



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 21 November 2016  
from 1.00 pm to 5.15 pm in the Hunter Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,  
Kelburn Campus**

**PRESENT:** Sir Neville Jordan (Chancellor)  
Ms Robyn Bargh  
Professor Maryanne Garry  
Mr Jonathan Gee  
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)  
Ms Jacinta Gulasekharam  
Ms Traci Houpapa  
Associate Professor Kate Hunter  
Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Pro-Chancellor)  
Dr Farib Sos  
Mr Roger Taylor  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Dame Therese Walsh  
Ms Traci Houpapa (from 4.30 pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing  
Dr Chris Eichbaum, Vice-Provost (Academic and Equity)  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director Communications & Marketing

**FROM THE TERTIARY EDUCATION COMMISSION:**

Mr John Spencer, Chair  
Mr Nigel Gould, Commissioner  
Dafydd Davies, Manager, TEC Universities Investment team

**16.249 CHANCELLOR WELCOME / APOLOGIES**

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting. In the aftermath of the 7.8 Kaikoura Earthquake in the early hours of Monday, 14 November the Chancellor moved the resolutions below.
  - 2 that apologies from Dame Therese Walsh and Ms Traci Houpapa (for an early departure) were received.

- Resolved:**
- 1 that the Council congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, the Senior Leadership Team and the Communications Team for their response to the earthquakes including the excellent management of the emergency response and communication immediately after and in the days that followed.  

Jordan/Hunter  
Carried Unanimously  
160205
  - 2 that in recognition of the sterling efforts of students led by the President of the Victoria University Students Association and his team the Chancellor extended a vote of congratulations and thanks for their efforts.  

Bargh/Taylor  
Carried Unanimously  
160206
  - 3 that the apologies from Dame Therese Walsh and Ms Traci Houpapa (for an early departure) be sustained.  

Gee/Gulasekharam  
Carried Unanimously  
160207

**16.250**

**DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

- Noted:**
- 1 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.
  - 2 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings. The disclosures list was circulated with every public board book and is also on the Resource Centre of Board books.

**16.251**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Received:** the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 31 October 2016.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 31 October 2016 be approved.

Sos/Paviour-Smith  
Carried  
160208

**16.252**

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Noted:** that there were no Matters Arising from the Public minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 31 October 2016.

**16.253 VICE-CHANCELLOR REPORT ON THE 14 NOVEMBER EARTHQUAKES**

**Received:** an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor on the 14 November 2016 earthquakes.

- Noted:**
- 1 that there had been no injuries to staff or students.
  - 2 that all buildings have been assessed by engineers as structurally sound, however some will require significant clean up.
  - 3 that re-occupancy of Rutherford House and Old Government Buildings will begin on or near 5 December.
  - 4 that Rankine Brown Building which houses the Kelburn Library will require repair of the lift shafts.
  - 5 that some of the damage to buildings resulted from the South to North direction of the shake which directed energy towards Wellington, the long (approximately 90 second) duration and the particular resonance of the shakes.
  - 6 that the University had offered Te Puni Village to house anyone who was temporarily displaced.

**16.254 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 OCTOBER 2016**

**Received:** the Financial Report to 31 October 2016 (document VUWC 16/147).

**Noted:** that the YTD University Group Surplus (excluding Foundation) of \$12.2m was \$4.9m above budget.

**Resolved:** **that the Financial report to 31 October 2016 be noted and approved.**  
Taylor/Houpapa  
Carried  
160209

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

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 21 November 2016 (document VUWC 16/148).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 16/148, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 21 November 2016.
  - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia be recorded.

Hunter/Houpapa  
Carried  
160210

**16.256 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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

- Noted:**
- 1 that since the last Council meeting on 31 October the Chancellor:
    - Chaired the E2E Committee
    - Held various meetings with individual Council members

- Met with the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Secretary to Council to review the Council agenda.
- Chaired the Human Resources Committee meeting and conducted the Vice-Chancellor's end of year performance review
- Attended NZ Indonesia Council meetings
- Delivered the Prologue speech for the RNZN Navy Day with UK First Sea Lord for joint RNZN speech

2 that the ballot to fill a casual vacancy (from 13 December 2016 to 31 December 2019) due to the resignation of Professor Maryanne Garry from the University closed on Friday, 18 November at 5 pm. The successful candidate was Dr Carwyn Jones who will be formally appointed at the 12 December Council meeting.

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

Sos/Houpapa  
Carried  
160211

## 16.257 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 15 November 2016 (document VUWC 16/149).

**Noted:** that the report from the Vice-Chancellor was taken as read and the following points highlighted:

- The University was awarded 26 projects out of the 36 Marsden applications – a total value of almost \$14.4 million.
- Three Victoria researchers—Dr Huw Horgan, Dr Baptiste Auguié and Dr Jeremy Owen—were awarded Rutherford Discovery Fellowships worth \$800,000 over five years.
- A number of medical researchers from Victoria won grants in the Research for Life, formerly known as the Wellington Medical Research Foundation round.

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

Houpapa/Sos  
Carried  
160212

## 16.258 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

**Received:** a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 15 November 2016 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 16/150).

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 12 December 2016 starting at 12.30 pm with a light lunch in the Hunter Common Room.

**Resolved:** that the Council Paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 12 December 2016 be noted.

Sos/Paviour-Smith  
Carried

160213

16.259

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 16/151).

**Resolved:** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 12-25 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.

Houpapa/Gee  
Carried  
160214