



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 5 December 2023

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 10 OCTOBER 2023 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 October 2023 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 defer its appointment of a student member to Council for 2024 until such time as an investigation in the election process for the 2024 Waikato Students' Union executive had been completed and there was a confirmed WSU President for 2024.

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 27 February 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 10 OCTOBER 2023 (PART 2)

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

2023 COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Council received an updated 2023 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 forthcoming departure of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, graduate-entry medical school proposal, and The Pā capital project.

Council endorsed 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.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

Council undertook a review of the membership of the committees of Council.

Council resolved to appoint Ms Nga wai hono i te po Paki as a member of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee.

Council resolved to defer the appointment of the 2024 student member to Council until such time as this appointment had been confirmed.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT

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

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance meeting held on 31 October 2023.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 21 November 2023.

2024 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO BUDGET

Council resolved to approve the proposed 2024 budget for the University of Waikato.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO BORROWING CONSENT

Following application to the Ministry of Education for approval of an increase in the University's current borrowing consent, the Ministry of Education had provided consent which included covenants that were required to be met to ensure approval for the University's current and future borrowings.

Council resolved to approve the University of Waikato borrowing consent.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Council received a report from the Student Discipline Appeals Committee with respect to appeals recently heard by the Committee.

PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE DVC ACADEMIC

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Professor Robyn Longhurst.

PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE DVC MĀORI

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori, Dr Sarah-Jane Tiakiwai.

PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE ACTING DVC RESEARCH

Council received a portfolio update from the Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Karin Bryan.

PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

Council received a portfolio update from the Chief Operating Officer, Mr Jim Mercer.

PROGRESS ON THE WIND-UP OF WAIKATOLINK LIMITED

Council received a progress report on the wind-up of WaikatoLink Limited as a subsidiary company of the University of Waikato.

FINANCIAL AUTHORITY POLICY

Council resolved to approve the University's revised Financial Authority Policy.

FINANCIAL ETHICS POLICY

Council resolved to approve the University's revised Financial Ethics Policy.

INTERESTS (CONFLICTS OF INTEREST) POLICY

Council resolved to approve the University's revised Interests (Conflicts of Interest) Policy.

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

Council received an oral report from the Chair of the People and Culture Committee.

Council resolved to approve a 1.5% increase to the Vice-Chancellor's remuneration for the period 1 December 2023- 30 November 2024.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council