



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 15 May 2023
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building
from 9.00 am to 3.20 pm**

PRESENT: Mr John Allen (Chancellor)
Professor Richard Arnold
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich
Mr Jaistone Finau
Ms Pania Gray
Mr Alan Judge
Mr David McLean
Ms Kelly Mitchell
Ms Cath Nesus *via Zoom*
Professor Nic Smith (Vice-Chancellor)
Hon Maryan Street (Pro-Chancellor)
Mr James Te Puni *via Zoom from 10.45 am*
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES: Mr James Te Puni *for lateness*

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Jackie Anderson, Acting General Counsel
Mr Mark Daldorf, Director, People & Capability
Ms Jo Fisher, Associate Director, Communications
Mr Simon Johnson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Professor Markus Melloh, Dean, Faculty of Health
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director, Safety, Risk & Assurance
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer

INVITED GUESTS: Dame Karen Poutasi, Chair, Wellington UniProfessional
Mr John Milford, CEO, Wellington UniProfessional

23.61

WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that Professor Bönisch-Brednich led the Karakia.
 - 2 that Mr Allen warmly welcomed all to the meeting acknowledging Ms Cath Nesus attending via Zoom.
 - 3 that an apology for lateness was received from Mr Te Puni.
 - 4 that the Chancellor acknowledged Provost, Professor Wendy Lerner who was in attendance at her final meeting of Council before leaving to take up the position of Vice-Chancellor, Cardiff University. He thanked Professor

Larner for her contribution to Victoria over 7.5 years, her tenacity and deep commitment to the principles of the University sector in what it stands for and delivers and wished her well in her new and distinguished position.

23.62 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- Received:** declarations and disclosure of interests by members of Council.
- Noted:** that there were no further disclosures of interest since the release of the meeting documentation.
- Noted:** that Council members were reminded to advise the Secretary to Council of any changes to their disclosure of interests listing between meetings.

23.63 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2023

- Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023.
- Resolved:** that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 27 March 2023 be approved.

Street/Finau
Carried
230050

23.64 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

- Received:** a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 21 March 2023 (document VUWC 23/44).
- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that the Chancellor highlighted his attendance at the Everton Hall celebration, held for the first time since 2020. This uplifting occasion acts as inspiration for current students in residence to see the achievements of those who resided there in the past.
 - 3 that the Staff Excellence Awards had acknowledged the contribution made by a number of staff, and the Chancellor also recognised all staff for their efforts during particularly challenging and uncertain times.
 - 4 that the reality of the University's financial situation and the need for action to ensure a sustainable future for Te Herenga Waka is the top priority for the Vice-Chancellor. Professor Smith will provide staff with more detail around the proposed way forward at a series of forums to be held next week. Mr Allen emphasised the importance of ensuring that actions to address the situation have a long-term focus and enable continued investment in the University's strengths.
 - 5 that the Chancellor acknowledged the graduates who will celebrate their diligence and achievements with whanau and friends at this week's series of graduation parades, ceremonies and celebrations.

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

McLean/Nesus
Carried
230051

23.65

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nic Smith, dated 8 May 2023 (document VUWC 23/45).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the Vice-Chancellor detailed a number of recent successes of staff and students throughout the University despite the uncertain environment the University sector is facing. He commended staff for the wide range and high quality of outputs.
- 3 that the increasing number of students and student activity back on campus was encouraging and underpins the strength and core of the University as a whole.

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

Gray/Bönisch-Brednich
Carried
230052

23.66

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2023

Received: the Financial report to 31 March 2023 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery (document VUWC 23/46).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the report includes the Q1 2023 forecast which incorporates insights from the 2023 census. It shows a significant negative variance in the revenue line and it was advised that this negative variance will continue to grow for the remainder of the year.
- 3 that the Chancellor thanked the CFO for his report and how it underscores the need for action to ensure the future sustainability of the Te Herenga Waka.

Resolved: that the Financial report to 31 March 2023 be noted.

Arnold/Mitchell
Carried
230053

23.67

PASIFIKA REPORT

Received: a Council paper dated 8 May 2023 from Associate Professor Hon Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) providing a Pasifika update (document VUWC 23/47).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that Professor Neil Dodgson, Dean Faculty of Graduate Research joined Hon Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban for this item.
- 3 that the Pasifika Student Success Plan and the Pasifika Staff Success Plan were detailed.
- 4 that data was provided showing that from 2020 to 2023 the proportion of Pasifika students has increased and it is now at 7%.
- 5 that Council recognised the important role Pasifika student events have in increasing the vibrancy of Victoria's campuses.

- 6 that a number of research and teaching collaborations were detailed, and the positive progress on the Fale Malae project was highlighted.

