



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 28 February 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 6 DECEMBER 2022 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 December 2022 (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 with respect to the institution's preparedness for future climate events.

Council noted that the University had extended an offer of support to students who had been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle; a report on use of the University's hardship fund to support those students would be provided at the May meeting of Council.

Council noted that the University currently had a waiting list for student accommodation on its Hamilton campus.

Council noted that the University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Professor Longhurst, had recently attended the Achieving the Dream 'DREAM 2023' conference which focused on learner success; it was noted that additional funding would be required to resource learner success if the University was to replicate the results achieved by some US community colleges.

Council noted that the University was preparing a submission in response to a call for tenders by the Tauranga City Council to lease land at Marine Park for the purpose of a marine research facility; should the University be successful in securing the lease it would look to construct a building to suit extreme climactic events with public and private financial contributions.

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.

Council noted that the University's April graduation ceremonies in Hamilton would be held at Claudelands Events Centre, rather than at the Pā as originally scheduled.

NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 2 May 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 6 DECEMBER 2022 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 December 2022 (Part 2).

REVITALISATION OF TE RŌPŪ MANUKURA

Council asked for an update at its next meeting on the work being undertaken to revitalise Te Rōpū Manukura.

2022 COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Council received an updated 2022 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 EFTS, collective contract negotiations and seismic matters.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO 2022 YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary for the period ended 31 December 2022.

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF UNIVERSITY ASSETS

Council received a paper with respect to the proposed sale of the University's surplus public internet IP addresses.

Council approved in principle the sale of the University's surplus public internet IP addresses.

Council endorsed the University seeking approval from the Secretary for Education to sell the University's surplus public internet IP addresses.

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Capital and Finance Committee to determine the best long-term financial benefit for the University from the sale and/or retention of the University's surplus public internet IP addresses.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Council received a report of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee meeting held on 16 February 2023.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT

Council received a report with respect to the University's Health, Safety and Wellness (document C23/11).

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 (document C23/12).

TRUSTED RESEARCH PROTECTIVE SECURITY REGULATIONS

Council received a presentation by Mr Simon Lovatt, Director Research and Enterprise, with respect to the implications for the University sub-sector of the Trusted Research Protective Security Regulations.

TERTIARY AND INTERNATIONAL LEARNERS CODE OF PRACTICE

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee to review the University's annual progress report with respect to the Education (Tertiary and International Learners) Code of Practice 2021 gap analysis and to provide an attestation to Universities New Zealand on behalf of Council.

EXTENSION OF STUDENT VILLAGE REFRESH PROGRAMME

Council resolved to approve an additional \$1.3M in the University's 2023 capital budget to extend the scope of the Student Village Refresh programme to enable the conversion of University Lodge back into student accommodation.

PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

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

Council noted that the blessing and official opening of the Pā was now anticipated to take place in mid-late May 2023.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the meeting of the Academic Board held on 7 December 2023.

HONORARY AWARDS

Council resolved to approve the offer of two honorary awards.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO LAND LEASE

Council noted that progress on the Hillcrest Campus land lease had slowed but work was continuing.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Council noted that the People and Culture Committee had conducted its annual performance review of the Vice-Chancellor.

POSSIBLE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Council supported the University entering into discussions with respect a possible property acquisition.

Council resolved to request that a business case be provided to a future meeting of Council should a recommendation be made for the acquisition of the property.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council