



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 25 May 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  
Professor Charles Daugherty  
Mr Charles Finny  
Ms Victoria Heine  
Associate Professor Dolores Janiewski  
Mr Ian McKinnon  
Mr Graeme Mitchell  
Professor Paul Morris  
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith  
Ms Brenda Pilott  
Mr John Selby  
Mr Roger Taylor  
Mr Rick Zwaan (VUWSA President)  
Ms Caroline Ward, Secretary to Council

**APOLOGIES:**

Dr Matthew Palmer QC  
Dr Theresa Sawicka  
Ms Helen Sutch

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Professor Frazer Allan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement)  
Ms Jenny Bentley, Director Campus Services  
Professor Bob Buckle, Pro-Vice Chancellor/Dean of Commerce  
Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director Human Resources  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Professor Kate McGrath, Vice-Provost (Research)  
Professor Emeritus Barrie Macdonald, Interim Provost  
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms Shelagh Murray, Executive Director, Development & Foundation  
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director, Communications and Marketing  
Mr Andrew Simpson, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr Russell Third, Risk & Audit Manager  
Professor Jennifer Windsor, PVC/Dean Humanities & Social Sciences, PVC Education

**15.97 CHANCELLOR WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed all present to the meeting.
  - 2 that this would be Professor Charles Daugherty's last Council meeting due to his retirement from the University at the end of June. See Minute 15.124.
  - 3 that today was the Chief Operating Officer's last meeting – the Chancellor congratulated Mr Simpson and wished him well in his new position as Vice-President Finance at the University of British Columbia in Canada.
  - 4 apologies from Dr Matthew Palmer QC, Dr Theresa Sawicka and Ms Helen Sutch.

**Resolved:** that the apologies be sustained

Selby/McKinnon  
Carried  
150080

**15.98 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**Noted:** 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:

**15.99 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2015**

**Received:** the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 20 April 2015 (document VUWC 15/53).

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 20 April 2015 be approved.

Selby/Finny  
Carried  
150081

**15.100 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 20 APRIL 2015**

**Received:** the Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda items) from the Meeting of Council held on 20 April 2015.

**Noted:** that the Finance Committee was working with the Chief Financial Officer and his team to provide more current financial reports.

**Resolved:** that the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 20 April be noted.

Walls/Daugherty  
Carried  
150082

15.101

## REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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

**Noted:** 1 that the Chancellor reported as follows:

- Council Consultation meetings have taken place over the previous month as follows:
  - four Workshops with Students – 1 per campus
  - four Workshops with Staff – 1 per Campus
  - a meeting with the Chancellor
  - a meeting with the Pro-Chancellor
  - a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor
  - a Workshop with Council
  - a Workshop with Te Aka Matua Committee and Iwi leaders
  - a Workshop with the SLT
  - a Workshop with Heads of Schools and CSU Directors
  - a meeting with VUWSA reps
  - a meeting with Postgraduate Students' Association reps
  - a meeting with Ngai Tauria Maori Students' Association reps
  - a meeting with Pasifika Students' Council reps
  - a meeting with TEU reps
  - a meeting with the CTU rep
  - a meeting was attempted with Business NZ but abandoned as this was the day of Phil O'Reilly's resignation from Business NZ.
- Attended the AAPNZ event where Victoria University was well represented and Vicki Faint spoke
- Attended induction sessions with the teams of the Chief Operating Officer and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Engagement
- Attended the Inaugural Lecture of Professor Benoit Aubert
- Presided over 6 Graduation ceremonies, 2,400 graduates and also attended the Te Hui Whakapumau celebration for Maori graduands
- An opinion piece was published in the Dominion Post on a 'Wellington as an Education Hub' theme and followed up with a Radio interview with Kathryn Ryan on National Radio's 9 to noon
- Attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting
- Meetings with the US Ambassador, Mark Gilbert; Chief Executive of the Chamber, John Milford; MP Grant Robertson, Mayor Celia Wade-Brown and WCC officers
- Attended the Council Health & Safety Training session
- Involved in preparations for the Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner (to be held on 17 June)
- Attended Te Ropu Awhina 16<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration.

2 that a letter from the Minister for Tertiary Education, Steven Joyce had been received just prior to the meeting providing positive comment on the 2014 annual report. The Chancellor acknowledged the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor and the previous Chancellor.

**that the Chancellor's Report be noted.**

**Morris/Zwaan**  
**Carried**  
**150083**

**15.102 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

**Received:** an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor covering the period since the last meeting of Council on 20 April 2015.

