



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 2 May 2022
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building and via Zoom Videoconference
from 9.00 am to 3.45 pm**

PRESENT:

Mr John Allen (Chancellor)
Professor Richard Arnold
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich
Mr Jaistone Finau
Ms Tiana Jakicevich *via Zoom*
Mr Alan Judge
Dr Dianne McCarthy (Pro Chancellor) *until 3.25pm*
Mr David McLean
Ms Cath Nesus
Hon Maryan Street *until 3.25 pm*
Mr James Te Puni
Professor Jennifer Windsor (Acting Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES:

Dr Dianne McCarthy *for early departure*
Hon Maryan Street *for early departure*

IN ATTENDANCE:

Professor Marc Aurel Schnabel, Dean Faculty of Architecture & Design Innovation
Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)
Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications
Professor Margaret Hyland, Vice-Provost (Research)
Mr Andrew Jackson, Director, Strategic Projects
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Dame Winnie Laban, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Pasifika
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Dougal McNeill, Tertiary Education Union, VUW Branch President
Mr Blair McRae, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director Safety, Health and Wellbeing
Ms Nicky Wilford, Union Organiser, Tertiary Education Union

FALE MALE TRUST

Mr Adrian Orr, Chair

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Adrian Wimmers, Deputy Chair
Ms Sophie Bishop, Programme Manager, Fale Male Trust

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WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

Noted:

1 that Hon Maryan Street led the Karakia

- 2 that the Chancellor acknowledged Chief Operating Officer, Mark Loveard who was attending his final Council meeting after seven years with the University. He recognised Mark's values and people-focused leadership, the teams he has built and the results he has achieved. The Council thanked Mr Loveard for his contribution and wished him well for the future.
- 3 that apologies for early departure at 3.30 pm were received from Hon Maryan Street and Dr Dianne McCarthy.
- 4 that Ms Tiana Jakicevich was welcomed to the meeting via Zoom as she was in New York for a conference.

Resolved: that the apologies for early departure from Hon Maryan Street and Dr Dianne McCarthy be sustained.

Allen/Finau
Carried
220050

22.58

DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

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

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Disclosures of Interest had been updated as required since the last meeting and there were no further disclosures relating to items on the agenda.
 - 2 that Council members were reminded to advise the Secretary to Council of any changes to their disclosure of interests listing between meetings.

22.59

COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2022

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21 March 2022.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 21 March 2022 be approved.

Te Puni/McLean
Carried
220051

22.60

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 26 April 2022 (document VUWC 22/38).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that student numbers are well below what the University had expected for 2022 and most other NZ universities have had a similar result. Reasons for this will be explored later in the meeting.
 - 3 that following the TEC Board Chair and senior officials attending the March Council meeting, work has continued on enhancing the success of Māori, Pasifika and disabled students in keeping with TEC's Ōritetanga Learner success programme.
 - 4 that an update on recruitment of the University's next Vice-Chancellor was provided with the process reaching the 'sharp end'. Informal engagement with the Staff Advisory Group and the Te Aka Matua Committee panel will take place late next week leading to final interviews with Council in the week of 23 May. A vote to determine the successful candidate will be held

and this will be followed by reference checking and contract negotiations prior to an announcement.

that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Resolved:

Bönisch-Brednich/McCarthy

Carried

220052

22.61

REPORT FROM THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received:

a report from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 26 April 2022 (document VUWC 22/39).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the success of Professor Claudia Geiringer, Professor John Townend, and Professor Bastiaan Kleijn being named three of the 2022 Ngā Ahurei hou a Te Apārangi Fellows, elected to the Academy of the Royal Society Te Apārangi for their distinction in research and advancement of mātauranga Māori, humanities, technology, and science was highlighted.
- 3 that the recent death of Dr Moana Jackson (Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongomaiwahine, Ngāti Porou) was acknowledged. He leaves a significant legacy with his impact on the study of Māori law at Te Herenga Waka and the practice of Māori and Indigenous law throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.
- 4 that due to the late advice from the government of the change to orange under the COVID-19 protection framework, the planned May graduation celebrations at the Michael Fowler Centre and in the Hub could not proceed. A revised programme of events has been developed including the opportunity for graduates to have their photograph with the Chancellor, Acting VC at Pipitea Campus or the Pro-Chancellor and Provost at Kelburn Campus. There is also the opportunity to take part in a street parade from the Law School concluding at Civic Square with short speeches from the Mayor, Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.
- 5 that the Distinguished Alumni Awards celebration will proceed under orange at Te Papa on 20 May to recognise the achievements of six outstanding alumni.

Resolved:

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

Street/Nesus

Carried

220053

22.62

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2022

Received:

the Financial report to 31 March 2022 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery (document VUWC 22/39).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the report included census data which confirmed the anticipated lower EFTS than budget, a result that is consistent across the NZ university sector and one which has been the topic of recent media coverage.
- 3 that the operating budget variance of \$5m was explained as a timing issue at this early point in the year.
- 4 that the University's current debt of \$36m was within the total debt capacity of \$150m. It was confirmed that debt has been paid down recently.

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

Judge/Finau
Carried
220054

22.63

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Vice-Provost (Research), Professor Margaret Hyland, dated 26 April 2022 providing the University Research Committee report (document VUWC 22/41).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that in 2021, the Committee provided more than \$2.5 million in internal research funding and awards to Victoria researchers and postgraduate research students.
- 3 that Council commended the ongoing growth in external research revenue (\$89 million in 2021), high profile awards and recognition internationally for staff in many fields and disciplines, growth in publication in high-performing journals, and strong numbers of doctoral students despite the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4 that the work of Humanities and Social Science researchers, an area which accounts for a lower proportion of external research funding but is influential in the University's international rankings and reputation was acknowledged.
- 5 that the discussion considered cross-divisional research barriers and opportunities, the interface between Wellington UniVentures (VicLink) and University researchers, the government's predicted white paper with possible changes to the funding model, as well as potential changes to Crown Research Institutes.
- 6 that Council thanked Professor Hyland and the University Research Committee for their work in producing an outstanding report with its clear links to the University's strategic priorities.

