



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 10 October 2022
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building and via Zoom Videoconference
from 9.00 am to 1.35 pm**

PRESENT: Mr John Allen (Chancellor)
Professor Richard Arnold
Mr Jaistone Finau
Ms Tiana Jakicevich
Mr Alan Judge
Mr David McLean *via Zoom*
Ms Cath Nesus
Hon Maryan Street (Pro-Chancellor)
Professor Jennifer Windsor (Acting Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES: Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich
Mr James Te Puni

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Jackie Anderson, Acting General Counsel
Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)
Mr Mark Daldorf, Director, People and Capability
Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications
Ms Edwina Harris, President, Pasifika Students' Council
Professor Mark Hickford, Pro Vice-Chancellor Government, Law & Business
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori
Professor Margaret Hyland, Vice-Provost, Research
Mr Andrew Jackson, Director, Strategic Projects
Mr Simon Johnson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Mr John Lee, Vice-President (Academic), PGSA
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Ms Kirsty McClure, Director, Student Experience and Wellbeing
Ms Kelly Mitchell, Ngai Tauira Vice-President
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Ralph Zambrano, VUWSA President

22.176

WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

Noted:

- 1 that Mr Allen led the Karakia
- 2 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged those watching the meeting via livestream.
- 3 that a special welcome was extended to Ms Kelly Mitchell, the successful candidate in the recent student election. See also Minute 22.190.

22.177

DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- Received:** declarations and disclosure of interests by members of Council.
- Noted:** that the Interests Register will be updated to include Professor Richard Arnold's membership of the Tertiary Education Union.
- Noted:**
- 1 that Council members were reminded to advise the Secretary to Council of any changes to their disclosure of interests listing between meetings.
 - 2 that no further disclosures were made relating to today's agenda.

22.178

COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2022

- Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5 September 2022.
- Noted:**
- 1 that refreshed branding guidelines will be issued soon and these will allow the use of 'VUW' as an abbreviation.
 - 2 that work will take place with MetLink to ensure there are not multiple different names for the University at bus stops and on bus destination signage including removal of the confusing Wellington-Uni.
- Resolved:** that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 5 September 2022 be approved.

Judge/Jakicevich
Carried
220155

22.179

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

- Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 3 October 2022 (document VUWC 22/120).
- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that the Vice-Chancellor designate, Professor Nic Smith, will visit the University again next week and will undertake a series of staff, alumni and external stakeholder engagements. Professor Smith takes up the role on 16 January 2023.
 - 3 that the University continues to face increasing financial challenges with inflationary pressures causing costs to rise more quickly than revenue. In this climate, the critical need to increase revenue was acknowledged.
 - 4 that the Chancellor highlighted the outstanding inaugural lectures he had attended recently and recommended that all Council members attend if at all possible.
 - 5 that the University is currently undertaking good faith bargaining as part of the renewal of four collectives. There was discussion on engagement with government and what this could look like. Universities NZ has historically engaged with government and ministers on a range of issues, however each University continues to pursue current bargaining negotiations in its own right.
- Resolved:** that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Finau/McLean
Carried
220156

22.180

REPORT FROM THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 30 September 2022 (document VUWC 22/121).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of Te Petihana Māori—the Māori Language Petition, were highlighted.
- 3 that a successful University Open Day, the first since 2019, was held - a critical event in terms of helping prospective students imagine themselves at Victoria.

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

**Nesus/Street
Carried
220157**

22.181

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2022

Received: the Financial report to 31 August 2022 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery (document VUWC 22/122).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

Resolved: that the Financial report to 31 August 2022 be noted.

**Judge/Arnold
Carried
220158**

22.182

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Received: the report of the Academic Board meeting held on 20 September 2022 (document VUWC 22/123).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

Resolved: that the Academic Board report be noted.

**Jakicevich/McLean
Carried
220159**

22.183

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 29 September 2022 providing a Media and Social Media report (document VUWC 22/124).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the positive press on the University's Intimate and Close Personal Relationships policy was highlighted.
- 3 that benchmarking reports on the University's media saturation are carried out from time to time and another one is due soon. Media partnerships

with, for example, Newsroom and The Conversation have had a positive effect.

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

Nesus/Jakicevich
Carried
220160

22.184 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council, Ms Caroline Ward, dated 30 September 2022, listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 22/125).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that Council members were encouraged to attend the upcoming December graduation celebrations at the Michael Fowler Centre and weather permitting, the parade. These celebrations are able to take place after the more than two and a half years of disruption caused by COVID-19.
- 3 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 28 November 2022 at 9.00 am 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, 28 November 2022 be noted.

Street/Arnold
Carried
220161

22.185 CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received:

- 1 the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 10 October 2022 (document VUWC 22/126).
- 2 a request from the Vice-Provost (Academic) that two PhD students be added to the list to graduate at this meeting.

Noted: that Council agreed that the following two PhD students be added to the conferment list for 10 October 2022.

Doctor of Philosophy
Evans, Matthew Joseph, in Chemistry
Krieger, Erik, in Marine Biology

Resolved:

- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 22/126, as well as Matthew Joseph Evans and Erik Krieger, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 10 October 2022.
- 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Jakicevich/Finau
Carried
220162

22.186

CONFERMENT OF GRADUANDS FOR DECEMBER 2022 CEREMONIES

Received: a Council paper dated 3 October 2022 from the Vice-Provost (Academic), Professor Stuart Brock, regarding the Conferment of Graduands for the December 2022 ceremonies (document VUWC 22/127).

