



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 6 September 2021  
from 9.00 am to 5.15 pm via Zoom Videoconference**

**PRESENT:**

- Mr John Allen
- Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich
- Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
- Professor Kate Hunter
- 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
- Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)
- Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications
- Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori
- Professor Margaret Hyland, Vice-Provost (Research)
- 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 Phil O'Connell, Director, Safety, Risk and Assurance
- Ms Danette Olsen, Director, Research Office
- Mr Nigel Riley, Director Marketing
- Mr Michael Turnbull, VUWSA President
- Professor Jennifer Windsor, Pro Vice-Chancellor FHSS and Dean of Education

### **21.141 KARAKIA**

**Noted:** that Dr Dianne McCarthy led the Karakia.

### **21.142 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES**

**Noted:**

- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting which was conducted fully via Zoom due to lockdown (since 17 August) following discovery of community transmission of the Delta variant of COVID-19. He

confirmed that the meeting was being live-streamed to meet the University's public meeting requirements under the Local Government and Official Information Act.

- 2 that the death of Emeritus Professor Lydia Wevers was acknowledged with great sadness. Council members paid tribute to the long and significant contribution Lydia made to the University in her work as a champion of the humanities, to her research, teaching and supervision, and to her role as a mentor and friend to countless staff and students.
- 3 that there were no apologies.

#### **21.143 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**Received:** declarations and disclosure of interests by members of Council.

**Noted:** that Professor Hunter declared a related-party interest in regard to item 12 (Student Fees for 2022) and item 13 (Student Services Levy) due to her son studying at the University in 2022. It was deemed that this was not a conflict.

#### **21.144 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 26 JULY 2021**

**Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 July 2021.

**Resolved:** that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 26 July 2021 be approved.

McCarthy/Jakicevich  
Carried  
210129

#### **21.145 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** an oral report from the Chancellor.

**Noted:** that since the last meeting of Council held on 26 July 2021 the Chancellor:

- met / spoke with the Vice-Chancellor on several occasions
- met with staff from the Development Office regarding the upcoming direct mail campaign
- attended the Te Aka Matua Committee on 2 August 2021
- attended the Crown Entities Chairs' workshop hosted by Peter Hughes, Public Service Commissioner on 4 August 2021
- attended a Disciplinary Appeals Committee meeting as Council representative on 11 August 2021
- attended the Prime Minister's Forum on Reconnecting New Zealanders to the World on 12 August 2021
- attended the Audit & Risk Committee meeting on 16 August 2021
- attended the Finance Committee meeting on 16 August 2021
- attended the Chancellors' Group meeting via Zoom on 16 August 2021 at which a common theme was the length of time ministerial appointments to Councils are taking.
- attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting on 17 August 2021
- attended the Joint Chancellors' and Vice-Chancellors' meeting on 19 August via Zoom

**Resolved:** that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Nesus/Judge

**Carried**  
**210130**

**21.146 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 27 August 2021 (document VUWC 21/93).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the funeral in Karori of previous Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement), Professor Frazer Allan, who died recently in Sydney, was screened in the Council Chamber and followed by an event for staff, family and friends to share their memories.
- 3 that the outstanding work of three Te Herenga Waka Professors was acknowledged. Professors James Renwick, Nick Golledge and Dave Frame played a prominent role in commentary on the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.
- 4 that the University will continue to use the QS rankings as its key benchmark for performance, given the more equitable methodology QS applies. In addition, the University will have an increasing focus on the THE Impact Rankings, which assess universities against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- 5 that the Wellington Student Learning Centre at Capital Normal University (CNU) in Beijing officially opened at the beginning of August, providing our students who remain in China due to COVID-19 border restrictions the option of joining classmates on campus at one of China's top universities.

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

**Te Puni/Morar**  
**Carried**  
**210131**

**21.147 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JULY 2021**

**Received:** the Financial report to 31 July 2021 (document VUWC 21/94).

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the University remains on track to achieve a strong surplus in 2021 due to a number of factors including higher domestic EFTS, strong research revenue, a conservative approach to spending by budget holders and a challenging job market making replacing staff difficult.

**Resolved:** that the Financial report to 31 July 2021 be noted.

**Judge/McCarthy**  
**Carried**  
**210132**

**21.148 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Received:** reports from Committee Chairs:

- Te Aka Matua Committee, 2 August 2021
- Finance Committee, 16 August 2021
- Audit & Risk Committee, 16 August 2021
- Academic Board report, 24 August 2021 and 20 July 2021 (document VUWC 21/95).

