



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 29 March 2017
From 12.30 pm to 5.20 pm in the Hunter Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,
Kelburn Campus**

PRESENT: Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Acting Chancellor)
Ms Robyn Bargh
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Jacinta Gulasekharam
Associate Professor Kate Hunter
Dr Carwyn Jones
Ms Alexandria Mark
Dr Farib Sos
Mr Roger Taylor
Dame Therese Walsh
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES: Sir Neville Jordan
Ms Traci Houpapa

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Frazer Allan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Maori
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Nigel Riley, Associate Director, Communications & Marketing
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director Communications & Marketing

17.33

ACTING CHANCELLOR WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Acting Chancellor, Mr Neil Paviour-Smith, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - 2 that Sir Neville Jordan was absent for the first time in his Chancellorship due to the need to travel overseas.
 - 3 that an apology was received from Traci Hopuapa as she was delayed at the last minute due to fog at Wellington airport.

Resolved: that the apologies from Sir Neville Jordan and Ms Traci Houpapa be sustained.

Sos/Mark
Carried
170028

17.34 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.
 - 2 that the Acting 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.

17.35 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2017

Received: the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 27 February 2017.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 27 February 2017 be approved.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
170029

17.36 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 FEBRUARY 2017

Noted: that there were no Matters Arising from the Public minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27 February 2017.

17.37 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 28 FEBRUARY 2017

Received: the Financial Reports to 28 February 2017 (document VUWC 17/21).

Noted: that the February University Group result (excluding the Foundation) was \$4.3m favourable to budget year to date.

Resolved: that the Financial reports to 28 February 2017 be noted and approved.

Taylor/Sos
Carried
170030

17.38 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 29 March 2017 (document VUWC 17/22).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 17/22 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 29 March 2017.
 - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Mark/Hunter
Carried
170031

17.39

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: in his absence a bullet point list from the Chancellor of activities since the last meeting of Council on 27 February 2017.

Noted: 1 that since the last meeting of Council on 27 February the Chancellor:

- Attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting
- Attended the Audit & Risk Committee meeting
- Was interviewed and filmed for the Annual Report
- Chaired the NZ Indonesian Council

2 that the Acting Chancellor had nothing further to add.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Sos
Carried
170032

17.40

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 22 March 2017 (document VUWC 17/23).

Note: 1 that the report from the Vice-Chancellor was taken as read and the following points highlighted:

- a paper co-authored by Professor Rupert Sutherland which revealed Zealandia as the world's eighth continent and resulted in viral exposure on social media with a potential global audience of more than 900 million people.
- the recent opening of the Rutherford House annex by the Prime Minister, Bill English.
- Victoria being ranked in the top 50 universities in the world for Law in the recent QS rankings.
- acknowledgement of Professor Lerner's success in the Centres of Asia Pacific Excellence (CAPEs) round. Victoria will host the CAPE for both Latin America and SE Asia. We will also partner with Auckland University in the third CAPE for North Asia.
- the success of Ashleigh Young, a Victoria staff member and alumna, for winning a prestigious Windham-Campbell Literature Prize worth USD\$165,000 for her book of essays *Can You Tolerate This?*
- Victoria's investment in the global online course provider edX with enrolments in the first course on the geology and history of Antarctica reaching 4,638 with two weeks to go.

2 that Council acknowledged the many successes noted above and asked that the Vice-Chancellor convey congratulations to all concerned.

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

Sos/Gulasekharam
Carried
170033

17.41

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received: reports from Committee Chairs noting that the minutes from the following meetings had been circulated:

- Te Aka Matua Committee, 6 March 2017
- Audit & Risk Committee, 13 March 2017
- Academic Board, 14 February 2017

Resolved: that the reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

Walsh/Sos
Carried
170034

17.42

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 14 March 2017 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 17/24).

Noted: that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 1 May 2017 starting at 12.00 noon with a light lunch in the Marae dining room. The formal meeting will commence at 12.40 pm in the Wharenui.

Resolved: that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details for the next Council meeting on Monday, 1 May 2017 be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Mark
Carried
170035

17.43

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 17/25).

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 13-27 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.

Mark/Jones
Carried
170036