Noted: that only students for whom advance graduation applications were received prior to 1 July 2022 are included; international students completing in Trimester 2; and thesis students who anticipate completing shortly after the ceremony application deadline (1 October 2022).

Resolved: **that Council:**

- 1 **approve the delegation of conferring qualifications for Trimester 2 completing students jointly to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor;**
- 2 **approve the request to confer qualifications with a date that aligns with the ceremonies (7, 8 or 9 December 2022).**

**Street/Judge
Carried
220163**

at 10.20 am the following students joined the meeting:

Mr Ralph Zambrano, President (VUWSA)

Ms Kelly Mitchell, Co-President (Ngai Tauira)

Mr John Lee, VP Advocacy (PGSA)

Ms Edwina Harris, President (Pasifika Students' Council)

Noted: that the invited students spoke to the following two items on 2023 Domestic Tuition Fees and the 2023 Student Services Levy. The full notes of this discussion are on the file for this meeting.

22.187

DOMESTIC TUITION FEES – 2023

Received: a Council paper dated 30 September 2022 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery, regarding Domestic Tuition Fees for 2023 (document VUWC 22/128).

Noted:

- 1 that the Domestic Tuition Fees paper was taken as read.
- 2 that the University is in a difficult fiscal environment in which costs are rising faster than revenue and inflationary pressure is intensifying the challenge.
- 3 that in this environment a majority of Council was supportive of an increase of 2.75 percent in domestic undergraduate and postgraduate tuition fees for 2023 noting this is the maximum permitted by Government.

Resolved: **that Council approves:**

- 1 **the 2.75% increase in domestic tuition fees, the proposed Annual Maximum Fee Movement for 2023**
- 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/McLean
Carried
220164**

Abstained: Jakicevich/Finau

22.188

STUDENT SERVICES LEVY - 2023

Received: a Council paper from the Vice-Provost (Academic) dated 20 September 2022 regarding the Student Services Levy for 2023 (document VUWC 22/129).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that Student Leaders robustly presented their arguments against the 2.75% increase to the 2023 SSL.
- 3 that it was acknowledged that a full review will be conducted of the Student Services Levy. This review will be sponsored by the Provost and will get underway soon.
- 4 that the Pro-Chancellor suggested two additional recommendations (see 4 and 5 below) to ensure certain aspects of the review into the SSL are given proper priority.
- 5 that in light of the pending review into the SSL it was recommended that the increase be reduced from 2.75% to 1.5%. This was unanimously supported.
- 6 that the Provost will advise the recalculated per point amount to reflect the reduced increase from the originally proposed 2.75% subsequent to the meeting.

Resolved: that Council approves:

- 1 the 2023 Student Service Levy charge per-point being set at:
 - \$8.60* per-point for Wellington based students,
 - \$4.30* per-point for off campus students;
 this is the equivalent of a 1.5% increase (**per point values recalculated further to submitted paper*)
- 2 no increase to the 2022 Student Assistance Levy for 2023.
- 3 discontinuation of levy rebates for 2023.
- 4 that the SSL review proceed with a view to addressing concerns expressed, including fairness, access and transparency of information.
- 5 that further consideration be given to the affordability of childcare services through the Student Services Levy, taking all available options into account.

Judge/Street

Carried

220165

Abstained: Jakicevich/Finau

22.189

TE AKA MATUA COMMITTEE – REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

Received: a Council paper dated 3 October 2022 from Ms Cath Nesus, Chair, Te Aka Matua Komiti, presenting revised Terms of Reference (document VUWC 22/130).

Noted:

- 1 that the minor changes requested at the 5 September Council meeting had been incorporated.
- 2 that the Chancellor acknowledged Ms Nesus and the Te Aka Matua Committee for their work to bring the revised Terms of Reference to today's meeting.

- 3 that key changes include an increased membership and more frequent meetings moving from four to six per annum.

Resolved: that the revised Terms of Reference for the Te Aka Matua Komiti be approved.

Nesus/Jakicevich
Carried
220166

22.190 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER FOLLOWING STUDENT ELECTION

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 4 October 2022 regarding the appointment of a Council member following the 2022 student election (document VUWC 22/131).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that Ms Kelly Mitchell was the successful candidate in the recent student election.
- 3 that there was a haka by students in attendance in recognition of this appointment.

on the recommendation of the Chancellor:
that in accordance with clause 5.1(c) of the Council Membership Statute, Ms Kelly Mitchell be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

Allen/Finau
Carried
220167

22.191 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 22/132).

Resolved:

- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 17-26.

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
17. Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022	s9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii), and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Chancellor's report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Acting Vice-Chancellor's report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Financial report to 31 August 2022	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Q3 report against Annual Management Plan	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. 2023 draft Annual Management Plan	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Governing for the Future concept paper	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Minutes of the Academic Board meeting	s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. Council only time	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

In relation to each of the above items, no public interest consideration has been identified favouring disclosure of the particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

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.

Arnold/Finau
Carried
220168

at 11.00 am the meeting adjourned for morning tea / at 11.15 am the meeting reconvened