



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 14 October 2019
from 9.00 am to 4.15 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,
Kelburn Campus**

PRESENT:

Mr John Allen
Ms Robyn Bargh
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor) *until 3.35 pm*
Ms Traci Houpapapa *from 9.40 am*
Associate Professor Kate Hunter
Dr Carwyn Jones
Mr Alan Judge
Mr Hugo Lawrence
Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)
Dr Farib Sos
Dame Therese Walsh (Pro-Chancellor) *from 9.15 am*
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications, Marketing & Engagement
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori
Professor Margaret Hyland, Vice-Provost (Research)
Mr Andrew Jackson, Director, Strategic Projects
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Blair McRae, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Lincoln North, Senior Property Manager, Campus Development/Property Services
Mr Phil O'Connor, Director, Safety, Risk and Assurance
Ms Rhonda Thompson, Senior Advisor, Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori
Jocelyn, Lady Keith (alumni)

19.166

KARAKIA

Noted:

that the Chancellor led a Karakia in Te Reo translated as “may we be enlivened, engaged and bold in working together”.

19.167 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Dame Therese Walsh and Ms Houpapa had apologised for lateness.
 - 2 that due to overseas travel the Vice-Chancellor would need to leave the meeting at 3.30 pm.
 - 3 that items in the confidential session of the meeting would be brought forward to the Vice-Chancellor's public report in relation to the pastoral care of students in the University's halls of residence and the strategic plan roadmap.
 - 4 that the success of VUWSA President Tamatha Paul who was elected to the Wellington City Council in the recent Local Body elections was acknowledged and Council recorded a vote of congratulations.
 - 5 that the election of a new Mayor and City Councillors was noted with congratulations.
- Actions:*
- 6 that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to outgoing Mayor Justin Lester for his unhesitating support of the University during his three year term.
 - 7 that the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor would make contact once the Mayor is in office to signify the critical importance of the relationship between City and University.

Resolved: that the Council record a vote of congratulations to Ms Tamatha Paul, VUWSA President, on her election to the Wellington City Council.

Paviour-Smith/Hunter
Carried
190172

at 9.10 am Dame Therese Walsh joined the meeting

19.168 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.

19.169 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 9 September 2019.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 9 September 2019 be approved.

Allen/Sos
Carried
190173

19.170

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

Noted: 1 activities since the last meeting of Council on 9 September 2019:

- attended the opening of Maru with Members of Council
- attended an SSC/Crown Entity Group meeting
- attended the Sustainability Week launch event ‘Your Carbon Zero University’ with guest speaker, Minister for the Environment, James Shaw
- attended the Vice-Chancellor’s briefing to stakeholders at the Wellington Club
- attended the Finance Committee meeting
- attended the Te Aka Matua Committee special meeting
- chaired a Nominations Panel meeting
- met with the Vice-Chancellor
- attended the launch of the Innovate Fund – a VicLink event
- met with the Secretary to Council and the General Counsel
- attended the Blues’ Awards in the Council Chamber

2 that a particular highlight was the launch event for Sustainability week at which Minister for the Environment, James Shaw, addressed the audience. Council extended congratulations to all involved in the organisation and success of Toitū te Ao—Sustainability Week.

3 that a letter was received from the Chief Executive of the Tertiary Education Commission asking that all tertiary institutions provide assurances with regard to the safety of every student enrolled at their institutions, particularly those using accommodation services. The Council was also asked to undertake an independent review and report back by 29 November (see further under minute 19.171 – VC report).

Resolved: that the Chancellor’s report be noted.

Sos/Jones
Carried
190174

at 9.40 am Ms Houpapa joined the meeting

19.171

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 8 October 2019 (document VUWC 19/114).

Noted: 1 that the report was taken as read.

2 that the University was awarded a ‘5 stars plus’ result in its second triennial QS audit, only one of 12 universities in the world to receive this rating. In the latest QS graduate employability rankings the University was second equal in New Zealand and globally it was placed in the 251-300 band.

3 that the upcoming Immersive Legacies exhibition at the Wellington Museum showcasing a digital archive of 320 The Terrace was highlighted. This exhibition demonstrates how a building of relatively modest architectural value can be visually preserved. Oral histories have also been included. Council member Associate Professor Hunter was acknowledged for her vision and work on this project.

4 that a total of \$24.5 million was awarded in the MBIE 2019 Endeavour Funding round building on the success of previous years.

Strategic Plan Roadmap

5 that the Vice-Chancellor tabled a document providing feedback from staff, students and stakeholders on initiatives in the Strategic Plan roadmap. The Director, Strategic Projects spoke to the report and Council members provided comment.

Action:

6 that the tabled document be circulated to Council members and held on the file for this meeting.

Pastoral care in the University's halls of residence

7 that following recent media coverage of student deaths in halls of residence the comprehensive, high quality pastoral care provided at our halls was reinforced to Council members.

8 that Council was briefed about the ongoing adjustments made each year to pastoral care processes and training for Residential Advisors (RAs) to ensure high standards are retained. Actions that would strengthen the processes of checking if students are completing academic assignments and attending tutorials were also discussed.

9 that recommendations from the inquiry taking place into the recent University of Canterbury student death will be thoroughly considered to see if there are any learnings to be applied at this university.

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

Paviour-Smith/Bargh
Carried
190175

19.172

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received: Minutes and oral reports from Committee Chairs:

- Academic Board report, meeting held 24 September 2019
- Te Aka Matua Committee, Special meeting, 24 September 2019
- Finance Committee, 7 October 2019 (oral report)

Noted: that the reports and minutes were taken as read.

Resolved: that the reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Hunter
Carried
190176

19.173

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received: the Financial report to 31 August 2019 (document VUWC 19/115).

Noted: 1 that the report was taken as read.
2 that core University business was trending down on budget and management had been called upon to make some difficult decisions.

Resolved: that the Financial Report to 31 August 2019 be noted.

Judge/Sos
Carried
190177

19.174 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 8 October 2019 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 19/116).

Noted: 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
2 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 2 December 2019 at 9.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus.

Resolved: that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 2 December 2019 be noted.

Jones/Lawrence
Carried
190178

19.175 MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Associate Director Communications, Marketing and Engagement dated 8 October 2019 providing a media report (document VUWC 19/117).

Noted: 1 that the report was taken as read.
2 that the issue faced by Auckland University and covered extensively in the press regarding white supremacy was discussed. The Vice-Chancellor emphasised the importance of maintaining this university as a place where ideas can be contested and debated but from time to time the safety of our communities would require that certain offensive material might need to be removed. Decisions concerning public safety were usually made in consultation with the police.

Resolved: that the Media Report be noted.

Sos/Allen
Carried
190179

19.176 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 14 October 2019 (document VUWC 19/118).

Resolved: 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 19/118 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 14 October 2019.
2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Lawrence/Lenihan-Ikin
Carried
190180

19.177 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 19/119).

Resolved: 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 12-26.

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
	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.	
Minutes of previous meeting held on 9 September 2019	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Rescindment of Degree	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Student accommodation pastoral care	S 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Financial report to 31.8.19 and Q3 forecast	s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Draft annual management plan and 2020 budget	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
2020 Strategic plan roadmap	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Draft TE strategy MoE discussion document – strategic response	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Living Pa	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s9(2)(j)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Rutherford House business case variation	s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(j)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
External appointments to Te Aka Matua Committee	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
Committee reports	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	

Safety, Health and Wellbeing reports to 30.9.19	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
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 26, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Paviour-Smith/Sos
Carried
190181

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.30 am