



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Friday, 20 November 2020
from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building
Kelburn Campus**

PRESENT:

Mr John Allen *from 11.25 am*
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Professor Kate Hunter
Mr Alan Judge
Mr Hugo Lawrence
Dr Dianne McCarthy
Ms Rhianna Morar
Ms Cath Nesus
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)
Dr Farib Sos
Dame Therese Walsh (Pro-Chancellor) *from 9.15 am*
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director, Human Resources
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director Communications
Mr Peter Edwards, Chief Executive, Wellington University Professional
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori
Ms Tiana Jakicevich, Student-elect 2021-2022
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Mr Blair McRae, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Lincoln North, Senior Project Manager
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director, Safety, Risk Assurance
Ms Taylah Shuker, VUWSA President
Mr David Stevenson, Director, Property Services
Ms Rhonda Thomson, Pou Hapai - Senior Adviser
Ms Laura Wiltshire, Stuff (Media)
Professor Jennifer Windsor, PVC & Dean, FHSS

20.214

KARAKIA

Noted:

that the Chancellor led the Karakia.

20.215 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the Council Chamber and particularly acknowledged student-representative elect, Ms Tiana Jakicevich, who was in attendance for the public session of this meeting.
 - 2 that this was the final Council meeting for Dr Farib Sos and Mr Hugo Lawrence. A formal farewell will take place later in the meeting.
 - 3 that an apology was received from Mr John Allen for lateness.

Resolved: that the apology from Mr Allen for lateness be sustained.

Paviour-Smith/Nesus
Carried
200189

20.216 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Noted: that there were no further declarations and 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.

20.217 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2020

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5 October 2020.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5 October 2020 be approved.

Judge/Lawrence
Carried
200190

20.218 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

- Noted:**
- 1 that since the last meeting of Council held on 5 October 2020 the Chancellor:
 - met/spoke with the Vice-Chancellor on several occasions
 - attended the farewell of Patricia Danver, Executive Director, Development and Foundation
 - attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting on 2 November 2020
 - attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting on 3 November
 - chaired the Nominations Panel meeting on 5 November 2020
 - attended the Finance Committee meeting on 11 November 2020
 - attended the Audit & Risk Committee meeting on 16 November 2020
 - attended a thank you morning tea in acknowledgement of staff and Council members who have contributed via payroll giving
 - met/spoke individually with Council members.
 - 2 that the Chancellor extended congratulations to Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) Luamanavao Dame Winnie Laban for receiving a lifetime achievement award at the 2020 Women of Influence Awards. This was in recognition of her extensive service, including as New Zealand's first female Pasifika MP.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Walsh/Judge
Carried
200191

20.219

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 13 November 2020 (document VUWC 20/171).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the work Provost Professor Wendy Larnar has carried out in her role as President of the Royal Society Te Apārangi was highlighted. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated Professor Larnar on her final Presidential Address, which was on the topic of He whakaoho i te pitomata: Awakening the Potential for Early Career Researchers.
- 3 that Council recognised the many highlights in the final VC report for 2020 including confirmation of funding of \$48 million for the MacDiarmid Institute Centre of Research Excellence, the University's best ever results in the Marsden funding round and confirmation of the establishment of Wellington UniVentures fourth spin-out company for 2020.
- 4 that Council extended its congratulations and appreciation to all University staff for their outstanding contribution to research success during 2020.

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

Hunter/McCarthy
Carried
200192

20.220

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

Received: the Financial report to 30 September 2020 (document VUWC 20/160).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that due to the timing of this Council meeting it was only possible to receive a report to 30 September 2020, however the numbers as at the end of October appear to be tracking towards the mid-case scenario of what had been previously advised.
- 3 that the efforts of staff in supporting the financial challenges, in particular by reducing annual leave balances and payroll giving had been widespread and were acknowledged.

Resolved: that the Financial Report to 30 September 2020 be noted.

Judge/ Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
200193

20.221

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Received: a Council paper from the Provost dated 13 November 2020 regarding Student Engagement (document VUWC 20/161).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that further to this item being considered at the previous Council meeting students and staff have continued to work together to co-design a Student

- Engagement Framework, taking learnings from a set of principles the Australian Government already has in place.
- 3 that the importance of reflecting the marae at the University's heart and our iho was central to this work and it would also take into account how to reach students who are not part of various student bodies.
- 4 that the Te Herenga Waka Framework will also be consistent with national principles around student engagement in the tertiary sector that are being developed by the Ministry of Education.
- Action:*
- 5 that the new framework return to Council on completion (expected to be by the end of Trimester One in 2021).

Resolved: that the Council paper on the finalised Student Engagement principles be noted.

