



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 2 May 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 28 FEBRUARY 2023 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February 2023 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Council received a further oral report from the Vice-Chancellor from which it was noted that the University would be holding its 2023 Open Days on 26/27 May (Hamilton) and 9 June (Tauranga).

Council noted that the University would proceed with some new staff recruitment and would be seeking to fill some positions that had been held as open vacancies for some time.

Council noted the University's success in significantly increasing its enrolments in Nursing in 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 27 June 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 28 FEBRUARY 2023 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 28 February 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 graduate-entry medical school proposal and graduation at the Pā.

MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 28 March 2023.

Council received an update from the Chief Operating Officer with respect to negotiations with Tainui Group Holdings regarding the University's Hillcrest Campus land lease.

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 4 April 2023.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

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

Council resolved to approve the revised capital programme set out in the Financial Summary.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT

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

HEALTH & SAFETY – MAJOR EVENT: GAS CYLINDER FIRE

Council received a report and update 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 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Council received the draft University of Waikato 2022 Annual Report.

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

Council resolved that provided that Audit New Zealand did not require any material changes to be made to the Annual Report as drafted, to delegate authority to the chancellor to approve the 2022 University of Waikato Annual Report for public release.

Council resolved that should Audit New Zealand require material changes to be made to the Annual Report as drafted, an updated Annual Report, including a summary of changes made in response to Audit New Zealand's requirements, would be circulated to Council members for consideration and approval.

LEASE APPROVAL

Council resolved to delegate authority to Vice-Chancellor to enter into a 15-year operating lease with the Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust (TECT) for the properties at 127 and 143 Durham Street Tauranga..

CYCLE 6 ACADEMIC AUDIT

Council received the University's draft Cycle 6 Academic Audit Report.

Council noted that the site visit for the Cycle 6 Academic Audit would take place during the week commencing 4 September 2023.

DRAFT PACIFIC STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2023-2025

Council received the draft Pacific Implementation Plan that would guide activities undertaken in 2023-2025 to deliver on the University Pacific Strategic Plan 2021-2025.

MICROSOFT 365 PROJECT

Council endorsed the Vice-Chancellor's decision to proceed with a project to replace the University's current Google Workspace Productivity software with the Microsoft Modern Workspace framework.

Council noted that the cost of the project would be offset by the one-off sale of the University's surplus IP addresses which had been approved by the Capital and Finance Committee and the Secretary for Education.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S 2023 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Council received the Vice-Chancellor's 2023 performance objectives that had been negotiated and approved by the People and Culture Committee.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO COMMON SEAL POLICY

Council approved the revised University of Waikato Common Seal Policy.

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 7 December 2023.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Council noted that an election by and from the staff would be held to replace Professor Eva Collins on Council following the end of her term on 31 July 2023.

Council noted that it would consider the reappointment of the Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand as a member of Council at the meeting on 27 June 2023; the Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand's current term on Council would end on 30 June 2023.

Council noted that an election for the role of Chancellor would be held at the meeting on 27 June 2023.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council