



## COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 29 October 2018  
From 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Wharenuī, Te Herenga Waka Marae  
Kelburn Campus**

**PRESENT:** Mr Neil Paviour-Smith (Chancellor)  
Professor Grant Guilford (Vice-Chancellor)  
Mr John Allen  
Ms Robyn Bargh  
Associate Professor Kate Hunter  
Dr Carwyn Jones  
Mr Alan Judge  
Ms Alexandria Mark  
Dr Farib Sos  
Dame Therese Walsh (Pro-Chancellor)  
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Ms Traci Houpapa  
Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dr Lucy Baragwanath, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement  
Mr Stu Haselden, Director ITS  
Mr Simon Healy, Director Strategic Projects  
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori  
Ms Maria Jones, Acting Director, Communications, Marketing and Engagement  
Mr Mark Loveard, Chief Operating Officer  
Mr Paul Meredith, Pou Hautu  
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr Phil O'Connell, Director, Safety, Risk & Assurance  
Mr Guy Somerset, Senior Writer/Communications Adviser

### 18.211 WHAKATAU AND KARAKIA

**Noted:** that Pou Hautu Paul Meredith led the welcome formalities.

### 18.212 WELCOME / APOLOGIES

**Noted:**

- 1 that the Chancellor acknowledged the formal welcome to the Marae and especially thanked Marae staff for hosting Council. He recorded the significance of today's meeting in light of Council's decision at the last meeting to approve a change of the University's Māori name to Te Herenga Waka if the University's name change is approved by the Minister.
- 2 that apologies had been received from Ms Traci Houpapa and Ms Isabella Lenihan-Ikin.

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

**Paviour-Smith/Hunter**  
**Carried**  
**180193**

**18.213 OBITUARIES**

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Chancellor acknowledged Denis Adam, a very generous friend of the University who with his wife Verna gifted funds for the Adam Concert Room, the Adam Foundation Prize in creative writing and the Adam Art Gallery as well as the planned National Music Centre and other causes. A memorial service will be held in the near future.
  - 2 that the Chancellor acknowledged Sir John McGrath, a former Council member from 1969-1989 and Chancellor from January 1986 until April 1989 when he retired from Council upon his appointment as Solicitor General. Sir John was also active in student politics in the 1960s. The Vice-Chancellor attended Sir John's funeral last week.
  - 3 that alumnus and former Emeritus Professor of the University Sir Ngātata Love was remembered for his contribution to the University.

**18.214 DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS**

- Noted:**
- 1 that there were no disclosures of interest by members 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 Disclosures of Interests Register was available at all times on the Resource Centre of Board books and circulated with material for all Council meetings.
  - 3 that the Chancellor reminded Council members to advise the Secretary to Council of any disclosures between meetings.

**18.215 COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Received:** the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 September 2018.

**Noted:** that it was agreed that the words 'becoming conflated with the' be removed from Minute 18.201(10).

**Resolved:** that as amended the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 24 September 2018 be approved.

**Hunter/Judge**  
**Carried**  
**180194**

**18.216 REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR**

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

- Noted:**
- 1 that since the last meeting of Council on 24 September the Chancellor:
    - attended the Te Aka Matua Committee meeting
    - attended the Blues Awards

- met with the Vice-Chancellor
- met with the Secretary to Council by teleconference
- attended the Foundation Board of Trustees meeting
- launched the annual Institute of Directors performance review of Council

- 2 that the Council noted with congratulations the election of the first Māori woman president of VUWSA, Ms Tamatha Paul.

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

Sos/Mark  
Carried  
180195

18.217

## REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

**Received:** a report from the Vice-Chancellor dated 23 October 2018 (document VUWC 18/138).

**Noted:**

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following:
- the University's outstanding success in the Royal Society Te Apārangi's 2018 Research Honours Aotearoa. The top honour, the Rutherford Medal, was awarded to mathematician Professor Rod Downer (the second year in a row that this honour has been awarded to a VUW staff member).
  - Professor Matt Visser received the Royal Society Hector Medal for outstanding work in chemical, physical sciences or mathematical and information sciences and mathematical physicist Lettie Roach was joint recipient of the Hatherton Award for best PhD paper in chemical, physical sciences or mathematical and information sciences.
  - Ground-breaking contributions to Māori research with Dr Arini Loader receiving the Te Kōpūnui Māori Research Award and Council Member Dr Carwyn Jones (Ngāti Kahungunu) receiving the Early Career Research Excellence Award for Humanities for his book *New Treaty, New Tradition: Reconciling New Zealand and Māori Law*.
  - Professor Wendy Larner, Provost, received the 2018 Women of Influence Award for Innovation and Science; postdoctoral fellow Dr Matthew Harrison-Trainor received the 2017 Sacks Prize for best PhD dissertation in mathematical logic from the Association of Symbolic Logic; and Associate Professor Anna Jackson from the English programme received the Viva La Novella Prize from Australian organisation Seizure for her book *The Bed-Making Competition*.
  - The University won the Public Sector category at the 2018 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority Business Awards.
  - 11 projects received over \$34 million from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment's 2018 Endeavour Fund round.
  - Dr Lisa Te Morenga from the Faculty of Health was awarded a prestigious Rutherford Discovery Fellowship worth \$800,000 over five years from the Royal Society Te Apārangi.

