



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 26 July 2021
from 9.00 am to 4.30 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 *until 3.45 pm*
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 *from 12 noon*
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)
- APOLOGIES:** Professor Kate Hunter *for early departure*
Mr James Te Puni *for lateness*
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications
Mr Stuart Haselden, Director, Digital Solutions
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
- INVITED GUESTS:** Mr Peter Edwards, CEO, Wellington UniProfessional
Dame Karen Poutasi, Chair, Wellington Uni Professional

21.115 KARAKIA

Noted: that Professor Kate Hunter led the Karakia.

21.116 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 was one apology from Mr James Te Puni for lateness and one apology from Professor Kate Hunter for an early departure from the meeting.

Resolved: that the apologies be sustained.

Allen/Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
210104

21.117 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.

21.118 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2021

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 14 June 2021.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 14 June 2021 be approved.

McCarthy/Hunter
Carried
210105

21.119 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

Noted: 1 that since the last meeting of Council held on 14 June 2021 the Chancellor:

- met / spoke with the Vice-Chancellor on several occasions
- chaired the Human Resources Committee on 23 June and 28 June 2021
- attended the NZ Institute of International Affairs Event addressed by the Governor-General
- attended the 2021 Global Enterprise Experience award ceremony via Zoom
- attended the Finance Committee meeting on 5 July 2021
- chaired the Victoria Honours Committee meeting on 5 July 2021
- attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting on 6 July 2021
- attended the Audit & Risk Committee workshop on 12 July 2021.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Judge/Morar
Carried
210106

21.120 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 20 July 2021 (document VUWC 21/75).

Noted: 1 that the report was taken as read.

- 2 that the appointment of Provost Wendy Larner as Co-Chair of the Performance Based Research Fund (PBRF) Sector Reference Group for the Quality Evaluation 2025 was highlighted.
- 3 that the formal approval of an extension of the accreditation of the Wellington School of Business and Government's business and accounting degree programmes by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) was acknowledged with congratulations extended to the all involved.
- Action:*
- 4 that the appointment of Danette Olsen as Director, Research Office was discussed. It was agreed that Professor Margaret Hyland, Vice-Provost (Research) and Ms Olsen be invited to an upcoming Council meeting to present on their portfolio.

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

McCarthy/Nesus
Carried
210107

21.121

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2021

Received: the Financial report to 30 June 2021 (document VUWC 21/76).

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that a deep dive on the Q2 forecast will take place in the confidential session of the meeting.
- 3 that the University continues to be in an excellent position to exceed the budgeted \$5m loss for 2021, largely because of higher EFTS but also due to the sacrifices and restraint exercised by staff. Additional resourcing to support critical needs and initiatives that will deliver benefits beyond 2021 is being carefully managed.
- 4 that the key risk facing the University is the borders remaining closed throughout 2022 due to the government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. As another third of the University's current international students graduate without being replaced this will create a significant revenue challenge. In this climate, management is focussing on the importance of investing this year to assist throughout 2022 and beyond.
- 5 that it is hoped that the borders will open in 2023. However, the Minister of Education has stated that the government's focus will be on a high-quality high-value international student sector. There is also likely to be changes to immigration policy affecting work rights for students who arrive in New Zealand. The reality is that the University will need to adapt to a future with fewer onshore international students.
- 6 that indications from recent regional open days show a 17% increase in interest on the same time as last year so this could convert to another strong domestic student enrolment result in 2022.

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

Hunter/Jakicevich
Carried
210108

21.122

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Received: reports from Committee Chairs:

- Academic Board report, 22 June 2021 (document VUWC 21/77)
- Finance Committee meeting, 5 July 2021

Noted:

Academic Board

- 1 that there had been discussion on the Research and Integrity policy as part of the development of the University's Academic Integrity Framework. This is in response to changes in the national and international context affecting research.
- 2 that there have been discussions with government about how the University manages its research to avoid the issues with dual-use technology while protecting institutional autonomy and academic freedom (as enshrined in the Education and Training Act 2020).

Finance Committee

- 3 that there was nothing to report from the public session of the meeting.

Resolved:

that the minutes of the Finance Committee and the report from the Academic Board Chair be noted.

**Judge/Allen
Carried
210109**

21.123

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received:

a Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 15 July 2021 providing a Media and Social Media report (document VUWC 21/78).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the allegations of an increased frequency of cheating in the on-line exams offered by some universities would be covered in the Vice-Chancellor's confidential report.
- 3 that the fire at Rutherford House had been a topic of interest on social media. Thanks were extended to the Director of Property Services David Stevenson and his team for their thoughtful and caring work in the aftermath of the fire.

Resolved:

that the Media and Social Media report be noted.

**Nesus/Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
210110**

21.124

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received:

a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 12 July 2021 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 21/79).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that the inaugural lecture by Professor Kate Hunter on 24 August was highlighted and Council members were encouraged to attend.
- 3 that due to the uncertainty around large gatherings in a pandemic environment the Distinguished Alumni Awards (DAA) will be celebrated at a cocktail event (rather than a large black-tie dinner event). Each recipient will be honoured at a November graduation ceremony and all have agreed to speak. The public announcement of the DAA recipients will take place in the near future.

- 4 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 6 September 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, 6 September 2021 be noted.

Paviour-Smith/McCarthy

Carried

210111

21.125

CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 26 July 2021 (document VUWC 21/81).

- Noted:**
- 1 that with the conferment of qualifications separated from graduation ceremonies the term 'Graduates in Absentia' is now retired. All qualifications will be conferred at the Council meeting closest to completion of qualification requirements. This change will allow students to receive their qualification in a timelier manner than previously waiting until the May or December graduation ceremonies.
 - 2 that students will still need to apply, due to event management logistics, to attend a graduation ceremony. Evidence from last year showed that even though qualifications had been conferred there was still an excellent attendance at graduation celebration ceremonies in December.
 - 3 that the Vice-Provost (Academic) is currently working through the requirements for advance graduation and an update will be provided to Council in due course.

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 21/81 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 26 July 2021.
 - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Morar/Jakicevich

Carried

210112

21.126

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 21/82).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 13-26.
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 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
13. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 June 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
14. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
15. Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
16. Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Financial report to 30 June 2021 and Q2 forecast	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Annual Management Plan, Q2 update	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Naming	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Honorary degree recommendations	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Rescinding and Awarding of Qualification	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Digital roadmap quarterly report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Academic Board Statute Review	s 9(2)(h)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Reports from Committee Chairs	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Speakers, Wellington UniProfessional	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. 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/McCarthy
Carried
210113