



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 27 August 2018  
From 12.30 pm to 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,  
Kelburn Campus**

**PRESENT:** Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)  
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)  
Mr John Allen  
Ms Robyn Bargh  
Ms Traci Houpapa  
Associate Professor Kate Hunter  
Dr Carwyn Jones  
Mr Alan Judge  
Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin  
Ms Alexandria Mark  
Dr Farib Sos  
Dame Therese Walsh (Pro-Chancellor)  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr Lucy Baragwanath, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement  
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Ms Maria Jones, Acting Director, Communications, Marketing and Engagement  
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director, Safety, Risk & Assurance

**INVITED GUESTS:** His Worship the Mayor, Justin Lester  
Mr Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive, Wellington City Council

### 18.164 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and extended a warm welcome to new Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement Dr Lucy Baragwanath.
  - 2 that the Mayor and WCC Deputy Chief Executive would join Council for afternoon tea.
  - 3 that there were no apologies.

**18.165 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

- Noted:**
- 1 that there were no 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.
  - 2 that the Disclosures of Interests Register was available at all times on the Resource Centre of Board books and circulated with material for all Council meetings.
  - 3 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings.

**18.166 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – MIRIAMA EVANS**

**Acknowledgment:** the Council honoured Hunter Fellow, graduate, former Council member and member of the Te Aka Matua Māori Advisory Committee and the Council Nominations Panel, Miriama Evans, who died two weeks ago.

- Noted:**
- 1 that a tribute to Miriama Evans was read by Robyn Bargh and the full address is to be attached as an appendix to the minutes as a permanent record.
  - 2 that the Chancellor acknowledged the extraordinary contribution made by Miriama Evans - a true friend of the University.
  - 3 that a minute of silence was observed in her memory.

**Resolved:** that Council record a vote of appreciation in recognition of Miriama Evans' long and distinguished contribution to Victoria University of Wellington.

Bargh/Houpapa  
Carried  
180151

**18.167 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 27 JULY 2018**

**Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 July 2018.

**Noted:** that all Foundation Trustees have accepted the terms of office approved by Council at its 27 July meeting.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 July 2018 be approved.

Allen/Hunter  
Carried  
180152

**18.168 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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

- Noted:**
- 1 that since the last meeting of Council on 27 July 2018 the Chancellor:
    - spoke at the Pōhiri for the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) , Vice-Provost (Research), Dean, Faculty of Education and two Council Members John Allen and Alan Judge.
    - attended the VUW Top Scholars event at Te Toki a Rata

- attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting
  - chaired the Nominations Panel meeting
  - attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting
  - met with the Vice-Chancellor
  - met with Hutt South MP Chris Bishop
  - met with Cerno director Dr Kate Mirfin
  - met with the Vice-Chancellor and former US Consul-General to Hong Kong and Macau Clifford Hart
  - attended a presentation on resilience by Dr Chris Bowden
  - attended the NZ Universities meeting of Chancellors and joint Chancellors/Vice-Chancellors meeting and dinner
  - attended one of three public Name Simplification forums hosted by the Vice-Chancellor
  - attended the Finance Committee meeting
  - met with the Vice-Chancellor and Secretary to Council
  - chaired the Audit & Risk Committee meeting
  - attended the Great Futures Launch – a VUW Foundation initiative
- 2 that the recent success of Robyn Bargh who received the 2018 Book Industry Lifetime Achievement Award was applauded.
- 3 that the inspiring address by Farib Sos as Chair of the Great Futures scholarship programme at the launch event last week, was acknowledged.

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

**Paviour-Smith/Sos**  
**Carried**  
**180153**

**18.169**

### **REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 21 August 2018 (document VUWC 18/111).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following:
    - the appointment of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) Professor Rawinia Higgins as the Chair and Commissioner of Te Taura Whiri I Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Commission)
    - finalists in the Women of Influence Awards – Professor Wendy Lamer, Professor Rawinia Higgins, Dr Lucy Baragwanath, Ms Poppy Norton, Emeritus Professor Lydia Wevers and former Council member Jacinta Gulasekharam
    - Professor Rebecca Priestley's honour in being appointed as a Companion by the Royal Society Te Apārangi for her work in advancing New Zealanders' understanding of science
    - the award of *best student paper* to PhD student Arif Ahmed at the Electricity Engineers' Association conference
    - the University being named as a finalist in two categories ('student engagement' and 'benefitting society') in the Australasian Green Gown Awards
    - a digital history of the Gordon Wilson Flats was well received and it is intended that this be exhibited in Wellington in 2019.

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

**Judge/Mark**  
**Carried**  
**180154**

**18.170 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- Received:** the Minutes from the following meetings:
- Te Aka Matua Committee, 6 August 2018
  - Nominations Panel meeting, 6 August 2018
  - Finance Committee, 13 August 2018
  - Audit & Risk Committee, 20 August 2018.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh  
Carried  
180155

**18.171 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING**

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 21 August 2018 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 18/112).

