



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
**WAIKATO**  
*Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato*

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 16 February 2021

### **MINUTE OF SILENCE**

Council took a minute of silence to mark the death of Council member Mr Scott Bartlett who died on 14 December 2020.

### **KARAKIA**

The meeting was opened with a karakia led by Ms Ngareta Timutimu.

### **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2020 (PART 1)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting (Part 1) held on 1 December 2020.

### **REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)**

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Council resolved to extend its congratulations to Professor Sandy Morrison on her appointment as Acting Dean of the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies, and to Valmaine Toki for her promotion to Professor.

### **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.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Council confirmed that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday 30 March 2021.

### **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 1 DECEMBER 2020 (PART 2)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 December 2020 (Part 2).

### **COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

Council received an updated version of its 2021 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 2021 applications and enrolments

### **DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW UNIVERSITY STRATEGY**

Council received an update from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to the planned development of a new University Strategy during 2021.

### **ACC AUDIT REPORT AND ACTIONS**

Council received a copy of the ACC Audit Report, undertaken as part of the regular Accredited Employer Programme, together with the University's plan to address recommendation from that report. Council referred the report to the Audit and Risk Committee for further consideration.

### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT**

Council received a report on Health, Safety and Wellness.

### **UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Council received the University of Waikato financial summary for the period ended 31 December 2020.

### **PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION**

Council considered a proposal to acquire a property adjacent to other University of Waikato land holdings.

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Vice-Chancellor to enter into negotiations for the University to purchase the property; Council further resolved that the University's offer should align with the valuation being conducted on the property.

### **TASKFORCE PROGRESS REPORT**

Council received a progress report with respect to the work of the Taskforce.

## **COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

Council received recommendations from the People and Culture Committee with respect to changes to the current committees of Council.

Council supported the recommendations from the People and Culture Committee and requested the development of draft terms of reference for the Committees for consideration at a future meeting of Council.

## **CHAIRPERSONSHIP OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE**

Council noted that the current Chair of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee had signalled his intention to withdraw as Chair of the Committee after 14 years' in the role.

Council resolved to appoint Dr Joan Forret as Chairperson of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee with effect from 16 February 2021.

Council resolved to appoint Ms Kyla Campbell-Kamariera as a member of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee with effect from 16 February 2021, to fill a vacancy on that committee.

Council resolved to extend its thanks to Professor Barry Barton for his service as a member and as Chairperson of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee over the past 14 years.

## **ASSESSMENT OF ONLINE TEACHING DURING COVID-19**

Council received a copy of the University contribution to the Academic Quality Agency's 'Good Practice Assessment of online teaching during the COVID-19 period and lessons for the future'.

## **UNIVERSITY WAIKATO LIBRARY**

Council received a paper with respect to the operations and activities of the University of Waikato Library.

## **PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

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

## **MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD**

Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 2 December 2020.

## **REPORT ON THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

Council resolved to approve the recommendation from the Honours Committee with respect to the award of an Honorary Doctorate.

## **REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR**

Council received a report from the Chair of the People and Culture Committee with respect to succession planning for Council.

## **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW**

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

### **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S ANNUAL REMUNERATION REVIEW**

Council received an oral report and recommendation from the Chair of the People and Culture Committee; Council resolved to approve the recommendation from the Chair.

### **POROPOROAKI**

The meeting was closed with a poroporoaki by Ms Ngareta Timutimu.

Brandon McGibbon  
**Secretary to Council**