



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 August 2017  
From 12.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,  
Kelburn Campus**

**PRESENT:** Sir Neville Jordan (Chancellor)  
Ms Robyn Bargh  
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)  
Ms Jacinta Gulasekharam  
Ms Traci Houpapa  
Associate Professor Kate Hunter  
Dr Carwyn Jones  
Ms Alexandria Mark  
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Pro-Chancellor)  
Dr Farib Sos  
Mr Roger Taylor  
Dame Therese Walsh  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Professor Frazer Allan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement)  
Mr Stephen Costley, Director Property Services  
Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director, Human Resources  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Maori  
Mr Gerard Hoffman, Manager SAS, Student Counselling, Health, Services  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Professor Kate McGrath, Vice-Provost (Research)  
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director Safety Risk Assurance  
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director Communications, Marketing and Engagement  
Mr Guy Somerset, Senior Writer, Communications Advisor  
Ms Pam Thorburn, Director Student Academic Services

**INVITED GUESTS:** Mr Leo Lonergan, Deputy Chair, Foundation  
Ms Kerry Prendergast, Chair, Civic Music Hub Campaign

### 17.168 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

**Noted:** 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting.  
2 that there were no apologies.

### 17.169 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

- Noted:**
- 1 that Dame Therese advised the following disclosures of interest by a member of Council, by way of a general notice under the Education Act 1989 Section 175 and the Local Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968.
    - Board Member, Antarctica NZ
    - Director, NZOOM Ltd
    - Director, TVNZ International Ltd
    - Director, Freeview Television Ltd
    - Director, TVNZ Investments Ltd
  - 2 that the Disclosures of Interests Register was available at all times on the Resource Centre of Board books.
  - 3 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings. The summary disclosures list was circulated with every public board book and the interests register was on the Resource Centre of Board books.

**17.170 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2017**

**Received:** the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 31 July 2017.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 31 July 2017 be approved.

Houpapa/Hunter  
Carried  
170124

**17.171 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31 JULY 2017**

**Noted:** that there were no Matters Arising from the Public minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2017.

**17.172 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JULY 2017**

**Received:** the Financial Report to 31 July 2017 (VUWC 17/99).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the July University Group result (excluding the Foundation) at \$8.4m was \$4.1m favourable to budget.

**Resolved:** that the Financial report to 31 July 2017 be noted and approved.

Mark/Houpapa  
Carried  
170125

**17.173 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED**

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 28 August 2017 (document VUWC 17/100).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 17/100 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 28 August 2017.
  - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

**Jones/Hunter**  
**Carried**  
**170126**

**17.174 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE VICTORIA HONOURS COMMITTEE**

**Received:** a Council Paper from the Chancellor dated 21 August 2017 regarding the appointment of a Member (Professor Phil Lester) to the Victoria Honours Committee (document VUWC 17/101).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the appointment was to replace Professor Lydia Wevers, a long-serving member of the Committee. Council recorded its appreciation for Professor Wevers' contribution.
  - 2 that the Council delegated authority to the Chancellor to set terms in place for the previously appointed other staff members on the Committee.

**Resolved:** that the appointment of Professor Phil Lester to the Victoria Honours Committee be approved for a term of four years from 28 August 2017.

**Jordan/Paviour-Smith**  
**Carried**  
**170127**

**17.175 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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

- Noted:** that since the last meeting of Council on 31 July 2017 the Chancellor:
- attended the Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting
  - chaired an HR Committee Teleconference
  - met with the Minister of Education and the Minister for Tertiary Education
  - met with the Secretary of Education
  - attended the Samoan Prime Minister's book launch
  - met with Wellington City Councillors
  - attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting
  - attended the Finance Committee meeting
  - met with the Chair of the Foundation
  - met with the Chair of the Civic Music Hub Fundraising Campaign
  - hosted a micro-credentials Workshop in the Council Chamber for Engineering Education to Employment
  - attended the Opening of the Miramar Creative Centre.

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

**Walsh/Bargh**  
**Carried**  
**170128**

17.176

**REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 22 August 2017 (document VUWC 17/102).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the report was taken as read The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following:
- 2 that Professor Joseph Bulbulia was awarded a \$ 4.6 million grant from the Templeton Religion Trust to support and expand the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study.
- 3 the successful launch of Samoan Prime Minister Tuila'epa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi's memoir Pālemia.
- 4 the achievement of Dr James McKinnon in receiving a 2017 national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award recognising his commitment to innovative and holistic teaching.
- 5 the newly achieved accreditation of the Master of Public Management and Master of Public Policy degrees by the internationally recognised Network of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).
- 6 the well attended and successful opening of the Miramar Creative Centre.

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

**Walsh/Bargh  
Carried  
170129**

17.177

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Received:** the Minutes from the following Committee meetings and the Academic Board report from the meeting held on 8 August (VUWC 17/103).

- *Te Aka Matua Committee, 7 August 2017*
- *Academic Board Minutes, 8 August 2017*
- *Finance Committee, 14 August 2017*
- *Audit & Risk Committee, 21 August 2017*

**Noted:** *Academic Board Minutes*  
that Council acknowledged the success of Professor Richard Furneaux, Director, Ferrier Institute, in winning the Bank of New Zealand Supreme Award in the 2017 KiwiNet Research Commercialisation Awards.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes and Academic Board reports be noted.

**Walsh/Bargh  
Carried  
1700130**

17.178

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING**

**Received:** a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 22 August 2017 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 17/105).

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 25 September 2017 starting at 12.00 noon with a light lunch in the Victoria Room. The formal meeting will commence at 12.30 pm in the Hunter Council Chamber.

**Resolved:** that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details for the next Council meeting on Monday, 25 September 2017 be noted.

Walsh/Bargh  
Carried  
170131

17.179

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 17/105).

**Resolved:** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 14-29 for the reasons and duration outlined in the recommendation, with the exception of such members of the management team as the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor may request to remain for the public excluded part of the agenda as they have knowledge relevant to particular issues to be discussed.

Walsh/Bargh  
Carried  
170132