Resolved: that the University Research Committee report be noted.

McCarthy/Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
220055

22.64

HUMAN ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT **ANIMAL ETHICS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Received: the Human Ethics Committee Annual report and the Animal Ethics Committee Annual report from the Vice-Provost (Research), Professor Margaret Hyland, dated 26 April 2022 (document VUWC 22/42).

Noted:

- 1 that both reports were taken as read.
Human Ethics Committee Annual report
- 2 that Associate Professor Judith Loveridge was acknowledged for her strong leadership as convenor of the Human Ethics Committee.
- 3 that the use of the Treaty statute in assisting people in their ethics applications was suggested.

Animal Ethics Committee Annual report

- 4 that the Code of Conduct had recently undergone its required (once every 5 years) review which had highlighted a few extra areas for improvement but overall confirmed that the University has a high-functioning Animal Ethics approach.
- 5 that the University is engaged in conversations around genetic technologies at the national level.
- 6 that the Chancellor thanked Professor Hyland, and all involved in the University's ethics committees for their work.

Resolved: that the Human Ethics Committee report be noted.

Arnold/Nesus
Carried
220056

that the Animal Ethics Committee report be noted.

McCarthy/McLean
Carried
220057

22.65

ACADEMIC BOARD REPORT, MEETING HELD 15 MARCH 2022

Received: a Council paper from the Provost, Professor Wendy Lerner, dated 26 April 2022 providing a report on the 15 March 2022 Academic Board meeting (document VUWC 22/43).

Noted:

1 that the report was taken as read.

2 that the full draft minutes are on the confidential agenda for this meeting.

Resolved: that the report on the 15 March 2022 Academic Board meeting be noted.

Te Puni/Finau
Carried
220058

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FOUNDATION ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2021

Received: a Council paper from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement, Mr Blair McRae, dated 26 April 2022 providing the Foundation Annual Accounts to 31 December 2021 (document VUWC 22/44).

Noted:

1 that the report was taken as read.

2 that 2021 was acknowledged as a very successful year for the Foundation, however such a result is unlikely to be repeated in 2022 due to market instability.

Resolved: that the Foundation Annual Accounts to 31 December 2021 be noted.

Judge/McLean
Carried
220059

22.67

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 13 April 2022 providing a Media and Social media report (document VUWC 22/45).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the reaction to the change in graduation plans for May had been significant across social media channels. Council requested that the nature of the reaction, i.e., positive or negative, be specified in future reports.
- 3 that the impact of the University's activities across the community had been well covered, particularly in the following areas:
 - COVID-19 and post-COVID-19 life
 - Climate change
 - Ukraine war
 - Taxes, library use and workplace humour.
- 4 that positive comments via Facebook on the opening of the Rainbow room had been well received.
- 5 that Council requested that Instagram data be broken down where relevant to show how we compare against other New Zealand universities.

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

Jakicevich/Te Puni
Carried
220060

22.68

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council, Ms Caroline Ward, dated 26 April 2022, listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 22/46).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that the re-scheduled inaugural lecture of former Council member, Professor Kate Hunter, on 31 May was highlighted.
- 3 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 13 June 2022 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, 13 June 2022 be noted.

Bönisch-Brednich/Te Puni
Carried
220061

22.69

CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 2 May 2022 (document VUWC 22/47).

Resolved:

- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 22/47 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 2 May 2022.
- 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Finau/Jakicevich
Carried
220062

22.70

SPEAKER – MR DOUGAL MCNEILL, TERTIARY EDUCATION UNION, VUW BRANCH PRESIDENT

Received: an oral report from Mr Dougal McNeill, Tertiary Education Union, VUW Branch President.

Noted:

- 1 that Mr McNeill welcomed the recent shift in the ways in which members of the University community are talking to each other.
- 2 that acknowledgment of high levels of staff and student fatigue by Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Jennifer Windsor in her video to the University community when she commenced in the Acting Vice-Chancellor role had been deeply appreciated by all staff.
- 3 that key areas of focus for the TEU are the need to be clear about what the mission and purpose of a University is and ensure activity is aligned with that, the need to focus on co-operation, internally and with other institutions (rather than competition), capacity issues, and how the University can build a culture of care.
- 4 that the Chancellor welcomed the constructive discussion and encouraging tone of the presentation and looked forward to ongoing engagement with the TEU.

Resolved: that the oral report from Mr Dougal McNeill be noted.

Allen/McCarthy
Carried
220063

22.71

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 22/48).

Resolved:

- 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 16-30.
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
16. Minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2022	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. Acting Vice-Chancellor's report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Financial report to 31 March 2022	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Q1 Annual Management plan report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Projects' prioritisation	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Naming	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Retrospective awarding of a qualification	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Rescinding and re-awarding of a qualification	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. AQA Academic Audit	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
27. Academic Board minutes, meeting held 15 March 2022	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	
28. Quarterly report on Student Recruitment and Marketing	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
29. Fale Male Trust – stakeholder update	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
30. Council only time	s 9(2)(a)	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 30, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

McCarthy/Arnold
Carried
220064

that Professor Marc Aurel Schnabel, Mr Dougal McNeill and Ms Nicki Wilford left the meeting at 10.30 am

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 am for morning tea

The meeting reconvened at 11.05 am