



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 19 May 2020

This meeting was held via video-conference

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia by Sir Anand Satyanand.

APOLOGIES

Council received an apology for absence from Mr Paki Rawiri, and an apology for lateness from Mr Simon Graafhuis.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 APRIL 2020 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting (Part 1) held on 8 April 2020.

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 University's managed return to its campuses.

Accreditation by IPENZ of the University's civil engineering programme as part of its Bachelor of Engineering with Honours.

The University's Centre of Research Excellence (CORE) proposal for the circular economy.

Council noted the advice of the Vice-Chancellor that as a result of learnings from the University's COVID-19 response the University would be making changes to its policy on remote working and had a new understanding of how well remote working suited many of its staff.

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 7 July 2020.

PUBLIC EXCLUSION

Council resolved to exclude the public from the meeting.

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 8 APRIL 2020 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 April 2020 (Part 2).

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2020 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 April 2020 (Part 2)

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 response to COVID-19 and a recent senior staff appointment.

COVID-19

Council received a report a report with respect to the University's strategy and response to COVID-19.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

Council received a report on health and safety matters.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Council received a report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 7 April 2020.

REPORT OF THE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Council received a report of the Campus Development Committee meeting held on 12 May 2020.

2020 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO BUDGET

Council noted that the University had worked to develop a revised 2020 Budget in light of the anticipated financial impact of COVID-19.

Council resolved to approve the Revised 2020 University of Waikato Budget.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR ACADEMIC

Council received a portfolio report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic, Professor Robyn Longhurst.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR MĀORI

Council received a portfolio report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori, Dr Sarah-Jane Tiakiwai.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR RESEARCH

Council received a portfolio report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Professor Bryony James.

Council welcomed Professor James to the University.

REPORT AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO STRATEGY 2017-2021

Council received a progress report against the University of Waikato Strategy 2017-2021.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR MĀORI

Council received a portfolio report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori, Dr Sarah-Jane Tiakiwai.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary to 30 April 2020.

IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE PROJECT

Council received a report from the Chief Information Officer, Mr Eion Hall, with respect to the University's planned IT Infrastructure Update project.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S 2020 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Council resolved to approve a suite of 2020 performance objectives for the Vice-Chancellor.

REPORT ON STAFF CHECK-IN SURVEY

Council received a report from the Director of Organisational Development and Wellness, Ms Nikki Thomas, with respect to the findings from the April 2020 Staff Check-In Survey that had been undertaken during alert level 4.

TE AKA MĀNEA – STUDENT AND LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT CLOSE OUT REPORT

Council received a project close out report with respect to the University's Te Aka Mānea – Student and Learning Management System project that had been undertaken between 2016 and 2020.

Council resolved to formally close the Te Aka Mānea – Student and Learning Management System project with all future work on the system becoming part of the University's business as usual.

Council extended its thanks to the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alister Jones, for his leadership and management of the project.

AUDIT NZ REPORT TO MINISTER POST-AUDIT

Council received a copy of the Audit New Zealand Post-Audit Report to the Minister of Education on the University of Waikato's 2019 annual audit.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 18 February 2020.

POROPOROAKI

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

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council