



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meetings held on 8 and 16 April 2020

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by Sir Anand Satyanand.

APOLOGIES (8 APRIL 2020)

Council received apologies for absence from Mr Graeme Milne and Mr Paki Rawiri.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2019 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting (Part 1) held on 4 February 2020.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

Council noted that the Minister for Education had reappointed Mr Simon Graafhuis as a member of Council for a further term ending 25 February 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council resolved to reappoint Mrs Susan Hassall and Associate Professor Sandy Morrison to the Honours Committee, each for a further four-year term.

Council resolved to appoint Professor Robyn Longhurst to the Honours Committee for a four-year term, filling the vacancy left by the retirement of Professor Margaret Wilson.

CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND AWARD OF DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

Council noted that as a consequence of the cancellation of the University's April graduation ceremonies those students who would normally have had their qualification conferred at a ceremony would have their qualifications conferred or awarded in absentia.

Council resolved to confer a number of degrees and award a number of diplomas and certificates. The conferments and awards related to those students who had applied to have their qualifications conferred or awarded in absentia.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

(This matter was considered under Part 2 of the Council agenda)

Council resolved to approve the 2019 Annual Report of the University of Waikato, including the Statement of Service Performance and Financial Statements.

Council resolved to approve the public release of the 2019 Annual Report of the University of Waikato.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council confirmed that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday 19 May 2020.

PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Council resolved to exclude the public from the meeting.

The following items were considered following the exclusion of the public from the meeting:

COUNCIL MEETING – PART 2 (8 APRIL 2020)

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2020 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 4 February 2020 (Part 2).

NOTES OF THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2020

Council received the notes of the Council Workshop held on 3 February 2020.

2020 WORK PLAN FOR COUNCIL

Council the 2020 Work Plan for Council.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Council received a further oral report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to student enrolments.

COVID-19

Council received a report a report with respect to the University's strategy and response to COVID-19.

Council received an update on changed Government policy settings light of COVID-19.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Council received a report on health and safety matters.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Council received a report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 3 March 2020.

Council received a further oral report from the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee with respect to the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 7 April 2020.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summaries to 31 December 2019 and 29 February 2020.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Council received the 2019 Annual Report of the University of Waikato and the Audit New Zealand Report to Governors with respect to the 2019 University of Waikato Annual Report.

Council resolved to adopt the 2019 Annual Report of the University of Waikato including the Statement of Service Performance and Financial Statements.

Council resolved to approve the public release of the 2019 Annual Report of the University of Waikato.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Council received a report from the Chief Operating Officer.

COUNCIL MEETING – PART 2 CONTINUED (16 APRIL 2020)

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by Sir Anand Satyanand.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Council received a paper from the Chief Operating Officer with respect to financial scenarios as a consequence of COVID-19, this paper had been considered by the Audit and Risk Committee at its meeting on 7 April 2020.

Council received the draft minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 7 April 2020.

DELEGATION OF POWERS STATUTE AND GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Council resolved to request the Secretary to Council to undertake a review of the current Delegation of Powers Statute and Governance & Management Guidelines with a view to providing recommendations for changes to a future meeting of Council.

PĀ PROJECT

Council received an update on progress to date with the Pā project, a summary of Council's previous considerations of the Pā project and a paper from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to the justification for, and affordability of, the Pā project.

In light of COVID-19 Council undertook a detailed consideration of the feasibility and appropriateness of the University Pā project.

Council determined that the project remained as the highest strategic priority for the University and, subject to confirmation of affordability, supported the project continuing.

GALLAGHER ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS REFURBISHMENT AND EXTENSION

Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to a potential project to refurbish and extend the Gallagher Academy of Performing Arts and supported the Vice-Chancellor's intention to delay consideration of the project until such time as it was appropriate to elicit the necessary philanthropic support for the project.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO 2020 STAFF ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Council received a report with respect to the University of Waikato 2020 Staff Engagement Survey.

TE AKA MĀNEA SLMS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Council received a progress report with respect to the University's Te Aka Mānea Student and Learning Management System project.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 18 February 2020.

REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council resolved to support a recommendation from the Honours Committee with respect to a candidate for a University of Waikato honorary award.

PUBLIC SERVICE PAY CUT

Council discussed the recent announcement by the Prime Minister and the State Services Commission that senior government sector Chief Executives would be taking a 20% pay cut for the next six months; Council noted that this directive did not apply to Chief Executives in the Health and Education sectors.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with a poroporoaki by Ms Ngareta Timutimu.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council