



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 29 August 2016  
from 1.00 pm to 6.00 pm in the Hunter Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building,  
Kelburn Campus**

**PRESENT:** Sir Neville Jordan (Chancellor)  
Ms Robyn Bargh  
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  
Dame Therese Walsh  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGY:** Professor Maryanne Garry

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Professor Frazer Allan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement  
Dr Leon Bakker, Director, Planning and Information Management  
Ms Jenny Bentley, Director Campus Services  
Ms Janet Colson, Executive Director, Development and Foundation  
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing  
Dr Chris Eichbaum, Acting Vice-Provost (Academic & Equity)  
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel  
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost  
Mr Leo Lonergan, Deputy Chair – Foundation  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr Jim Mercer, Deputy Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Nigel Riley, Associate Director, Marketing  
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director Communications & Marketing  
Mr Craig Stevens, Chair – Foundation

**16.164**

### **CHANCELLOR WELCOME / APOLOGIES**

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that both the Chair and the Deputy Chair of the Foundation will join the meeting later.
  - 2 that the new Acting Vice-Provost (Academic & Equity), Chris Eichbaum will join the meeting for the Vice-Chancellor's confidential report taking the opportunity to introduce himself to Council.
  - 3 that an apology had been received from Professor Maryanne Garry.

**Resolved:** that the apology from Professor Garry be sustained.

**Walsh/Sos  
Carried  
160136**

**16.165 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

**Noted:** that the following disclosure 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 was received:

- Chancellor Sir Neville Jordan on his recent appointment as Chair of the TEC Committee – Futureintech.

**16.166 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2016**

**Received:** the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2016.

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2016 be approved.

**Walsh/Sos  
Carried  
160137**

**16.167 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2016**

**Noted:** that there were no Matters Arising from the public Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 July 2016.

**16.168 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JULY 2016**

**Received:** the Financial Report to 31 July 2016 (document VUWC 16/95).

**Noted:** that the YTD University Group Surplus (excluding the Foundation) of \$11m was \$6.4m above budget.

**Resolved:** that the Financial report to 31 July 2016 be noted and approved.

**Bargh/Gee  
Carried  
160138**

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

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 29 August 2016 (document VUWC 16/96).

**Noted:** 1 that confirmation was sought regarding the retrospective catch up granting of the Master of Conservation Biology qualifications relating to the University of New South Wales.

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2 that the Vice-Chancellor agreed to investigate and report back by email to clarify the above matter.

**Resolved:** 1 **that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 16/96, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 29 August 2016.**

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

Gulasekharam/Gee

Carried

160139

**16.170 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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

**Noted:** activities since the last Council meeting on 25 July 2016 the Chancellor:

- Chaired the E2E Committee
- Held further discussions regarding a possible Centre for Democratic Institutions
- Was appointed as Chair of Futureintech- a TEC Committee
- Attended meetings with potential donors
- Nga Whakarite O Te Ra - Karori Marae to Te Herenga Waka Mara
- Met with the Vice-Chancellor and Secretary to Council to review the Council agenda
- Attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting
- Met with Chris Kelly, Chancellor of Massey University
- Attended two meetings of the Human Resources Committee
- Enjoyed the New Zealand School of Music/Wellington Youth Orchestra's joint concert – 'Orchestra's Unite'
- Attended the Te Aka Matua, the Finance and the Audit & Risk Committee meetings
- Addressed the Treasury 2016 Schools Challenge Prize giving
- Attended the farewell for the Indonesian Ambassador
- Delivered the Canterbury University Alumni after dinner speech.

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

Hunter/Houpapa

Carried

160140

16.171

## REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 23 August 2016 (document VUWC 16/97).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report from the Vice-Chancellor was taken as read and the following points highlighted:
    - The election of Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Sustainability) Associate Professor Marjan van den Belt onto the Advisory Board of New Zealand's Sustainable Business Council.
    - Three events were held to update senior Wellington based stakeholders on the University's progress and plans for the future.
    - Dr Girol Karacaoglu was appointed Head of the School of Government and will commence soon.
    - Professor Bates Gill from ANU will deliver The Centre for Strategic Studies annual Sir Howard Kippenberger lecture.
    - Recent successes of the Communications and Marketing team were highlighted especially in social media channels.
    - Victoria University Press received stellar reviews and awards for recently published books, in particular Hera Lindsay Bird's debut poetry collection and James K Baxter's Complete Prose.
    - Te Puni Village student residents assisted in running a disco at Te Aro School, this was favourably reported upon in the media.
  - 2 that the Vice-Chancellor was congratulated on the success of the recent stakeholder events. These had been well attended reaching a wide audience and reinforcing a sense of pride and place. The Council asked that there be a further series in 2017.
  - 3 that the Chancellor requested that congratulations be conveyed to all involved to acknowledge the high level achievements and success detailed in the Vice-Chancellor's report.

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

Paviour-Smith/Bargh  
Carried  
160141

16.172

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Received:** Reports from Committee Chairs from the meeting held as follows:

- Te Aka Matua Committee, 1 August 2016
- Finance Committee, 8 August 2016
- Audit & Risk Committee, 15 August 2016
- Academic Board, 16 August 2016
- Academic Board Report, 12 July and 16 August 2016 (document VUWC 16/98)

**Resolved:** that the reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

Sos/Taylor  
Carried  
160142

**16.173 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING**

**Received:** a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 23 August 2016 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 16/99).

**Noted:** that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday 26 September 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, 26 September 2016 be noted.**

Hunter/Houpapa  
Carried  
160143

**16.174 DEBT AND HEDGING FACILITY APPROVALS**

**Noted:** that this item was not considered due to further detail being required before re-submission to the 26 September Council meeting.

**16.175 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 16/99).

**Resolved:** **that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 13-29 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.**

Walsh//Taylor  
Carried  
160144