



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 18 October 2021  
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building and via Zoom Videoconference  
from 9.00 am to 5.10 pm**

**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)  
Hon Maryan Street  
Mr James Te Puni  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr Anne Barnett, CEO, Wellington UniVentures  
Mr Suri Bartlett, External Advisor to the Student Services Programme (SSP)  
Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications  
Professor Mark Hickford, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Law  
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  
Ms Vanessa Pye, Director Titoko  
Mr John Randal, Director, Teaching-Intensive Academic Career Pathway

### **21.171 KARAKIA**

**Noted:** that Mr John Allen led the Karakia

### **21.172 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES**

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting which was conducted in alert level 2 in Wellington. As Professor Guilford was unable to leave Auckland, which remains in alert level 3, he attended via Zoom videoconference.
  - 2 that the meeting was live-streamed to meet the University's public meeting requirements under the Local Government and Official Information Act

and Council members were reminded to use the microphones to ensure that sound was conveyed via the live stream and to Professor Guilford attending remotely.

3 that Hon Maryan Street was warmly welcomed to her first meeting of Council.

4 that the successful student in the recent elections, Mr Jaistone Finau was welcomed to the public session of the meeting. The Chancellor introduced Mr Finau and congratulated him on winning the student election and in doing so becoming the Council's first ever Pasifika member. See minute 21.184 confirming the official appointment of both the new staff and student members of Council.

5 that there were no apologies.

6 that Hon Maryan Street introduced herself to Council delivering her mihi in te reo Māori.

## **21.173 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

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

**Noted:** 1 that disclosures for Hon Maryan Street had been added to the Disclosure of Interests register.

2 that there were no additional disclosures relating to items on the agenda.

## **21.174 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 6 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 6 September 2021.

**Resolved:** that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 6 September 2021 be approved.

**Jakicevich/Judge  
Carried  
210153**

## **21.175 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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

**Noted:** that since the last meeting of Council held on 6 September 2021 the Chancellor:

- met / spoke with the Vice-Chancellor on several occasions
- met with Hon Maryan Street following her appointment to the University Council by the Minister of Education
- met with Tim Fowler, CEO of Tertiary Education Commission
- met / spoke with Professor Kate Hunter on several occasions regarding the VC appointment process and the University Advisory Group
- met / spoke with Pro-Chancellor Dr Dianne McCarthy and Council member John Allen on several occasions regarding Council leadership succession
- interview with Salient regarding an article about the VC appointment process
- hosted a Workshop session on 21 September via Zoom at the Academic Board meeting regarding the VC appointment process and establishment of the University Advisory Group

- hosted two Workshop sessions via Zoom with professional staff on 23 September and 24 September regarding the VC appointment process and establishment of the University Advisory Group
- attended a Zoom meeting with the Mayor of Wellington, Council officials and a group of business leaders to discuss the draft economic development strategic plan for the city
- met with former Council member Associate Professor Carwyn Jones
- met with staff-elected Council appointee Professor Richard Arnold
- met with student-elected Council appointee Jaistone Finau
- attended the Finance Committee meeting on 27 September.

*Action:*

**Noted:** that it was agreed to invite the Mayor and WCC CEO to an upcoming Council meeting to discuss tertiary education as a key area of future opportunity and prosperity for Wellington.

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

**Morar/McCarthy**  
**Carried**  
**210154**

**21.176**

**REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 12 October 2021 (document VUWC 21/112).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that the first set of Times Higher Education (THE) results to be released this year showed improved results in several subject rankings and the hard work to achieve this was acknowledged.
  - 3 that Mr John Milford has been formally appointed as Wellington UniProfessional Chief Executive.
  - 4 that the cyclical nature of research funding was discussed with Te Herenga Waka being lower than some other universities in New Zealand in a recent MBIE funding round. A post-hoc analysis is under way.
  - 5 that following a detailed risk assessment, it has been decided to make vaccination mandatory for students and staff living in University-operated accommodation from 2022. Advice is awaited from the Ministry of Education on mandatory vaccination in all tertiary settings however there does appear to be support from staff and students for such a move.
  - 6 that Council commended the phenomenal success of School of Design Innovation's Dr Mizuho Nishioka project 'MachineTime\_NatureTime' being accepted by the European Cultural Centre as an exhibit in 'Personal Structures' in the Venice Biennale in 2022.

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

**Allen/Street**  
**Carried**  
**210155**

**21.177**

**FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**Received:** the Financial report to 30 September 2021 (document VUWC 21/113).

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the University continues to remain on track to achieve a strong surplus in 2021.

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

Judge/Nesus  
Carried  
210156

21.178

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

**Received:** the draft Student Engagement framework from the Provost dated 12 October 2021 (document VUWC 21/114).

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the draft Student Engagement Framework has been developed by key University staff working with representatives from the Student Assembly and VUWSA. The Framework aims to enhance student engagement and communication by setting an overall approach and negotiating a Student Agreement at the beginning of each year that will set out the initiatives, responsibilities and directions for the following 12 months.
- 3 that assurance was sought that Ngai Tauira will be fully incorporated into the operationalisation of the Student Engagement framework.
- 4 that using the University's Treaty Statute as a context setting guide in how principles can be given effect to at a practical level was encouraged as part of this work.
- 5 that the Student Engagement Framework will be professionally edited (including checking all reo) and designed by the University's communications and marketing team. The associated Toolkit will form the basis of a body of resources and will be made widely available to support improvements to student engagement.
- 6 that Council expressed its overall support for the framework and acknowledged the work done to reach this place. Next steps will include training, socialisation and hopefully culture change.

