



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 27 July 2015  
from 1.30 pm to 5.30 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  
Mr Charles Finny  
Associate Professor Dolores Janiewski  
Mr Ian McKinnon  
Mr Graeme Mitchell  
Professor Paul Morris  
Ms Brenda Pilott  
Dr Theresa Sawicka  
Ms Helen Sutch  
Mr Rick Zwaan (VUWSA President)  
Ms Caroline Ward, Secretary to Council

**APOLOGIES:**

Dr Matthew Palmer QC  
Ms Victoria Heine  
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith  
Mr John Selby  
Mr Roger Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dr Leon Bakker, Director Planning and Management Information  
Ms Jenny Bentley, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms Annemarie de Castro, Director Human Resources  
Associate Professor Allison Kirkman, Vice-Provost (Academic & Equity)  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Ms Maria Jones (Associate Director, Communications and Marketing)  
Professor Emeritus Barrie Macdonald, Interim Provost  
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms Shelagh Murray, Executive Director Foundation  
Mr Nigel Riley, Associate Director Marketing  
Mr Russell Third, Risk and Audit Manager  
Professor Jennifer Windsor, PVC/Dean Humanities & Social Sciences, PVC Education

*From 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm*

Mr John Spencer, Chair, Tertiary Education Commission  
Mr Nigel Gould, Commissioner, TEC  
Mr Tim Fowler, Chief Executive, TEC  
Mr Gus Gilmore, Deputy Chief Executive, TEC

**15.146 CHANCELLOR WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**Noted:** that the Chancellor welcomed all present to the meeting.

**Resolved:** that the apologies be sustained.

Sutch//Mitchell

Carried

150128

**15.147 TRIBUTE TO FORMER CHANCELLOR EMERITUS PROFESSOR TIM BEAGLEHOLE**

- Recorded:**
- 1 that it was noted with sadness that former Chancellor Emeritus Professor Tim Beaglehole passed away on 18 July 2015. Mr Ian McKinnon paid tribute to Tim Beaglehole acknowledging his legacy to the University. The full text of this tribute is attached as Appendix 1.
  - 2 that a further acknowledgement was made by Ms Helen Sutch in regard to the development and care of the University's art collection by Emeritus Professor Beaglehole.

**Resolved:** that this tribute and any others in respect of Emeritus Professor Tim Beaglehole on his long and distinguished service to Victoria University of Wellington be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and that the Chancellor convey a copy of those minutes to Helen Beaglehole and family.

McKinnon/Sutch

Carried

150129

**15.148 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:

**15.149 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2015**

**Received:** the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 29 June 2015 (document VUWC 15/85).

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 29 June 2015 be approved.

Finny/Zwaan

Carried

150130

**15.150 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2015**

**Received:** the Matters Arising (not covered by Agenda items) from the Meeting of Council held on 29 June 2015.

**Noted:** that the Vice-Chancellor had relayed feedback to those involved in the Global Enterprise Experience complimenting them on an outstanding event.

**Resolved:** that the Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 29 June 2015 be noted.

**Walls/Mitchell**  
**Carried**  
**150131**

## 15.151

### REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

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

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

- Management reports have now been provided mid-month to Council Members to provide more timely information on Financials, EFTS, Health & Safety and Major Building projects.
- All items on the 2015 Council Work Plan have been reported on and delivered to date.
- Council papers for this meeting have an Appendix which includes a link to the Education Amendment Act (which came into effect on 12 February 2015), Council Standing Orders, Council Code of Conduct and Committee Mandates.
- the Council 'Essentials of Governance' course at the Institute of Directors will take place at on Monday, 17 August – a majority of Council Members have confirmed their attendance.
- that short listing had taken place for the Chief Operating Officer vacancy – the quality and calibre of applicants showed great confidence in Victoria University.
- Professor James Renwick's inaugural lecture on 'a tale of two hemispheres' had been well received with its climate change focus
- That Round 2 of consultation was underway on the Council Constitution including 'heads up' meetings with Student Groups and TEU plus a Workshop with Iwi Leaders and a further programme of Staff and Student Forums.
- A successful event was held at Parliament to celebrate Victoria's Teaching and Research Excellence Award winners.
- That at the upcoming Te Ropu Awhina Careers' Evening the Chancellor has been invited to be a guest speaker.
- The Chair and Commissioners of the TEC Board will join the meeting at 4.30 pm today.