Morar/Lawrence
Carried
200194

20.222

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Received:** reports from Committee Chairs as follows:
- Report of the Academic Board, meeting held on 22 September 2020 (document VUWC 20/162)
 - Te Aka Matua Committee, 2 November 2020
 - Finance Committee, 11 November 2020 (oral report)
 - Audit & Risk Committee, 16 November 2020 (oral report)

- Noted:**
- 1 that due to the timing of the November Finance and Audit & Risk Committee meetings the minutes of these meetings were not available at the time of this Council meeting. The minutes will be included in the documentation for the first Council meeting in February 2021.
- 2 that the minutes of the Te Aka Matua Committee and the Academic Board report were taken as read.
- Te Aka Matua Committee*
- 3 that the Committee had discussed the recently released report on public claims of racism at the University of Waikato as well as the Working Group set up by Universities New Zealand to constructively address the issues. An action item is in place for the Chair and the Office of the DVC Māori to work on developing a self-assessment as a first step in determining whether or not a more formal Treaty audit is required at this University.
- Academic Board report*
- 4 that the challenging workload issues around delivering in dual mode were discussed including the need for the University to be ready to pivot as needed across 2021 to deliver online and in person.
- 5 that work continued to increase Māori language usage with strong enthusiasm from staff however this was challenging in an environment of limited resources.

Resolved: that the reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

Sos/Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
200195

20.223

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 13 November 2020 providing a Media and Social Media report (document VUWC 20/163).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that analysis of social media content and strategy used during the final four weeks of the recent General Election, by Dr Mona Krewel and Professor Jack Vowles from the University's Political Science and International Relations programme, had received a high degree of coverage by several media outlets.
- 3 that there had been further media coverage of allegations of historic sexual abuse made against the late New Zealand School of Music—Te Kōkī Professor, Jack Body. The University continued to respond to all parties involved in a sensitive and appropriate manner and the Vice-Chancellor commended the role Alison Mau had played in bringing the allegations to light.

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

**Judge/Nesus
Carried
200196**

20.224

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 13 November 2020 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 20/164).

Noted:

- 1 that should there be no disruption due to COVID-19 reappearing in the community, the December Graduation week will be the biggest ever with seven ceremonies at the Michael Fowler Centre, two on the Marae and two parades (weather permitting). Three honorary doctorates will be conferred during the week to recipients Chris Finlayson, Elizabeth Knox and Lyn Provost. The Chancellor recognised the efforts of staff and the many volunteers who ensure that Graduation runs in an impeccably smooth manner.
- 2 that the Pro-Chancellor acknowledged Dr Dianne McCarthy for stepping in at short notice to cover three Michael Fowler graduation ceremonies on Wednesday of graduation week.
- 3 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 15 February 2021 at 9.00 am 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, 15 February 2021 be noted.

**Paviour-Smith/Lawrence
Carried
200197**

20.225

GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA

Received:

- 1 a Council paper from the Graduation Office regarding Graduates in Absentia dated 13 November 2020 (document VUWC 20/165).
- 2 the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted as per the resolutions below (document VUWC 20/165).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in Part A of document VUWC 20/165 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 20 November 2020.
 - 2 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in Part B of document VUWC 20/165 at an official graduation ceremony on the dates listed and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates.
 - 3 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia be recorded.

Lawrence/Morar
Carried
200198

20.226

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 13 November 2020 regarding the appointment of a Council member as a result of the 2020 student election (document VUWC 20/166).

- Noted:**
- 1 that Ms Tiana Jakicevich was the successful candidate in the 2020 student election by a significant margin.
 - 2 that Council congratulated Ms Jakicevich on her resounding success in the student election and conveyed their enthusiasm for working with her in the New Year.

Resolved: that in accordance with clause 5.1(c) of the Council Membership Statute, Ms Tiana JAKICEVICH be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2022.

Lawrence/Morar
Carried
200199

The Chancellor vacated the Chair and handed it to the Vice-Chancellor for the following Item

20.227

ELECTION OF THE 2021 CHANCELLOR AND PRO-CHANCELLOR

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 13 November 2020 regarding the election of the 2021 Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor (document VUWC 20/167).

Noted: that by the due date and time of 9am on 13 November 2020 there were two nominations for Mr Paviour-Smith as Chancellor and two nominations for Dame Therese Walsh as Pro-Chancellor.

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Mr Neil Paviour-Smith be declared duly elected unopposed to the office of Chancellor for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.
 - 2 that Dame Therese Walsh be declared duly elected unopposed to the office of Pro-Chancellor for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021.

Resolved:

Lawrence/Morar
Carried
200200

The Chancellor resumed the Chair

20.228

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 20/168).

Resolved: 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 15-31.
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
15. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 October 2020	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
16. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Speaker, new CEO Wellington Uni Professional	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Financial report to 30 September 2020	s 9(2)(b)(ii), s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Covid-19 Deficit Reduction Programme	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Insurance Mandate	s (2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Rescinding of Qualification conferred	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. 2021 Draft Annual Management Plan and 2021 Budget	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Living Pā updated funding options	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

26. Te Aro Campus	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. Report from the VUWSA President	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
28. Interim Domestic & International Code of Practice Self reviews for 2020	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
29. Quarterly reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation • National Music Centre 	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
30. Reports from Committee Chairs	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, S48(1)(a)(ii)
31. 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 31, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Paviour-Smith/McCarthy
Carried
200201