



COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Monday, 5 September 2022
in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building and via Zoom Videoconference
from 9.00 am to 3.45 pm**

PRESENT: Mr John Allen (Chancellor)
Professor Richard Arnold
Professor Brigitte Bönisch-Brednich *via Zoom*
Mr Jaistone Finau
Ms Tiana Jakicevich
Mr Alan Judge *via Zoom*
Mr David McLean *via Zoom*
Ms Cath Nesus
Hon Maryan Street (Pro-Chancellor)
Mr James Te Puni
Professor Jennifer Windsor (Acting Vice-Chancellor)
Ms Caroline Ward (Secretary to Council)

APOLOGIES: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Jackie Anderson, Acting General Counsel
Professor Petra Butler, Dean, Faculty of Law
Professor Jane Bryson, Dean, Wellington School of Business & Government
Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost (Academic)
Professor Dale Carnegie, Dean of Engineering
Associate Professor Lee Davidson, Museum & Heritage Studies
Professor Doug Easterly, School of Design
Ms Katherine Edmond, Director, Communications
Associate Professor Meegan Hall, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Mātauranga Māori)
Professor Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Māori
Mr Simon Johnson, Acting Chief Operating Officer
Dame Winnie Laban, Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Pasifika
Professor Wendy Lerner, Provost
Professor Sarah Leggott, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor, Humanities and Education
Professor Stephen Marshall, Director, Centre for Learning and Teaching
Professor Ehsan Mesbahi, Pro Vice-Chancellor, SEADI
Mr Les Montgomery, Chief Financial Officer
Mr Ralph Zambrano, VUWSA President

22.148

WELCOME / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / APOLOGIES

- Noted:**
- 1 that Mr James Te Puni led the Karakia.
 - 2 that the Chancellor welcomed everyone to the meeting noting that three Council members were attending via Zoom due to overseas travel and the ongoing impact of COVID-19.

- 3 that the Chancellor acknowledged those watching the meeting via
livestream.
- 4 that this was the first meeting since the resignation of former Pro-
Chancellor, Dr Dianne McCarthy. Mr Allen advised that he would
comment further under his Chancellor's report (see also minute 22.151).

22.149

DECLARATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Received: declarations and disclosure of interests by members of Council.

Noted:

1 that Council members were reminded to advise the Secretary to Council of
any changes to their disclosure of interests listing between meetings.

2 that no further disclosures were made relating to today's agenda.

22.150

COUNCIL MINUTES, MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2022

Received: the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 July 2022.

Resolved: that the public Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 25 July 2022 be
approved.

Nesus/Street
Carried
220132

22.151

REPORT FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Received: a Council paper from the Chancellor, Mr John Allen, dated 30 August 2022
(document VUWC 22/101).

Noted:

1 that the report was taken as read.

2 that the resignation of Dr Dianne McCarthy from Council due to family
illness had been received on 9 August 2022. The significant contribution Dr
McCarthy has made to the Council was recognised. Mr Allen
acknowledged that in addition to being an internationally recognised
academic leader and researcher, Dr McCarthy is a person of integrity, drive,
judgement, and real humanity and her contribution will be missed around
the Council table. Council members unanimously agreed to record a formal
vote of thanks.

3 that Dr McCarthy's resignation created a vacancy in the Office of Pro-
Chancellor to which she had been elected to at the start of the year. An
election was held to determine a new Pro-Chancellor and the results of that
election will be ratified later in the meeting (see Minute 22.158).

4 that a search for a new Council member will commence soon through the
Council's Nominations panel with this process managed by the Secretary
to Council.

5 that the Chancellor spoke to the excellent work being carried out by the
Committees of Council. He particularly commended the efforts of the Te
Aka Matua Committee led by Chair Cath Nesus in response to the
recommendation in the Te Tiriti self-review that Te Aka Matua review its
terms of reference with a view to broadening its scope. A revised Terms of
Reference will be presented to the 10 October Council meeting to reflect this
work.

6 that the achievements of the University's students at the Commonwealth
games were recognised, in particular Lewis Clareburt who won two gold
medals and a bronze in the pool.

- Resolved:**
- 1 that the Chancellor's report be noted.
 - 2 that a vote of thanks be recorded to Council member Dr Dianne McCarthy for her service on Council.

**Arnold/Finau
Carried
220133**

22.152 REPORT FROM THE ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR

Received: a report from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 30 August 2022 (document VUWC 22/102).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that further to the Chancellor's comments, Professor Windsor also highlighted the success of Victoria's students at the Commonwealth Games. These successes will be celebrated at the University's Blues Awards later in the year.
 - 3 that the appointment of Professor Butler as the NZ correspondent to the UN Commission on International Trade Law and correspondent to the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law was acknowledged.