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

**McKinnon/Blake-Kelly**  
**Carried**  
**150132**

15.152

## REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Received:** an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor covering the period since the last meeting of Council on 29 June 2015.

**Noted:**

- 1 that Associate Professor Simon Davy was awarded the 2015 Charles Fleming Senior Scientist Award by the Royal Society of New Zealand.
- 2 that Dr Melanie McConnell from the School of Biological Sciences was awarded over \$1 million by the Health Research Council to study the treatment of neuro degenerative diseases.
- 3 that the School of Architecture and Design was working with the private sector who have sponsored a 300 level industrial design course to examine new technologies on Frucor's brand proposition.
- 4 that 4 Iwi Chief Executives had visited the Victoria Business School to address Maori Commerce students about career pathways in their organisations.
- 5 that the Centre for Lifelong Learning was working closely with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to deliver its 5th training programme for officials with responsibility for New Zealand Security.
- 6 that the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) had recently visited the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea to promote Victoria University.
- 7 that the success of Professor Phil Lester and Dr Monica Grubert in forming a non-profit entity aimed at supporting Pacific bio-security should be commended.
- 8 that VUW staff had had a strong month with several opinion pieces being picked up by the media.
- 9 that alumnus and supporter Tan Sri Halim Saad was presented with a Kea Friend of New Zealand Award at the recent Kea Inspire World Class New Zealanders Award Dinner.
- 10 that it was confirmed that the relocation of the Faculty of Education from Karori to Kelburn had been well received by the majority of staff involved.
- 11 that the Chancellor asked that Associate Professor Simon Davy and Dr Melanie McConnell be commended for their achievements.

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

**Finny/McKinnon**  
**Carried**  
**150133**

15.153

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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

- Governance Committee, 2/7/15
- Academic Board Report and Minutes, 7/7/15

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

**Mitchell/Sawicka**  
**Carried**  
**150134**

**15.154 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED**

- Received:**
- 1 the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 27 July 2015 (document VUWC 15/86).
  - 2 a memorandum from the Vice-Provost (Academic & Equity) dated 27 July 2015 requesting that Andreea Junc be added to the Council list for Graduates in Absentia at this meeting (document VUWC 15/86a).

- Resolved:**
- 1 **that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 15/86, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 27 July 2015.**
  - 2 **that the qualification of BACHELOR OF MUSIC be granted to Andreea JUNC on 27 July 2015 and that her name be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 27 July 2015 (as detailed in document VUWC 15/86a).**

**Finny/Zwaan  
Carried  
150135**

**15.155 NAME CHANGE – SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH**

- Received:**
- a Council Paper from the Pro-Vice Chancellor Science, Engineering, Architecture & Design dated 20 July 2015 on a proposed name change for the School of Mathematics, Statistics and Operations Research (document VUWC 15/87).

- Resolved:**
- that the School be renamed the School of Mathematics and Statistics, Te Kura Mātai Tatauranga.**

**Morris/Mitchell  
Carried  
150136**

**15.156 REPORT ON THE LEARNING & TEACHING, EQUITY AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY AND THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE STRATEGY 2010-2014**

- Received:**
- a covering Memorandum and Council Paper from the Vice-Provost (Academic & Equity) providing a Report on the Learning & Teaching, Equity and Diversity Strategy and the Student Experience Strategy, dated 20 July 2015 (document VUWC 15/88).

- Resolved:**
- that the Report on the Learning & Teaching Strategy, Equity and Diversity Strategy and the Student Experience Strategy 2010-2014 be received and noted.**

**Morris/Finny  
Carried  
150137**

**15.157 INDIVIDUAL DUTIES OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Received:** a Council Paper from the General Counsel dated 20 July 2015 on the Individual Duties of Council Members (document VUWC 15/89).

**Noted:** that a request was made for a similar paper detailing Council Members' responsibilities under the pending revisions to the Health & Safety Act for the next Council meeting.