Resolved: that the Pasifika update and presentation be noted.

Finau/Gray
Carried
230054

23.68

CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 15 May 2023 (document VUWC 23/48).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 23/48, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 15 May 2023.
 - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Finau/Mitchell
Carried
230055

23.69

APPOINTMENT TO TE AKA MATUA COMMITTEE

Received: a Council paper from Ms Cath Nesus, Chair, Te Aka Matua Committee, dated 8 May 2023, regarding the appointment of a member to the Te Aka Matua Committee (document VUWC 23/49).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
 - 2 that with this appointment all places on the Te Aka Matua Committee will be filled.

Resolved: that on the recommendation of the Te Aka Matua Committee:

Ms Kaea Hudson be appointed to the Te Aka Matua Committee under clause 4.1(h)(ii) of its Terms of Reference.

Nesus/Mitchell
Carried
230056

23.70

RESEARCH COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT HUMAN ETHICS COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT ANIMAL ETHICS COMMITTEE 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Vice Provost (Research), Professor Margaret Hyland, dated 8 May 2023 providing the Research Committee 2022 Annual report, the Human Ethics Committee 2022 Annual report and the Animal Ethics Committee 2022 Annual report (document VUWC 23/50).

- Noted:**
- 1 that Professor Hyland has been invited to speak at the next Council meeting on all aspects of the University's research activities.
 - 2 that academic profiles in the research report were skewed in favour of those from science disciplines, it was requested that in future there be profiles from across the University.

Resolved: that the Research Committee 2022 Annual report, the Human Ethics Committee 2022 Annual report and the Animal Ethics Committee 2022 Annual report be noted.

Street/Judge
Carried
230057

23.71 FOUNDATION ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2022

Received: a Council paper from the former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement, Mr Blair McRae, dated 14 April 2023 providing the Foundation Annual Accounts to 31 December 2022 (document VUWC 23/51).

Noted:

- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
- 2 that Mr McRae's secondment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement concluded on Friday, 12 May 2023. Professor Rawinia Higgins will take over the role for the next 18 months alongside her DVC Māori portfolio.

Resolved: that the Foundation Annual Accounts to 31 December 2022 be noted.

Street/Judge
Carried
230058

23.72 COMMITTEE MINUTES AND ACADEMIC BOARD REPORT

Received: the minutes of the following Committee meetings and the report of the Academic Board:

- Te Aka Matua Committee, 3 April 2023
- Academic Board report, 18 April 2023 (document VUWC 23/52)
- Audit & Risk Committee, 1 May 2023
- Finance Committee, 1 May 2023.

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

Street/Judge
Carried
230059

23.73 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council, Ms Caroline Ward, dated 29 April 2023 regarding Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 23/53).

Noted: that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 26 June 2023, at 9.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus, Wellington.

Resolved: that the Council paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 26 June 2023 be noted.

Street/Judge
Carried
230060

at 9.45 am Dame Karen Poutasi and Mr John Milford joined the meeting

23.74

SPEAKERS: WELLINGTON UNI PROFESSIONAL

Welcomed: Dame Karen Poutasi, Chair, Wellington UniProfessional
Mr John Milford, Chief Executive, Wellington UniProfessional

Noted:

- 1 that Dame Karen Poutasi (Chair) and John Milford (Chief Executive) of Kāpuhipuhi Wellington UniProfessional were warmly welcomed to the meeting. They presented an overview of this subsidiary of the University, which provides short courses and micro credentials for professional development.
- 2 that they outlined positive advances made especially in regard to industry engagement and the strong potential for greater revenue generation beyond the \$2.4 million contribution achieved in 2022.
- 3 that Wellington UniProfessional aims to offer people the skills they need for development throughout their careers—'bitesize chunks of learning' underpinned by the credibility the University offers.
- 4 that it was recognised that there is more work to be done to develop a revenue-sharing model to provide an incentive for Faculties to work with Wellington UniProfessional.
- 5 that the Chancellor thanked Dame Karen Poutasi and Mr Milford for their presentation.

at 10.25 am Dame Karen Poutasi and Mr John Milford left the meeting

23.75

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 23/54).

Resolved: 1 **that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 16-26.**

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	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
16. Minutes of previous meeting held on 27 March 2023	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.	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. 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)

18. 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)
19. 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)
20. Financial report to 31 March 2023 and Q1 2023 forecast	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Strategy item – financial sustainability	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Rescindment of PhD	s 9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Seismic Risk management framework	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Committee reports and Academic Board minutes	s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Quarterly reports: Digital roadmap Foundation	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.

McLean/Nesus
Carried
230061

at 10.30 am Professor Melloh and Ms Jo Fisher left the meeting