Rationale
Te Rōpū Manukura, in partnership with the University Council, is the Kaitiaki (guardian) of the Treaty of Waitangi for the University of Waikato.

Terms of Reference
1. To be the body responsible with Council to give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi in the University.
2. To provide a forum for the discussion of matters of University policy which affect Māori and/or relate to the Treaty of Waitangi, and to communicate advice about such matters to iwi and to the University, as appropriate.
3. To facilitate the educational and research advancement of iwi through partnership with the University.
4. To make recommendations for Māori representatives on University bodies.
5. To receive and request reports from the University regarding the performance of Māori students in the University, and other matters that may relate to the University, the Treaty of Waitangi, and Māori development.
6. To consult with iwi and to promote tertiary development throughout the region.
7. To offer advice concerning the resourcing and direction of the work of the School of Māori and Pacific Development.
8. To discharge such other duties and obligations as are from time to time determined by the Council and Te Rōpū Manukura.

Constitution

Ex Officio Members
1. The Chancellor
2. The Vice-Chancellor
3. The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori)
4. The Director of the Waikato-Tainui College for Research and Development
5. The Dean of the School of Māori and Pacific Development
6. The Māori members of Council (by invitation)
7. The President of the Waikato Students’ Union
8. The student member of Council
9. The University Kaumātua

Appointed Members
10. One member appointed by each of the iwi authorities within the broad University catchment area as representatives of their respective iwi authorities (Mandated Iwi Organisations):
   (1) Hauraki Māori Trust Board
   (2) Maniapoto Māori Trust Board
   (3) Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated
   (4) Te Runanga o Ngāti Pukenga Iwi ki Tauranga Trust
   (5) Ngāti Ranginui Iwi Society Incorporated
   (6) Te Arawa Lakes Trust
   (7) Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Te Rangi Iwi Trust
   (8) Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Awa
   (9) Te Rūnanga o Te Whānau-ā-Apanui
Chairperson
The Chairperson is appointed every three years by the committee from among its members or from within the iwi constituencies that make up its membership.

Deputy Chairperson
A Deputy Chairperson is appointed every three years by the committee from among its members.