**Resolved:** **that the Individual Duties of Members of Councils contained in section s176A of the Education Act 1989 be noted.**

Sawicka/Walls  
Carried  
150138

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

**Received:** a Memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 20 July 2015 listing forthcoming events for 2015 (document VUWC 15/90).

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 24 August 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 24 August 2015 be noted.**

Walls/Zwaan  
Carried  
150139

**15.159 ENTRIES IN THE SEAL REGISTER**

**Received:** a Memorandum from the Secretary to Council dated 20 July 2015 confirming that there have been no entries in the Seal Register for the period 18 February to 20 July 2015 (document VUWC 15/91).

**Resolved:** **That the Memorandum from the Secretary to Council confirming that there have been no entries in the Seal Register for the period 18 February to 20 July 2015 be noted.**

Mitchell/Zwaan  
Carried  
150140

**15.160 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE  
PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 15/92).

**Resolved:** **that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 16-26 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.**

**Walls/Sawicka  
Carried  
150141**

Appendix 1

**Ian McKinnon CNZM QSO JP**

Herbert Gardens, 3A/186 The Terrace, Te Aro, Wellington 6011, New Zealand

**Tim Beaglehole**

Council Meeting Monday 27 July 2015

*Thank you, Chancellor:*

*Chancellor, I propose to pay tribute to the role Tim Beaglehole played on this Council then I will move the resolution that these comments and any further comments offered by other Council members be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and that a copy of those minutes be forwarded by you as the current Chancellor to Helen Beaglehole and family.*

It is certainly appropriate to record in the minutes of this Council meeting the wide-ranging and loyal service Tim Beaglehole gave to Victoria University, and particularly at this meeting, to the Council itself. In terms of appointments held, his record would almost be, if not entirely, unmatched by others:

A student at Victoria, and on the Students' Executive, graduating first with a BA then MA in 1956; after graduating PhD at Cambridge University, returning to Victoria as a staff member 1960 – 1994, during which time holding appointments as Warden of Weir House, Dean of Arts, Chairperson of History, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and acting Vice-Chancellor ... and, of course, for many years personally overseeing the purchase of Victoria's valuable art collection.

However, if that wasn't sufficient contribution in itself, on retirement and true to his loyalty to Victoria he joined the University Council and it was here where many of us came to know him, and in knowing him are able to say without fear of challenge that his contribution was again wide-ranging and much valued.

As a Council member he served on the various Committees of Council, and when Chancellor from January 2005 to December 2009, when I had the honour of serving with him as Pro-Chancellor, it was decided, being ex-officio of Committees, we would attend as many meetings of all Committees as we could.

A number of us around this table will well recall his actual Chancellorship:

- Chairing Council and being able to bring to all discussions and debates a deep understanding of the way Victoria best works, focussing on ensuring its effectiveness for both staff and students
- Showing a keen interest in all facets of the University, be they the impact of Government policies, the financial situation, issues of facilities and building developments, etc
- Presiding over public occasions of the University, particularly Graduation when with real pride in Victoria, he led staff and graduates in a ceremony that displayed the richness of its traditions alongside its teaching and research, thus the outstanding opportunities for learning that had been there for those crossing the stage.
- Contributing to the broader needs of the University by attending Foundation and Alumni functions and being available to support the Vice Chancellor when dignitaries visited the campus.

In working alongside him for those five years, one became well aware of a person with a deep loyalty to Victoria but a loyalty that was not simply to its past and present. As was often apparent during Council's deliberations, this loyalty extended to ensuring Victoria University would be equally strong, if not stronger, in the future.

This University was indeed fortunate to have been so well served and in so many areas and over such a lengthy period as it was by Tim Beaglehole.

**Chancellor, I move the following Resolution**

**That this tribute and any others in respect of Emeritus Professor Tim Beaglehole on his long and distinguished service to Victoria University of Wellington be recorded in the minutes of this meeting and that the Chancellor convey a copy of those minutes to Helen Beaglehole and family.**

**Moved: Ian McKinnon**

**Seconded: Helen Sutch**