



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 7 July 2020

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia led by Ms Ngareta Timutimu.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2020 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting (Part 1) held on 19 May 2020.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Council received a further oral report from the Vice-Chancellor, with respect to:

- The Vice-Chancellor's engagements with secondary schools in Auckland and Wellington, students from these schools would visit the University for a campus experience in Hamilton and Tauranga.
- Subscription to the University's payroll giving programme, now had 90 contributing staff; the programme was expected to generate approximately \$100k in funds for student hardship initiatives by the end of 2020.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council received the 2019 Annual Report of the Honours Committee.

CONFERMENT OF DEGREES AND AWARD OF DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES

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.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council confirmed that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday 1 September 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

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2020 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 May 2020 (Part 2).

2020 COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Council received an updated version of its 2020 Work Plan

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 2)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Council received a further oral report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to:

- 2020 enrolments
- Student recruitment
- C-K block refurbishment
- The role of Director of Te Kotahi Research Institute
- The University's financial position
- Audit matters

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 9 June 2020.

FINANCIAL ETHICS POLICY

Council approved changes to the University's Financial Ethics Policy.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary to 31 May 2020.

PĀ PROJECT

Council noted that at its meeting on 16 April 2020 it had resolved, that subject to confirmation of affordability, it supported the Pā project proceeding.

Council noted that detailed financial modelling work had shown the University could service the level of debt required for this project.

Council noted that the University had continued negotiations with respect to a construction contract for the Pā project, and had achieved a fixed price lump sum agreement that fit within the agreed construction cost for the project.

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor to enter into a construction contract for the Pā project.

SITE DEVELOPMENT AND SUB-LEASE

Council considered a proposal with respect to a proposed development and sub-lease of land on the University's Hamilton campus.

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Vice-Chancellor to enter into a development agreement and sub-lease with the organisation.

LEARNINGS FROM COVID-19

Council received a paper from the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor summarising high-level changes the University had made to some of its business processes as a consequence of learning from the University's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

B TRIMESTER DELIVERY

Council received a paper from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and the Director of Communications and Strategic Engagement with respect to the University's strategic approach to B trimester delivery.

Council noted that the University planned to survey students at various stages during B trimester to determine the acceptability of the delivery approaches being undertaken.

WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING UPDATE

Council received a report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic with respect to the University's approach to Work-Integrated Learning in light of COVID-19.

NETWORK REMEDIATION AND MODERNISATION PROJECT

Council received a report from the Chief Information Officer with respect to the University's planned network remediation and modernisation project.

2021 MEETING DATES FOR COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

Council received the proposed 2021 meeting dates for Council and its Committees.

FEEDBACK FROM THE SECOND COVID-19 STAFF CHECK-IN SURVEY

Council received a report from the Director of Organisational Development and Wellness with respect to the University's second COVID-19 staff check-in survey.

UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Council received a paper from the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor with respect to the University's strategic approach to future rankings activity.

31 AUGUST 2020 COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Council considered details of its 31 August 2020 workshop which would have a strategic focus on the University's future approach to marketing and recruitment.

The Vice-Chancellor and non-members of Council left the meeting at this point

REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Council received an oral report from the Chancellor.

POROPOROAKI

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

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council