

## COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25 August 2014 from 2.00 – 4.50 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building

PRESENT: Mr Ian McKinnon (Chancellor)

Mr Graeme Mitchell (Pro Chancellor)
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)

Mr David Alsop

Professor Charles Daugherty

Mr Charles Finny Ms Victoria Heine Mr Neville Jordan Professor Paul Morris Mr Neil Paviour-Smith Ms Brenda Pilott Dr Theresa Sawicka Mr Roger Taylor

Emeritus Professor Peter Walls

Ms Caroline Ward, Secretary to Council

APOLOGIES: Ms Sonya Clark

Mr John Selby Ms Helen Sutch

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Leon Bakker, Director Planning & Management Information

Ms Jenny Bentley, Director Campus Services

Mr Martin Boswell, Senior Academic Quality Advisor Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director Human Resources

Ms Leanne Ivil, Director, Academic Office Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel

Ms Kerri Kilner, Administration Assistant, Vice-Chancellor's office

Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer

Ms Shelagh Murray, Executive Director, VUW Foundation

Professor Neil Quigley

Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director, Communications and Marketing

Mr Andrew Simpson, Chief Operating Officer Mr Russell Third, Risk and Audit Manager

Professor Mike Wilson, PVC/Dean Science, Architecture & Design, Engineering

#### PART A

14.133 WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Noted:** that the Chancellor welcomed all present and expressed congratulations

to Professor Neil Quigley on his appointment as New Zealand's first Provost and to Professor Daugherty on his appointment as Assistant Vice-

Chancellor (Sustainability).

Resolved: that the apologies from Ms Clark, Ms Sutch and Mr Selby be sustained.

Carried 140112

14.134 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

**Noted:** that there were no disclosures of interests by members of Council, by way

of a general notice under the Education Act 1989 Section 175 and the Local

Authorities (Members Interests) Act 1968.

14.135 PARTS B AND D OF THE AGENDA

**Noted:** that there was no request to move items from Part B to Part A or Part D to

Part C of the Agenda.

14.136 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Chancellor for the period ending 19 August 2014

(document VUWC 14/99).

Noted: 1 that members of Council had attended a review session with the

Academic Audit Panel. The Chancellor thanked Emeritus Professor

Walls, Mr Jordan and Mr Paviour-Smith for their involvement.

that the briefing for the Academic Audit review had included useful material for future consideration at a Council Workshop. The Chancellor expressed particular thanks to Professor Penny Boumelha for her

considerable involvement in the report and oversight of the process.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's Report be noted.

Sawicka/Morris Carried

140113

14.137 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor covering the period since the last

meeting of Council (document VUWC 14/100).

**Noted:** that the University was placed 67th in the world for arts and humanities in

the 201-2014 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

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

Alsop/Mitchell Carried

140114

14.138 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR JUNE 2014

Received: the consolidated financial report for the period ending 30 June 2014

(document VUWC 14/101).

**Noted:** that the consolidated surplus for the period ended 30 June was \$9.6m

compared with a budgeted surplus of \$6.1m.

Resolved: that the consolidated financial report for June 2014 be approved.

Taylor/Mitchell Carried 140115

14.139 CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TERMS OF

**REFERENCE** 

Received: the Campus Development Committee Terms of Reference (document

VUWC 14/102).

**Noted:** 1 that the Campus Development Committee recommended at its meeting

held on 21 July 2014 that the Terms of Reference be put to Council for

approval.

2 that it was requested that the words 'if necessary' be deleted from point

4.1.

Resolved: that the Campus Development Committee Terms of Reference as

amended (in point 2 above) be approved.

Paviour-Smith/Finny Carried 140116

14.140 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE CHARTER

**Received:** the Audit and Risk Committee Charter (document VUWC 14/103).

**Noted:** that the Audit and Risk Committee recommended at its meeting held on

11 August 2014 that the Charter be put to Council for approval.

Resolved: that the Audit and Risk Committee Charter be approved.

Paviour-Smith/Finny Carried 140117

14.141 COUNCIL DATES FOR 2015

Received: a memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 18 August 2014

regarding Council Meeting Dates for 2015 (document VUWC 14/104).

**Noted:** that the dates for 2015 are proposed as follows:

Council 2-5.30 pm, Hunter Council Chamber

23 February 20 April 29 June 24 August 14 September – Special meeting – fees

19 October

7 December

#### **Council Workshops**

2-4.30 pm, Boardroom, Level 12, Rutherford House

30 March

25 May

27 July

28 September

16 November

#### Finance Committee, 4 pm, Victoria Room Hunter Building

2 March

13 April

8 June

3 August

31 August

5 October

30 November

#### Audit & Risk Committee, 4 pm, Victoria Room

16 March

15 June

**Resolved:** 

10 August

9 November

that the Council Meeting Dates for 2015, as proposed in the

memorandum from the Secretary to Council be approved.