**Resolved:** that Council notes its support for the Student Engagement framework.

Jakicevich/Morar  
Carried  
210157

21.179

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Received:** reports from Committee Chairs:

- Academic Board report, 21 September 2021 (document VUWC 21/115).
- Finance Committee, 27 September 2021

**Noted:**

*Action:*

- 1 that it was agreed that academic integrity policies would be circulated with documentation for the 14 February 2022 Council meeting as part of the Student Conduct statute item.
- 2 that the concept of meta-majors was discussed.

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

Bönisch-Brednich /Allen  
Carried  
210158

## **21.180 MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 12 October 2021 providing a report on Media and Social Media (document VUWC 21/116).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the relationship with Newsroom continued to strengthen providing an excellent channel for academic thought pieces.
- 3 that the announcement of the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients had generated strong interest, especially on social media.

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

Paviour-Smith/Allen  
Carried  
210159

## **21.181 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 12 October 2021 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 21/117).

**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 at this point preparations for the planned graduation ceremonies and events in late November/early December are continuing, however a stop/go point will be reached in the second week of November at which time a decision will be made. Alternative options are being developed including the opportunity for graduands to have their photographs taken with the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor (possibly in the Council Chamber).
- 4 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 6 December 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, 6 December 2021 be noted.

Judge/Nesus  
Carried  
210160

## **21.182 CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 18 October 2021 (document VUWC 21/118).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 21/118 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 18 October 2021.
  - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Jakicevich/Morar  
Carried  
210161

**21.183** **CONFERMENT OF ADVANCE GRAUDATION GRADUANDS  
FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021 CEREMONIES**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Vice-Provost (Academic) dated 12 October 2021 regarding the conferment of advance graduation graduands for November/December 2021 ceremonies (document VUWC 21/119).

**Noted:** that the Council paper was taken as read and members were unanimously supportive of its recommendation.

**Resolved:** that Council approve the delegation of conferring qualifications for Trimester two Advance graduation students to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

Allen/ Bönisch-Brednich  
Carried  
210162

**21.184** **APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FOLLOWING  
STAFF AND STUDENT ELECTIONS**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 12 October 2021 regarding the appointment of Council members following the recent staff and student elections (document VUWC 21/120).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read and members were unanimously supportive of its recommendations.
  - 2 that Mr Finau will be the first Pasifika member of Council.

**Resolved:** on the recommendation of the Chancellor:

- 1 that in accordance with clause 5.1(c) of the Council Membership Statute, Mr Jaistone FINAU be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

Jakicevich/Morar  
Carried  
210163

- 2 that in accordance with clause 5.1(b) of the Council Membership Statute Professor Richard ARNOLD be appointed to Council for a four year term from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2025.

Hunter/Bönisch-Brednich  
Carried  
210164

**21.185 APPOINTMENT TO AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 12 October 2021 regarding the appointment of a member to the Audit & Risk Committee (document VUWC 21/121).

**Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Chancellor:  
  
that Hon Maryan Street be appointed to the Audit & Risk Committee under clause 4.1(b) of the Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference.

Allen/ Paviour-Smith  
Carried  
210165

**21.186 FOUNDATION:  
APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES  
APPOINTMENT OF US FRIEND TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Received:**

- 1 a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 12 October 2021 regarding the appointment of Foundation Trustees (document VUWC 21/122).
- 2 a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 12 October 2021 regarding an appointment to the US Friends Board of Directors (document VUWC 21/123).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the two Council papers were taken as read and all recommendations unanimously supported.
- 2 that efforts continue to increase the diversity of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

**Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Chancellor

- 1 that Ms Souella Cumming and Mr Chris Finlayson be appointed as Trustees of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation under rules 2.4 and 7.2 of the First Schedule to the Trust Deed for a term office commencing on 1 October 2021 and concluding on 30 June 2024.

Judge/Te Puni  
Carried  
210166

- 2 that Ms Erica McLean be appointed to the Board of Directors of the US Friends of Victoria University of Wellington, Inc. for a term of three years commencing on 1 October 2021.

Guilford/McCarthy/McCarthy  
Carried  
210167

**21.187 ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR AND PRO-CHANCELLOR 2022**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 12 October 2021 regarding the election of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor for 2022 (document VUWC 21/124).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read and its recommendations unanimously supported.
- 2 that there was one nomination for Chancellor and one nomination for Pro-Chancellor therefore candidates for both positions are elected unopposed.

**Resolved:**

- 1 that Mr John Allen be declared duly elected to the office of Chancellor for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Paviour-Smith/McCarthy

Carried

210168

- 2 that Dr Dianne McCarthy be declared duly elected to the office of Pro-Chancellor for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Paviour-Smith/Nesus

Carried

210169

**Noted:**

that the Chancellor congratulated Mr Allen on his election as Chancellor and Dr McCarthy on her re-election as Pro-Chancellor commenting that he looked forward to a seamless handover of the Chancellor duties. He thanked Dr McCarthy for her strong support as Pro-Chancellor during 2021.

21.188

## RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

**Received:**

a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 21/125).

**Resolved:**

- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 18-33).

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	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
18. Council only time	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 September 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s 9(2)(a) and s 9(2)(b)(ii)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)



21. Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Student Success Programme, oral report from external governance advisor	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Governing for the Future: Speaker, Professor Mark Hickford	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Financial report to 30 September 2021	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i) and s 9(2)(k)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. 2022 Plan and Budget – initial review	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. Facility refinance	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
28. Weir House, James Hutchinson Wing	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
29. Murphy Annex business case stage two	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
30. Wellington UniVentures presentation: Speaker Dr Anne Barnett	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
31. Quarterly reports Digital roadmap and Annual Management Plan Q3	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
32. Teaching-intensive Academic Career pathway: Speaker Prof John Randal	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
33. 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 18, because of their

**knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.**

**Paviour-Smith/Hunter  
Carried  
210170**

*Mr Finau left the meeting at 10.20 am*