COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 October 2015
from 1.30 pm to 5.15 pm in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,
Kelburn Campus

PRESENT: Sir Neville Jordan (Chancellor)
Emeritus Professor Peter Walls (Pro Chancellor)
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Stella Blake-Kelly
Ms Victoria Heine
Associate Professor Dolores Janiewski
Mr Ian McKinnon
Mr Graeme Mitchell
Professor Paul Morris
The Hon Justice Matthew Palmer
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith
Ms Brenda Pilott
Mr Roger Taylor
Dr Theresa Sawicka
Mr John Selby
Mr Rick Zwaan (VUWSA President)
Ms Caroline Ward, Secretary to Council

APOLOGIES: Mr Charles Finny
Ms Helen Sutch

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Frazer Allan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement)
Ms Jenny Bentley, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Professor Bob Buckle, PVC/Dean of Commerce
Ms Julia Innocente-Jones, Director Victoria International
Mr Rob Miller, Acting Director Human Resources
Ms Maria Jones, Associate Director, Communications & Marketing
Associate Professor Allison Kirkman, Vice-Provost (Academic & Equity)
Professor Emeritus Barrie Macdonald, Interim Provost
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer
Ms Noelle Nelson, University Librarian
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director, Communications & Marketing
Professor Jennifer Windsor, PVC/Dean Humanities & Social Sciences, PVC Education
15.228

CHANCELLOR WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Noted:
1. that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. that Dr Matthew Palmer QC was congratulated on his recent appointment as a judge of the High Court. Justice Palmer advised that he hoped to attend the remaining meetings of Council for 2015, however this was contingent upon Court sitting dates.
3. that apologies had been received from Ms Helen Sutch and Mr Charles Finny.

Resolved:
that the apologies from Ms Helen Sutch and Mr Charles Finny be sustained.

Blake-Kelly/Sawicka
Carried
150220

15.229

DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Noted:
that there were no disclosures of interest 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.

15.230

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
28 SEPTEMBER 2015

Received:
the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28 September 2015.

Resolved:
that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28 September 2015 be approved.

Paviour-Smith/Pilott
Carried
150221

15.231

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON
28 SEPTEMBER 2015

Noted:
that all Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 28 September 2015 are covered by agenda items for this meeting.

15.232

FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 AUGUST 2015

Received:
the consolidated Financial Report to 31 August 2015 (document VUWC 15/136).

Noted:
1. that the consolidated result for the period ended 31 August 2015 is a $13.1m surplus, $6.4m favourable to budget.
2. that the Chancellor recorded a vote of thanks to Mr Morgan and Mr Mercer for their work and that of their team in developing the Dashboard report for financial reporting to Council.

Resolved:
that the Consolidated Financial report to 31 August 2015 be approved.

Taylor/Selby
Carried
150222
15.233 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 20 October 2015 (document VUWC 15/137).

Resolved: 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 15/137, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 20 October 2015.

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

Pilott/Zwaan
Carried
150223

15.234 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

Noted: that since the last Council meeting on 28 September 2015 the Chancellor:

- attended a University event in the Hunter Council Chamber to welcome the Diplomatic Community to VUW
- attended Professor Dave Harper’s inaugural lecture
- signed the Bank Documentation for the new debt facility
- hosted a preparatory meeting in advance of December graduation
- chaired the inaugural meeting of the Council’s Nominations Panel
- met with the Secretary to Council regarding the 2016 Council calendar
- met with the Massey Chancellor, Mr Chris Kelly
- met with the 2016 VUWSA President Elect, Mr Jonathan Gee
- attended a function regarding the 25th anniversary of German reunification.

Resolved: that the Chancellor’s Report be noted.

Blake-Kelly/Morris
Carried
150224

15.235 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor covering the period since the last meeting of Council on 28 September 2015.

Noted: 1 that the report was taken as read.

2 that recent successes of staff and students, as detailed in the report, were highlighted.

3 that the Centre for Lifelong Learning was celebrating 100 years since its first course in 1915.

4 that great progress was being made in strengthening international links particularly in Asia.
that in the recent budget round a commitment has been made to increasing scholarship support for PhD students by 20% by 2018.

that the appendices to the report Appendix 1 - Communicating and Engaging with Students; and Appendix 2 – Detailed Analysis of 2015 University Rankings Performance were highlighted.

Resolved: that the Vice-Chancellor’s oral report be noted.

Selby/Paviour-Smith
Carried
150225

15.236 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received: oral reports from Committee Chairs supported by minutes from the meetings held as follows:

- Report of the Academic Board, 22/9/15
- Minutes of the Academic Board, 22/9/15
- Finance Committee, 5/10/15
- Capital Expenditure Committee, 5/10/15
- Nominations Panel, 12/10/15

1 that the Capital Expenditure Committee approved the purchase of 12 Landcross Street.

2 that the Nominations Panel held its inaugural meeting to begin its work to ensure that the new Council will be in place on 1 January 2016. The student elections are currently underway and the call for Academic Staff candidates closes this week with the election running from 11-13 November. The call for external appointee candidates will go out later this week with press advertising, and via Linkedin, Victoria News and the Alumni e-newsletter. The Panel meets again on 3 November.

Resolved: that the minutes from the Committee meetings be noted.

Sawicka/Zwaan
Carried
150226

15.237 COUNCIL CALENDAR – KEY EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 13 October 2015 (document VUWC 15/138) listing forthcoming events for the remainder of 2015.

Noted: that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 16 November 2015 starting with a light lunch at 1 pm in the Hunter Common Room, followed by the Council Meeting in the Council Chamber at 1.30 pm.

Resolved: that the Memorandum on Forthcoming Events for the remainder of 2015 and the date for the next Council meeting on Monday, 16 November 2015 be noted.

Morris/Blake-Kelly
Carried
150227
15.238 ENTRIES IN THE SEAL REGISTER

Received: a memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 13 October 2015 detailing entries in the Seal Register for the period 21 July 2015 to 13 October 2015 (document VUWC 15/139).

Noted: that as detailed in the memorandum Seals had been applied to documentation relating to the new debt facility.

Resolved: that the memorandum on entries in the Seal Register for the period 21 July 2015 to 13 October 2015 be noted.

Mitchell/Taylor
Carried
150228

15.239 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 15/140).

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 13-23 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.

Heine/Sawicka
Carried
150229