



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WAIKATO**  
*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 15 August 2023

### **KARAKIA**

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

### **CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP**

Council welcomed the University Librarian, Ms Michelle Blake, who had been elected to Council by and from the staff of the University.

Council noted that Mr Paki Rawiri's term on Council would end on 30 September 2023 and members extended their thanks to him for his contributions to Council over the term of his membership.

Council noted that this would be Professor Bryony James' last meeting of Council as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and members extended their thanks to her for her contributions over her time at the University.

### **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2023 (PART 1)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2023 (Part 1).

### **REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)**

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

### **APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL**

Council received and approved a nomination from King Tūheitia for the appointment of Te Puhi Ariki, Nga wai hono i te po Paki to Council for a term commencing 1 October 2023.

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE**

Council resolved to appoint Ms Michelle Blake as a member of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee, a sub-committee of Council.

### **APPOINTMENT TO THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Council resolved to appoint Ms Michelle Blake as a member of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee, a sub-committee of Council.

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

Council received the 2022 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.

## **2024 MEETING DATES OF COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES**

Council noted the scheduled 2024 meeting dates for Council and its committees.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 10 October 2023 and would be preceded by a workshop for Council members.

## **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 27 JUNE 2023 (PART 2)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2023 (Part 2).

### **2023 COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

Council received an updated 2023 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 the University's 2023 financial position, senior staff recruitment, WaikatoLink, the Government's proposed tertiary funding review and the University's graduate-entry medical school proposal.

### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT**

Council received a report with respect to the University's health, safety and wellness.

Council reiterated its commitment to supporting the prioritisation of improvements and investment in the University's health, safety and wellness programme.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY – MAJOR EVENT: GAS CYLINDER FIRE**

Council received a report from the Associate Director Health and Safety, Mr Mark Wagstaffe, with respect to the gas cylinder fire event that occurred at the University in July 2022.

### **UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary for the period ended 30 June 2023.

Council noted that there was a need for the University to tightly manage expenditure for the remainder of the year.

### **MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 18 July 2023.

### **EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Council received a report providing a comparison of the University's performance against the Tertiary Education Commission's educational performance indicators with that of the other New Zealand universities.

### **INVESTMENT PLAN MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT**

Council received a mid-year progress report against the performance commitments set out in the University's 2022-2024 Investment Plan.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TUITION FEES**

Council considered recommendations with respect to fee setting for 2024/25 international student tuition.

Council noted that the President of the Waikato Students' Union did not support the proposed increases.

Council resolved to approve the proposed fees for 2024/25 international student tuition.

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR MĀORI**

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori.

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR RESEARCH**

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research.

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Council received a portfolio update from the Chief Operating Officer.

### **UPDATE ON TRUSTED RESEARCH PROTECTIVE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS**

Council received an update with respect to the actions taken by the University in response to the Trusted Research Protective Security Requirements.

### **DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

Council received the draft minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held on 27 July 2023.

### **REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

Council resolved to approve recommendations from the Honours Committee with respect to the offer of Distinguished Alumni Awards and Honorary Doctorates.

### **GRADUATION AT THE PĀ**

Council considered a range of options available to the University for hosting graduation ceremonies on campus and supported the University undertaking consultation with staff and students on those options.

### **POROPOROAKI**

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon  
**Secretary to Council**