Finny/Walls Carried

140118

### 14.142 REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

**Received:** a memorandum from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) dated 8

August 2014 providing a report on the business of the Academic Board

(document VUWC 14/105).

Resolved: that the report on the business of the Academic Board from the Deputy

Vice-Chancellor (Academic) be noted.

Alsop/Sawicka Carried 140119

14.143 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Received:** an oral report from the Chancellor advising that Emeritus Professor Peter

Walls had agreed to take on the role of Convenor of the Honorary Degrees

and Hunter Fellowships Committee.

Noted: that there was no Part A report from the Chairs of the Finance,

Governance, Audit & Risk and Campus Development Committees.

Resolved: that it was moved from the Chair that Emeritus Professor Peter Walls be

appointed Convenor of the Honorary Degrees and Hunter Fellowships

Committee.

McKinnon/Mitchell Carried

140120

14.144 RESPONSE TO COUNCIL WORKSHOP – 28.07.14

Received: an oral report from the Chair and Facilitator on the Council Workshop

held on 28.07.14.

**Noted:** that the Workshop had continued the focus on development of the 2015-

2019 Strategic Plan. The Plan is to be confirmed at a Special Meeting of Council on 29 September prior to the Council Workshop, with Council

members asked to submit any further comments before that date.

Resolved: that the oral report from the Chair and Facilitator on the Council

Workshop held on 28.07.14 be noted.

Mitchell/Alsop Carried 140121

14.145 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2014

**Received:** a memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 18 August 2014

(document VUWC 14/107) listing events of significance for Council

members for the remainder of 2014.

**Noted:** that the upcoming lecture by Professor Damien Wilkins from the Institute

of Modern Letters was well subscribed.

Resolved: that the memorandum from the Secretary to Council on Forthcoming

Events for the remainder of 2014 be noted.

Finny/Sawicka Carried 140122

14.146 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE

**PUBLIC** 

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded

(document VUWC 14/107).

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items

26-42 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.

McKinnon/Mitchell Carried 140123 PART B

14.147 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2014

the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 30 June 2014 with the Received:

public present (document VUWC 14/108).

that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 30 June 2014 be Resolved:

approved.

McKinnon/Mitchell

Carried

140124

14.148 MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Received: the Minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 3 July 2014 (VUWC

14/109).

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Academic Board held on 3 July

2014 be noted.

Carried 140125

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 14.149

Received: the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on

4 August 2014 with the public present (document VUWC 14/110).

Resolved: that the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee

held on 4 August 2014 be noted.

Carried 140126

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 14.150

Received: the Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 16

June 2014 (document VUWC 14/111) and the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 11 August 2014

(document VUWC 14/112).

Resolved: that the Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on

16 June 2014 and the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting held on 11

August 2014 be noted.

Carried 140127

14.151 MINUTES OF THE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Received: the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Campus Development

Committee held on 21 July 2014 with the public present (document

VUWC 14/113).

Resolved: that the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Campus

Development Committee held on 21 July 2014 be noted.

Carried 140128

14.152 MINUTES OF THE TE AKA MATUA COMMITTEE

Received: the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Te Aka Matua Committee

held on 7 July 2014 with the public present (document VUWC 14/114).

Resolved: that the unconfirmed Minutes of a meeting of the Te Aka Matua

Committee held on 7 July be noted.

Carried 140129

14.153 UNIVERSITY COMMON SEAL

**Received:** a memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 18 August 2014

regarding entries in the Seal Register (document VUWC 14/115) advising that there were no entries in the Seal Register for the period 24 June 2014

to 18 August 2014.

Resolved: that the memorandum from the Secretary to Council regarding entries

in the Seal Register be noted.

Carried 140130

14.154 LIMITATIONS SCHEDULE FOR 2015

Received: a memorandum from the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on

Limitations on Courses and Programmes for 2015 (document VUWC

14/116).

Resolved: that the proposed limitations on Courses and Programmes for the 2015

academic year be approved.

Carried 140131

14.155 DEGREES TO BE GRANTED

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 25 August 2014

(document VUWC 14/117).

Resolved: that Council grants the degrees, diploma and certificates in this

University on those persons listed in the document VUWC 14/117, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 25 August 2014.

Carried 140132

14.156 FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will be the Special Meeting of Council to

be held on 15 September at 2.00 pm in the Hunter Council Chamber.