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 24 September 2018 starting 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, 24 September be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Allen  
Carried  
180156

**18.172 NAME SIMPLIFICATION UPDATE**

**Received:** a Council Paper from the Vice-Chancellor dated 21 August 2018 on Name Simplification (document VUWC 18/113).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
  - 2 that a second two-week consultation feedback period opened after the Council's draft decision to make a recommendation to the Minister of Education that the legal name of the University be changed from Victoria University of Wellington to University of Wellington; and that, subject to the Minister's approval of a change in name to University of Wellington, that the University's Māori name change from Te Whare Wānanga o Te Ūpoko O Te Ika a Māui change to Te Herenga Waka.
  - 3 that the two week consultation feedback period was extended by a further two weeks to conclude at 5pm today. As at Friday 24 August approximately 1,740 submissions had been received.
  - 4 that the draft decision had been widely publicised, the decision paper had been made available on the university website and the Vice-Chancellor had addressed a number of staff, student, and public forums with attendances typically of 30-40 people.
  - 5 that university ranking agencies, Times Higher Education and QS rankings remain of the view that a name change will help to improve the international reputation of the university.
  - 6 that two petitions have been launched. One regarding the draft decision has approximately 6,000 signatures and another requesting proper

consultation before the university's name is changed has approximately 1,800 signatures.

7 that a view was expressed that we could have better explained earlier in the process the strategy around a potential name change and why the draft decision was made (including how the options were presented) which may have helped engage more of the university community.

8 that concern was expressed that on social media there is a view that the name change is a foregone conclusion.

9 that the Chancellor reinforced that Council will receive all submissions and that the final decision will be taken in the public session of the 24 September Council meeting. He reiterated that whilst a draft decision had been made, the Council was still open to what final decision may be reached and this included the possibility that we might extend the time or might not make a final decision.

*Action:*

10 that the submissions be provided to Council members at the earliest possible opportunity to allow sufficient time to read them, noting that the summary of key themes could be supplied later.

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

Paviour-Smith/Walsh  
Carried  
180157

#### 18.173 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JULY 2018

**Received:** the Financial Report to 31 July 2018 (document VUWC 18/114).

**Resolved:** that the Financial Report to 31 July 2018 be noted and approved.

Judge/Allen  
Carried  
180158

#### 18.174 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 27 August 2018 (document VUWC 18/115).

**Resolved:** 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 18/115 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 27 August 2018.

2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Lenihan-Ikin/Mark  
Carried  
180159

#### 18.175 COUNCIL COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2019

**Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor dated 21 August 2018 regarding proposed Committee meeting dates for 2019 (document VUWC 18/116).

- Noted:**
- 1 that following the approval of Council dates for 2019 the proposed Committee dates had been established in consultation with Committee Chairs and senior management. The proposed dates take into account deadlines for key items requiring Council approval and ensure that meetings are well staggered throughout the year.
  - 2 that a notable change from 2018 is that on the four occasions that the Audit & Risk Committee meets this will be on the same day as the Finance Committee allowing efficiencies for Council members who are members of both committees.  
*Action:*
  - 3 that the Secretary to Council was asked to follow up with Council members to confirm availability on the proposed dates.

**Resolved:** that the proposed Committee meeting dates for 2019 be approved.

Paviour-Smith/Jones  
Carried  
180160

**18.176 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 18/117).

**Resolved:** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 14-28 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.

Paviour-Smith/Bargh  
Carried  
180161

## Appendix to Public minutes

### Miriama Evans

Miriama Evans was a descendant of Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāi Tahu. She died on Wednesday 15 August.

Miriama first came to public attention as part of the Spiral Collective which published Keri Hulme's *the bone people* and won the Booker Prize, awarded in London in 1985.

That same year, 1985, Miriama received an Honours degree in Maori Studies from Victoria University. 1986 was a big year for the university, especially Te Kawa a Maui, as it was the opening of the wharenuī, Te Tumu Te Herenga Waka and Miriama, like all Māori Studies staff at the time, was fully involved.

Miriama began a career in the public service in the Government Tourist Bureau in the 1960s. In the 1980s she was appointed Manager of Te Ohu Whakatupu, the Maori Womens Advisory group in the Ministry of Women's Affairs. She followed that with senior roles in Te Puni Kōkiri, the Ministry of Justice, and finally the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. In 2013, she was appointed to the Waitangi Tribunal.

After Miriama retired from the public service, she returned to Victoria University on contract to Te Kawa a Māui, teaching about policy development in Government and how this impacts on Māori society. In this role she demonstrated her passion to support and engage Māori students in the area of Māori development.

Miriama was a member of the University Council from 1991-1994 and more recently she has volunteered her time on the Council's Nominations Panel which was responsible for forming the entirely re-constituted 2016 Council. In this capacity Miriama provided valuable guidance in ensuring that the new Council had the right mix of diversity, skills and experience. Miriama was also an external member of Te Aka Matua; she attended her last meeting of Te Aka Matua on the Monday before she died.

In 2016 Miriama was awarded the Hunter Fellowship for her outstanding support, her generous nature and her commitment to Māori development at the University.

Besides her work with the university, Miriama leaves a strong legacy with her whānau and her iwi. Miriama was lead negotiator in the Treaty claim for Ngāti Mutunga and she developed a number of arts initiatives for Ngāi Tahu, with her sister Ranui.

I think it fitting to end with a whakatauki from Ngāi Tahu:

Ko te kāhui maunga, tū tonu, tū tonu,  
ko te kāhui tangata, karo noa, karo noa, ka haere.

The people may perish but the mountains will remain.