**Noted:**

- 1 that Staff Forums are soon to take place on Health and Wellbeing in our Communities and Enabling our Asia-Pacific Trading Nation.
- 2 that 31 PhD scholarships across faculties will be offered in 2015.
- 3 that the Global Enterprise Experience Programme was proving a success with 974 participants from 53 countries.
- 4 that the opening function for the new Auckland premises was held on 16 April.
- 5 that the NZSM launched the 'Fantastic Friday' concert series recently including the new McKinnon/Walsh prize winners.
- 6 that the Victoria Business School was surveying students and employers to undertake an outcomes assessment.
- 7 that there are 91 more Maori EFTS enrolled compared to this time last year.
- 8 that the Government's influenza immunisation campaign was launched at Victoria recently with the Minister of Health, Dr Jonathan Coleman in attendance.
- 9 that the new Dean of Law, Professor Mark Hickford started on 11 May.
- 10 that the Vice-Chancellor invited Professor Kate McGrath to comment on her radio interview on National Radio this morning regarding Marsden Grant funding.

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

**Finny/Daugherty**  
**Carried**  
**150084**

**15.103 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

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

- Finance Committee, 13/14/15
- Quality Assurance & Equity Committee, 16/4/15
- Academic Board, 28/4/15
- Capital Expenditure Committee, 5/5/15

**Noted:**

- 1 that Mr Finny asked that his opposition to the views of VUWSA in Salient on the Master of Software Development Programme be recorded.
- 2 that the Vice-Chancellor confirmed that Students had been listened to at Academic Board however the Academic Board still voted to support the programmes.
- 3 that it was reinforced that there was a significant opportunity given the demand for such programmes.
- 4 that there was discussion on the Academic Board minutes and it was asked that in the future the minutes be prefaced with a covering report providing additional context and interpretation.

**Resolved:** that the points above and the minutes from the Committee meetings be noted.

**Finny/Morris**

**Carried**  
**150085**

**15.104 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Received:** the Capital Expenditure Committee Terms of Reference (document VUWC 15/54).

**Noted:** that the revised Terms of Reference was approved at the Capital Expenditure Committee's meeting held on 5 May 2015 for recommendation to Council.

**Resolved:** that the Capital Expenditure Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

**Pilott/Selby**  
**Carried**  
**150086**

**15.105 QUALITY ASSURANCE & EQUITY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Received:** the Quality Assurance & Equity Committee Terms of Reference (document VUWC 15/55).

**Noted:** that the revised Terms of Reference was approved at the Quality Assurance & Equity Committee's meeting held on 16 April 2015 for recommendation to Council.

**Resolved:** that the Quality Assurance & Equity Committee's Terms of Reference be approved.

**Morris/Heine**  
**Carried**  
**150087**

**15.106 MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Received:** the consolidated financial report for March 2015 (document VUWC 15/56).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the consolidated result for the period ended March 2015 shows a \$3.1m surplus, \$4.7m favourable to budget.
- 2 that the results for April look to be tracking in similar fashion.

**Resolved:** that the consolidated financial report for March 2015 be approved.

**Heine/Mitchell**  
**Carried**  
**150088**

**15.107 CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE DEAF STUDIES PROGRAMME**

**Received:** a memorandum from the Pro-Vice Chancellor and Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 13 May 2015 (document VUWC 15/57).

**Noted:**

- 1 that a question was raised in regard to the paper which states 'that this programme provides training in the teaching of sign language as a foreign language'. It was pointed out that NZ Sign Language is one of New Zealand's 3 official languages. Professor Windsor was asked to report back under Matters Arising at the next meeting.
- 2 that the question was asked - does Council want to be involved in such detail? It was agreed that this would be investigated as part of a review of all Council statutes in conjunction with work on the Council constitution.

**Resolved:** that the name change from 'Deaf Studies Programme' to 'New Zealand Sign Language Studies Programme' be approved.

Morris/Zwaan  
Carried  
150089

**15.108 ANNUAL REPORT 2014 – VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON FOUNDATION**

**Received:** the 2014 Annual Report for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation., (document VUWC 15/58).

**Noted:** that printed copies would be distributed following the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the 2014 Annual Report for the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Walls  
Carried  
150090

**15.109 FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR 2015  
NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**Received:** a memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 18 May 2015 listing forthcoming events for 2015 (document VUWC 15/59).

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 29 June 2015 starting with a light lunch at 1.00 pm in the Hunter Common Room, followed by the Council Meeting in the Council Chamber at 1.30 pm.

**Resolved:** that the memorandum from the Secretary to Council on Forthcoming Events for 2015 and the date of the next Council meeting on 29 June 2015 be noted.

Daugherty/Janiewski  
Carried  
150091

15.110

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:**

a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 15/60).

**Resolved:**

**that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 15-27 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.**

**Morris/Selby  
Carried  
150092**