and acknowledged the critical leadership role she plays.

Resolved: that the address from Ms Liz Mellish be noted.

Allen/Judge
Carried
220117

22.133

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 22/90).

Resolved:

- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 16-29.
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
16. Rescinding of Qualification conferred	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 13 June 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 June 2022 and Q2 2022 Forecast	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Q2 report against Annual Management plan	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Iho concept paper	s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. EARS – Te Rauawa 2021 report	s9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. National Music Centre quarterly report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. Digital Roadmap quarterly report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. Student recruitment and marketing quarterly report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
28. Committee reports	s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
29. 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 29, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Te Puni/McLean
Carried
220118

at 12.05 pm Ms Liz Mellish, Hon Maryan Street, and Professors Marc Aurel Schnabel, Stephen Dobson and Dale Carnegie left the meeting