



REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 1 September 2020

KARAKIA

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

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2020 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting (Part 1) held on 7 July 2020.

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

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 20 October 2020.

PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Council resolved to exclude the public from the meeting from this point.

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 7 JULY 2020 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 July 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
- A student death
- An audit undertaken into unauthorised expenditure
- A proposal to undertake a Treaty Review.

Council resolved to endorse the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor that an external Treaty Review be undertaken without delay; alongside consideration of the University's Treaty obligations, the review would focus on claims of structural and casual racism within the University.

REPORT OF THE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council received a report of the Campus Development Committee meeting held on 5 August 2020.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Council received a report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 4 August 2020.

REPORT ON HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS

Council received a report on health, safety and wellness matters.

RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

Council noted that the University's Risk Management Framework was now well established and negated the need for the institution's current Risk Management Policy.

Council resolved to approve the disestablishment of the University's Risk Management Policy.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

2021/22 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Council received an update on the process and timeline for finalisation of the 2021/22 University Budget and Management Plan.

SHORT-TERM DEBT ARRANGEMENTS

Council noted that in order to fund the Pā Project, the University had sought and received approval from the Secretary for Education to enter into borrowing arrangements of up to \$100M .

Council resolved to approve a proposal to establish a temporary line of credit to fund the early stages of the Pā construction.

NETWORK REMEDIATION AND MODERNISATION PROJECT

Council considered and endorsed a business case for the University's planned Network Remediation and Modernisation Project.

Council noted that formal approval for the project would be sought at a future meeting of Council when full project costings and timings could be considered in the context of the University's short-medium term capital plan.

INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2022 KPI PROGRESS REPORT

Council received a mid-year update against the University's 2020-2022 Investment Plan Key Performance Indicators.

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Council received a report with respect to the performance of the University sub-sectors against the Tertiary Education Commission's educational performance indicators.

Council noted that many of the initiatives the University was implementing as part its Ōritetanga project sought to enhance the achievement of its students against these indicators.

TRIMESTER A GRADES OVERVIEW

Council received a report with respect to the University's Trimester A grades process and achievement.

Council noted that the University had worked very closely with the Waikato Students' Union in its approach to Trimester A grades and recognised the significant work undertaken by the WSU President, Kyla Campbell-Kamariera, in progressing this work and to ensuring the University incorporated a student voice in its approach.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR MĀORI

Council received a report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori.

PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Council received a progress report on the University's Pā Project.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT 2020

Council received a paper with respect to the Education and Training Act 2020 and the changes between this and the previous Education Act 1989.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO RESEARCH TRUST BOARD

Council resolved to appoint Professor Don Klinger, Professor Iain White and Dr Simon Lovatt to the University of Waikato Research Trust Board, each for terms ending 31 August 2023.

HONORARY AWARDS

Council approved recommendations from the Honours Committee with respect to Honorary Awards.

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