Resolved: that the report from the Acting Vice-Chancellor be noted.

**Nesus/Jakicevich
Carried
220134**

22.153 FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 JULY 2022

Received: the Financial report to 31 July 2022 from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Les Montgomery (document VUWC 22/103).

Noted: that the report was taken as read.

Resolved: that the Financial report to 31 July 2022 be noted.

**Te Puni/McLean
Carried
220135**

22.154 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Received: Reports from Committee Chairs:

- Report of the Academic Board, meetings held 16 August 2022 and 19 July 2022 (document VUWC 22/104a and VUWC 22/104b).
- Te Aka Matua Committee, 1 August 2022
- Finance Committee, 8 August 2022

Noted:

- 1 that the public minutes of the Te Aka Matua Committee, the Finance Committee and the reports of the Academic Board meetings were taken as read.

- 2 that the Chancellor had attended the 19 July 2022 Academic Board meeting which had provided an opportunity to convey Council's appreciation for the efforts of Academic staff during particularly challenging times. He had assured the Academic Board of Council's active support and interest in pedagogy, particularly innovations in teaching and learning.

Resolved: that the Committee reports be noted.

**Bönisch-Brednich/Judge
Carried
220136**

22.155

MEDIA AND SOCIAL MEDIA REPORT

Received: a Council paper from the Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Jennifer Windsor, dated 25 August 2022 providing a Media and Social media report (document VUWC 22/105).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that the engagement of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori with media on the recent Whittaker's chocolate Te Reo branding was highlighted.
 - 3 that the item published by Stuff regarding various iterations of the University's name was discussed, particularly regarding the buses. It was confirmed that market research had been undertaken which had confirmed the need for consistency and that the Senior Leadership Team had recently considered a preliminary report. The Acting Vice-Chancellor confirmed that she would be happy to provide this information to Council.
Action:
 - 4 that a report on ensuring consistency of the University's brand be provided to the next Council meeting.
 - 5 that the article published by the Conversation explaining how Māori and Pasifika science graduates are still marginalised at university was discussed. Council members expressed concern and interest in the response of our Faculty of Graduate research to this.
 - 6 that Professor Lerner was congratulated on her clear media messaging last week of the University's new Intimate and Close Personal relationships policy. The work of Mark Daldorf and Jackie Anderson was acknowledged to effect this policy.

Resolved: that the Media and Social Media report be noted.

**Nesus/Arnold
Carried
220137**

22.156

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council, Ms Caroline Ward, dated 19 August 2022, listing Forthcoming Events (document VUWC 22/106).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the Council paper was taken as read.
 - 2 that the annual student election launches today to elect a student to replace Ms Tiana Jakicevich who completes her two-year term on 31 December 2022.
 - 3 that the next meeting of Council will take place on Monday, 10 October 2022 at 9.00 am in the Council Chamber, Level 2, Hunter Building, Kelburn Campus, Wellington and/or via Zoom.

Resolved: that the Council paper on Forthcoming Events and the date and details of the next Council meeting on Monday, 10 October 2022 be noted.

Street/Te Puni
Carried
220138

the agenda was re-ordered to consider the next two items as the meeting was running ahead of time

22.157 CONFERMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Received: the list of degrees, diplomas and certificates granted on 5 September 2022 (document VUWC 22/109).

Resolved:

- 1 that Council grants the degrees, diplomas and certificates in this University on the persons listed in document VUWC 22/109 and that their names be entered on the Roll of Graduates on 5 September 2022.
- 2 that a motion of congratulations to the Graduates be recorded.

Jakicevich/Finau
Carried
220139

22.158 ELECTION OF PRO-CHANCELLOR

Received: a Council paper from the Secretary to Council dated 23 August 2022 regarding the election of Pro-Chancellor (document VUWC 22/110).

Noted:

- 1 that an election was held to elect a Pro-Chancellor for the remainder of 2022 following the resignation of Council member Dr Dianne McCarthy as at 9 August 2022.
- 2 that one nomination was received for Hon Maryan Street and this was unanimously supported.
- 3 that the Chancellor congratulated Hon Maryan Street on her appointment.

Resolved: that Hon Maryan Street be declared duly elected to the office of Pro-Chancellor for the period from 5 September 2022 to 31 December 2022.

