



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 27 June 2023

DEATH OF A STUDENT

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the death of a student in the University Library on Friday 23 June following a medical event.

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MAY 2023 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 May 2023 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

ELECTION OF A STAFF MEMBER TO COUNCIL

Council noted that the term of the current staff member to Council, Professor Eva Collins, would end on 31 July 2023.

Council noted that following an election by and from the staff, Ms Michelle Blake, University Librarian, had been elected to Council for a four-year term commencing 1 August 2023.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

Council noted that the Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand's current term on Council would end on 30 June 2023.

Council resolved to reappoint the Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand to Council for a further two-year term commencing 1 July 2023.

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.

NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 15 August 2023.

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 2 MAY 2023 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 May 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 appointment process for a Pro Vice-Chancellor Education, the University's graduate-entry medical school proposal, and implications of Government's tertiary funding announcement.

ELECTION OF A CHANCELLOR

Council re-elected the Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand as Chancellor for the Term 1 July 2023 to 20 June 2025.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT

Council received a report with respect to the University's Health, Safety and Wellness.

Council received a further oral report from the Director of People and Capability, Ms Rose Macfarlane, with respect to the identification of asbestos fibres being found in dust in a building for which the University had held a long-term lease (RS1, Ruakura Road), and the University's response.

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.

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 6 June 2023.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary for the period ended 31 May 2023.

MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 23 May 2023.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Council noted the advice of the Chief Operating Officer that Audit New Zealand had not yet provided sign-off of its annual audit of the University of Waikato.

Council noted that no substantive changes had been required to the draft Annual Report received by Council at its meeting on 2 May 2023.

Council resolved to support the Chief Operating Officer submitting a complaint to the Office of the Auditor General focussing on the issues that the University had had with Audit New Zealand in the conduct of the University's 2022 annual audit.

COLLABORATION AND CO-LOCATION PRECINCT

Council received a paper from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and the Chief Operating Officer with respect to the development of a collaboration and co-location precinct for the University utilising the previous NIWA building.

Council resolved to support the establishment of a collaboration and co-location hub in the old NIWA building.

Council resolved to endorse a change in scope to the Networks Remediation Project to include the old NIWA building and to accelerate the network solutions for the building to meet the needs of the collaboration and co-location hub.

Council resolved to endorse additional capital expenditure in 2023 to bring the interior of the old NIWA building up to a modern standard.

Council resolved to delegate to the Vice-Chancellor authority to approve the interior capital works once they had been fully scoped and quantified upon completion of due diligence and design work. The Vice-Chancellor would approve this subject to the consideration of a business case, and on the basis that the total capital costs to be incurred in the 2023-24 Budget would fall within his financial delegated authority.

POSSIBLE CAPITAL ASSET ACQUISITION

Council considered a proposal for acquiring additional land and buildings for the purpose of student accommodation.

Council resolved to approve in principle the University entering into negotiations for the possible acquisition of the property.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO STRATEGY 2022-2024 PROGRESS REPORT

Council received an annual progress report against the University of Waikato Strategy 2022-2024.

Council noted that development of a new Strategy for 2025 and beyond would commence in 2024.

RISK APPETITE

Council received a draft report from Deloitte with respect to the University's risk maturity.

Council received a paper from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to risk appetite.

Council supported the approach taken by the Vice-Chancellor in terms of identifying key organisational risks and mitigations and noted that further work would be undertaken on the model.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR ACADEMIC

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

REPORT OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Council received a report from the Student Discipline Appeals Committee.

Council noted its support for the recommendations set out in the report.

Council resolved to recommend to the Academic Board that the University's existing Academic Integrity Module be made compulsory for all students.

COUNCIL REMUNERATION

Council noted that the Minister of Education had recently announced an increase in the remuneration bands that applied to Council members.

Council noted that the last increase to Council member remuneration had taken effect in January 2016.

Council resolved, with effect from 1 July 2023, to increase the remuneration of:

The Chancellor to \$60,000 per annum

The Pro-Chancellor to \$40,000 per annum

Council members (excluding the Vice-Chancellor) to \$30,000 per annum.

PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

Council received a progress report with respect to the University's Pā Project.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held on 26 April 2023.

THANKS TO PROFESSOR EVA COLLINS

Council extended its thanks to outgoing Council member Professor Eva Collins.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council