- Noted:** *Academic Board, 20 July and 24 August 2021*
- 1 that there had been robust discussion at both meetings on Academic integrity.
  - 2 that the retention of 70% of provisionally admitted students through to Trimester 2 was acknowledged and the efforts of staff to support these students was commended by the Council.
  - 3 that air travel minimisation had resulted in the University reducing its emissions beyond the target of 20% by 2030 to 40% right now. Discussion is underway as to how best to hold onto this gain.

**Resolved:** **that the minutes of the Committee meetings and reports from the Academic Board be noted.**

Hunter/Nesus  
Carried  
210133

## 21.149 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

**Received:** a Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 31 August 2021 providing a Media and Social Media report (document VUWC 21/96).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that again, the most popular post on Instagram was one that involved dogs.

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

Te Puni/Allen  
Carried  
210134

## 21.150 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 31 August 2021 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 21/97).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
  - 2 that all events are under review as COVID-19 alert levels change and the updated rules around each level are specified by the government.
  - 3 that the inaugural lecture by Council member Professor Kate Hunter has been re-scheduled (due to the lockdown) to 23 November 2021.
  - 4 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 18 October 2021 at 9.00am 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, 18 October 2021 be noted.**

Morar/Jakicevich  
Carried  
210135

## 21.151 CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 6 September 2021 (document VUWC 21/98).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 21/98 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 6 September 2021.
  - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Jakicevich/Morar

Carried

210136

## 21.152 NOMINATIONS PANEL – APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT

**Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 17 August 2021 regarding the appointment and re-appointment of Nominations Panel members (document VUWC 21/99).

**Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Chancellor and supported by the Nominations Panel:

- 1 that Dame Winnie Laban be appointed by Council as the professional staff member on the Nominations Panel under clause 4.1(c) to a term commencing 6 September 2021 and concluding on 30 June 2025.
- 2 that Ms Brenda Pilott be re-appointed by Council to a further term as an external member of the Nominations Panel under clause 4.1(g) to a term commencing 26 September 2021 and concluding on 30 June 2025.

Paviour-Smith/McCarthy

Carried

210137

## 21.153 DOMESTIC TUITION FEES - 2022

**Received:** a Council paper from the Vice-Provost (Academic) dated 26 August 2021 regarding Domestic Tuition Fees for 2022 (document VUWC 21/100).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read and the Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Provost (Academic) spoke to it.
  - 2 that the Chancellor invited the VUWSA President, Mr Michael Turnbull to speak. Following discussion it was agreed that the Vice-Chancellor and Mr Turnbull would meet to progress how best to engage students at budget setting time in the fee setting process as previous efforts had not yielded much interest.

**Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, as outlined in document VUWC 21/100, Council approves:

- 1 the 1.7% increase in domestic tuition fees, the proposed Annual Maximum Fee Movement (AMFM) for 2022;
- 2 Fees for selected new programmes;
- 3 2022 and 2023 International (Full Fee) Fees that had not been included in document VUWC 21/34 – 2022-2023 International Tuition Recommendations paper.

Judge/McCarthy

Carried

210138

Abstained: Jakicevich

Abstained: Morar

21.154

**STUDENT SERVICES LEVY - 2022**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Vice-Provost (Academic) dated 1 September 2021 regarding the Student Services Levy for 2022 (document VUWC 21/101).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that there had been consultation with students including a survey that canvassed three possible options for the SSL charging structure.
- 3 that Council agreed to the introduction of a per-point charging structure, which brings Te Herenga Waka in line with other New Zealand universities, with a rebate for current Wellington-based students.

**Resolved:** that Council approves:

- 1 a change to the 2022 Student Services Levy to a per-point charging structure with a rebate for current Wellington-based students:
  - \$8.48 per-point for Wellington-based students
  - \$4.24 per-point for off campus students;
- 2 no increase to the 2021 Student Assistance Levy for 2022.

Judge/Morar  
Carried  
210139

21.155

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 21/102).

**Resolved:**

- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 15-27.  
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. Council only time	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
16. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 July 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	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 31 July 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Marketing concepts presentation	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. PhD qualification amendment	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Foundation Quarterly report to 30 June 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. VUWSA President report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Research Profile and Future at Te Herenga Waka	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. Living Pā update	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. Reports from Committee Chairs	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	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 15, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Paviour-Smith/Hunter  
Carried  
210140

*The meeting adjourned at 10.25 am*

*All management including the Vice-Chancellor and staff with the exception of the Secretary to Council left the meeting*