



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 27 February 2024

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER

Council extended a welcome to Mr George Liu who had joined the Council as the student member following his election to the position of President of the Waikato Students' Union for 2024.

Council welcomed Professor Gary Wilson who had taken up the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research at the University.

Council thanked Professor Robyn Longhurst for her contributions to Council in her role as Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic and wished her well for her new role at Victoria University of Wellington.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2023 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 December 2023 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

Council resolved to appoint Mrs Susan Hassall as a member of Council, appointed by the Council, for a further term ending 15 March 2028.

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Council resolved to appoint Mr George Liu as a member of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee and the Health & Safety Risk and Assurance 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 set out in a schedule.

NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 15 April 2024.

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 5 DECEMBER 2023 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 October 2023 (Part 2).

2023 COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Council received its planned 2024 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 2024 applications and enrolments, the graduate-entry medical school proposal, and requests from the Office of the Auditor General.

Council remained supportive of the approach that had been taken by the Vice-Chancellor to date with a view to establishing a medical school at the University of Waikato.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received A Financial Summary for the period ended 31 December 2023.

Council resolved to request comparative information about the financial positions of each of the New Zealand Universities.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Council confirmed a focus for its forthcoming workshop which would focus on a review of the University's long-term direction and its future Strategy.

CLIMATE CHANGE SCENARIOS FOR THE NZ TERTIARY EDUCATION SECTOR

Council received a presentation from the Pro Vice-Chancellor Sustainability, Professor Lynda Johnston, with respect to work undertaken by the Tertiary Education Sector Climate Futures Group.

UPDATE ON TE AUREI WORK PROGRAMME

Council received a report with respect to the University's Te Aurei work programme.

Council supported the suggestion that the programme should be reframed from responding to perceived deficits towards a positive programme of work that would be business as usual for the University.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Council received a report from the Student Discipline Appeals Committee with respect to an appeal that had recently been heard by the Committee.

REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Honours Committee with respect to the offering a particular University awards.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council