- 3 that the major Oceania exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, co-curated by the University's Dr Peter Brunt has had a significant impact with unprecedented ripples across a diverse range of communities.
- 4 that the Great Futures event held for Auckland alumni had included discussion of the Name Change proposal.

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

**Allen/Sos  
Carried  
180196**

## 18.218 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Received:** the Minutes from the following meetings:

- Academic Board report, 25 September 2018
- Te Aka Matua Committee, 8 October 2018

**Noted:** that the Te Aka Matua Committee recommended some minor changes to its Terms of Reference for Council to approve at this meeting (see Minute 18.222).

**Resolved:** that the Minutes be noted.

**Paviour-Smith/Hunter  
Carried  
180197**

## 18.219 NAME CHANGE UPDATE

**Received:** an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor providing an update on the Name Change.

**Noted:**

1 that following Council's decision on 24 September a letter was sent to the Minister of Education on 27 September seeking his approval for the legal name of the University to be changed from Victoria University of Wellington to University of Wellington; and noting that should approval be received the University's Māori name would change from Te Whare Wānanga o Te Ūpoko O Te Ika a Māui to Te Herenga Waka.

2 that a response from the Minister of Education was awaited.

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

**Bargh/Walsh  
Carried  
180198**

## 18.220 FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT MEETING

**Received:** a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 23 October 2018 listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 18/139).

**Noted:**

1 that the Secretary to Council advised members that the annual election for Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor would take place during November with results confirmed at the next Council meeting.

- 2 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 26 November 2018 starting at 12.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

**Resolved:** that the Council paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 26 November 2018 be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Mark  
Carried  
180199

**18.221 APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER RESULTING FROM THE 2018 STUDENT ELECTION**

**Received:** a Council paper dated 23 October 2018 from the Chancellor and Convenor of the Nominations Panel recommending the appointment of one Council Member resulting from the 2018 Student Election (document VUWC 18/140).

**Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Nominations Panel:

that in accordance with clause 4.2.1(b) of the Council Membership Statute, Mr Hugo LAWRENCE be appointed to Council for a two year term from 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2020.

Paviour-Smith/Walsh  
Carried  
180200

**18.222 TE AKA MATUA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Received:** the revised Te Aka Matua Committee Terms of Reference showing tracked changes following review by the Committee at its meeting held on Monday, 8 November 2018 (document VUWC 18/141).

**Noted:** that the proposed revisions reduce the number of additional Council member places from 5 to 2; reduce the number of external members from “up to 5” to “up to 2” and allow for the Ngāi Taurira student members to have a term of up to two years. This will allow cross-over rather than losing both representatives at the same time each year.

**Resolved:** that on the recommendation of the Te Aka Matua Committee:

the revised Terms of Reference be approved.

Bargh/Paviour-Smith  
Carried  
180201

**18.223 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Received:** the Financial Report to 30 September 2018 (document VUWC 18/142).

**Resolved:** that the Financial Report to 30 September 2018 be noted and approved.

Judge/Jones  
Carried  
180202

**18.224 GRADUATES IN ABSENTIA**

**Received:** the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 29 October 2018 (document VUWC 18/143).

- Resolved:**
- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on those persons listed in document VUWC 18/143 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 29 October 2018.
  - 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates in Absentia was recorded.

Mark/Jones  
Carried  
180203

**18.225 ENTRIES IN THE SEAL REGISTER**

**Received:** a Council Paper from the Secretary to Council dated 23 October 2018 listing entries in the Seal Register for the period 21 November 2017 to 23 October 2018 (document VUWC 18/144).

**Resolved:** that the entries in the Seal Register for the period 21 November 2017 to 23 October 2018 be noted.

Paviour-Smith/Judge  
Carried  
180204

**18.226 RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Received:** a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 18/145).

**Resolved:** that the public be excluded from the meeting for the discussion of items 16-27 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.

Paviour-Smith//Allen  
Carried  
180205