



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 31 October 2016
from 1.00 pm to 5.30 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
Dame Therese Walsh
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

IN ATTENDANCE: Professor Frazer Allan, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement
Professor Bob Buckle, PVC/Dean of Commerce
Ms Katherine Edmond, Associate Director, Communications and Marketing
Ms Julia Innocente-Jones, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (International)
Mr Simon Johnson, General Counsel
Professor Wendy Larner, Provost
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer
Mr Wayne Morgan, Chief Financial Officer
Dr Matthew O'Meagher, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (International Engagement)
Ms Madeleine Setchell, Director Communications & Marketing
Ms Pam Thorburn, Director, Student Academic Services

16.219 CHANCELLOR WELCOME / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Council members for gathering in the Hub just prior to the meeting for the 2016 Annual report photograph.
 - 2 that there were no apologies. 1

16.220 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.

16.221 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

Received: the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 26 September 2016.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 26 September 2016 be approved.

Sos/Paviour-Smith
Carried
160184

16.222 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2016

Noted: *Minute 16.196*
that concern was expressed regarding a Council member speaking to the media following the fees meeting. The Chancellor drew attention to the Code of Conduct which reinforces that Council members are collectively bound by any decision, whether they support it or not. It was acknowledged that there was a conflict of interest issue for some positions on Council and that this would be looked at mid-2017 in an attempt to structurally reduce such issues.

16.223 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

Received: the Financial Report to 30 September 2016 (document VUWC 16/129).

Noted:

- 1 that the YTD University Group Surplus (excluding Foundation) of \$11.5m was \$6.7m above budget, driven by higher International EFTS, increased Commercial and Research income, as well as savings on depreciation.
- 2 that the Council extended congratulations to the Vice-Chancellor and his team on the financial result.

Resolved: that the Financial report to 30 September 2016 be noted and approved.

Taylor/Walsh
Carried
160185

16.224 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA – DEGREES TO BE GRANTED

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 31 October 2016 (document VUWC 16/130).

Resolved:

- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 16/130, and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 31 October 2016.
- 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia be recorded.

Bargh/Hunter
Carried
160186

16.225

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: an oral report from the Chancellor.

Noted: 1 that since the last Council meeting on 26 September 2016 the Chancellor:

- Chaired the E2E Committee
- Met with the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Chief Operating Officer and PVC/Dean Humanities & Social Sciences re Make or Buy
- Met with Professor David Bibby
- Held meetings with individual Council members
- Joined a briefing with Chancellors prior to a meeting with the Productivity Commission
- attended a meeting with other Chancellors and the Productivity Commission regarding the review on 'New Models of Tertiary Education'.
- Attended a TEC tertiary 'pathways' meeting
- Met with the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Secretary to Council to review the Council agenda.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting
- Met with the Foundation Chair and Deputy-Chair
- Attended the Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting.

Action

2 that the Secretary to Council will circulate the link to the Summary Report on the Productivity Commissions's review 'New Models of Tertiary Education'.

Resolved: that the Chancellor's report be noted.

Walsh/Sos
Carried
160187

16.226

REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 25 October 2016 (document VUWC 16/131).

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

- Five Victoria-led projects were together awarded nearly \$15.5 million in the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's 2016 Endeavour Fund science investment round.
- Professor Devon Polaschek received the Hunter Award from the New Zealand Psychology Society – the highest honour the Society bestows.
- Honorary Doctorates will be awarded in December to Simon O'Neill (Music) and Neroni Slade (Laws).

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

Paviour-Smith/Taylor
Carried
160188

16.227

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Received:

Reports from Committee Chairs from the meeting held as follows:

- Te Aka Matua Committee, 3 October 2016
- Finance Committee, 10 October 2016
- Academic Board, 18 October 2016

Noted:

- 1 that the Academic Board had unanimously agreed to support a proposal from the Provost (to take effect in 2019) to extend Trimester Three from 11 to 12 weeks and to compress the Trimester one or two examination period by allowing the scheduling of three examinations per day.
- 2 that Council congratulated Professor Larner on achieving this significant change thereby allowing the possibility of more courses in Trimester 3.
- 3 that the importance of the student voice discussion at Academic Board was acknowledged.

Resolved:

that the reports from Committee Chairs be noted.

**Walsh/Paviour-Smith
Carried
160189**

16.228

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Received:

a Council Paper from the Chancellor dated 20 October 2016 regarding the appointment of one Member of Council to a two year term from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018 (document VUWC 16/132).

Resolved:

that in accordance with clause 6(1) of Schedule 19 to the Education Act 1989, clause 4.3.2(e)(vi) of the Council Membership Statute and clause 2.5.1 of the Council Elections Procedure, Ms Alexandria MARK be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2018.

**Houpapa/Paviour-Smith
Carried
160190**

16.229

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

Received:

a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 25 October 2016 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 16/133).

Noted:

that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday 21 November 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, 21 November 2016 be noted.

**Sos/Paviour-Smith
Carried
160191**

16.230 ENTRIES IN THE SEAL REGISTER

Received: a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 25 October 2016 regarding entries in the Seal Register for the period 22 June 2016 to 25 October 2016 (document VUWC 16/134).

Noted: that there have been two entries in the Seal Register for the period 22 June 2016 to 25 October 2016 as follows:

1. ISDA Master Agreement with Westpac Banking Corporation (2 seals)
2. Acknowledgement to the Deed of Negative Pledge (1 seal)

Council resolution 160180 on 26 September 2016.

Resolved: that the entries in the Seal Register for the period 22 June 2016 to 25 October 2016 be noted.

Hunter/Bargh
Carried
160192

16.231 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 16/135).

Resolved: that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 14-31 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/Paviour-Smith
Carried
160193