Allen/Judge
Carried
220140

22.159 PASIFIKA REPORT

Received: a Council paper dated 29 August 2022 from Associate Professor Hon Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban, Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) providing a Pasifika update (document VUWC 22/107).

Noted:

- 1 that the report was taken as read.
- 2 that key areas of focus are growing the Pasifika identity within, and contribution to, the University community, as well as increasing Pasifika staff and student numbers.
- 3 that there is evidence that personal engagement with potential Pasifika students at high schools helps to increase the number who go on to enrol at University.
- 4 that the range of external events and agencies the Pasifika team gets involved with to increase Pasifika engagement was applauded.

- 5 that the Chancellor commented on his enjoyment of the recent event in the Hub to launch the Pasifika week celebrations.

Resolved: that the Pasifika update and presentation be noted.

**Finau/Te Puni
Carried
220141**

22.160 VUWSA PRESIDENT REPORT

Received: a report from the VUWSA President, Mr Ralph Zambrano, dated 29 August 2022 (document VUWC 22/108).

- Noted:**
- 1 that the report was taken as read.
 - 2 that the Ngai Taura Co-Presidents had been invited to speak as part of this item, however they were unable to attend due to timing challenges. Mr Zambrano read out a brief report from Ms Kelly Mitchell and this is on the file for this meeting. For the 2023 Council Work plan regular reports from Ngai Taura will be included on the schedule.
 - 3 that VUWSA had been involved in discussions regarding the 2023 Student Services Levy, consultation around learning and teaching delivery in 2024 and beyond, and work to strengthen the partnership approach between the University and students.

Resolved: that the report from the VUWSA President be noted.

**Street/Nesus
Carried
220142**

22.161 SPEAKERS: FUTURE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

Received: an address and presentation on the Future of Learning and Teaching from Professor Stephen Marshall, Director, Centre for Learning and Teaching, and Professor Stuart Brock, Vice-Provost, Academic.

- Noted:**
- 1 that it was highlighted that work on Learning and Teaching pre-dates the COVID-19 pandemic with recognition at that time that successful universities of the future will deliver learning and teaching in multiple new ways.
 - 2 that trends such as the need for people to engage with the education system at multiple points in their career, the rising costs of gaining a degree, and the challenges of ensuring degrees are aligned with the needs of the workplace, were highlighted.
 - 3 that Professor Brock outlined the work currently underway to develop a learning and teaching strategy for the future, including the stakeholder consultation and benchmarking taking place and the gathering of market insights.
 - 4 that a discussion document on the future of teaching at the University is expected to be presented at the Provost forum at Academic Board in March 2023.
 - 5 that Professors Brock and Marshall were thanked for their thought-provoking presentations.

Resolved: that the address on the Future of Learning and Teaching be noted.

**Allen/Finau
Carried**

22.162

RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Received: a recommendation that certain items be taken with the public excluded (document VUWC 22/111).

Resolved: 1 that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely agenda items 16-28.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution
16. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2022	s9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii), and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
17. Safety, Health & Wellbeing report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
18. Chancellor's report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA s48(1)(a)(ii)
19. Acting Vice-Chancellor's report	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
20. Financial report to 31 July 2022	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
21. Approval to name major space in the NMC	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), and s9(2)(i),	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
22. Amending of qualification conferred	s9(2)(a)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
23. Foundation quarterly report	s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
24. Matangirua Creative Fields concept paper	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
25. Te Aka Matua Committee discussion paper	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
26. Council Workplan on matters Māori – action item 22.135(5)	s 9(2)(ba)(i) and s 9(2)(g)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

27. Committee reports	s 9(2)(a), s 9(2)(b)(ii) and s 9(2)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)
28. Council only time	s9(2)(a), s9(2)(b)(ii), s9(2)(i), s9(2)(ba)(i), and s9(2)(g)(i)	LGOIMA, s48(1)(a)(ii)

In relation to each of the above items, no public interest consideration has been identified favouring disclosure of the particular information in public proceedings of the meeting that would override the need to withhold the information.

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or section 7 or section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982, as the case may require, which would be prejudiced by holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are set out above.

- 2 that such members of the senior leadership as the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor request be permitted to remain at this meeting, after the public has been excluded, with the exception of agenda item 28, because of their knowledge of the relevant matters identified above which will be of assistance in relation to those matters.

Nesus/Te Puni
Carried
220144

at 10.55 am the meeting adjourned for morning tea
at 10.55 am Professors Jane Bryson, Petra Butler, Dale Carnegie, & Stephen Marshall left the meeting
at 11.15 am the meeting reconvened