



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

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 1 December 2020

### **KARAKIA**

The meeting was opened with a karakia led by the University kaumātua Mr Tamati Tata.

### **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2020 (PART 1)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting (Part 1) held on 20 October 2020.

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

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

### **TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY**

In accordance with a recommendation from the Audit and Risk Committee, Council resolved to approve the University's proposed Treasury Management Policy.

### **CONSTITUTION OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

In accordance with a recommendation from the Honours Committee, Council resolved to approve changes to the constitution of the Honours Committee to provide for the ex-officio membership of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Council confirmed that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday 16 February 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 20 OCTOBER 2020 (PART 2)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 October 2020 (Part 2).

### **COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

Council received an updated version of its 2020 Work Plan.

Council received a draft 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 student recruitment
- Enhanced retirement and voluntary redundancy processes

### **REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

Council received a report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 10 November 2020.

Council received a further report from the Chief Operating Officer with respect to the changed methodology for detailed seismic assessments post 2017.

### **REPORT OF THE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Council received a report of the Campus Development Committee meeting held on 16 November 2020.

### **2020 AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS**

Council received the Audit New Zealand fee letter and plan for the 2020 annual audit of the University of Waikato.

In accordance with a recommendation from the Audit and Risk Committee, Council resolved to recommend that the audit plan and fee between the University of Waikato and Audit New Zealand for the 2020 annual audit of the University of Waikato be signed by the Chancellor

### **2021 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN AND BUDGET**

Council received the draft 2021 University of Waikato Annual Management Plan and Budget.

In accordance with a recommendation from the Audit and Risk Committee, Council resolved to approve the 2021 University Budget as proposed.

## **NETWORK REMEDIATION PROJECT**

Council received an update with respect to the University's proposed network remediation project. Council resolved to approve the proposed network remediation project proceeding as proposed.

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary for the period ended 31 October 2020.

## **TERTIARY EDUCATION STRATEGY**

Council received the 2020 Tertiary Education Strategy, together with the Tertiary Insight review of the Strategy.

Council noted that the University would be developing a new Investment Plan in the first half of 2021; this Plan would detail how the University would give effect to the new Tertiary Education Strategy.

## **DISPOSAL OF UNIVERSITY ASSET - OPOUTERE**

At its meeting on 20 October 2020 Council had resolved to approve a proposal to sell the University's property at Opoutere.

Following Council's consideration, the Chancellor had been approached by a member of the University staff who requested that Council reconsider its decision to approve the sale of the property. The Chancellor had determined that Council should form its own opinion of whether its decision should be revisited.

Council received a submission from a group of staff outlining the reasons why the staff concerned believed the decision to sell the University property should be reconsidered.

Following consideration of the paper Council resolved to confirm its 20 October 2020 resolution that the University's property at Opoutere should be sold.

## **STAFF SURVEY ACTIONS**

Council received a report from the Director Organisational Development and Wellness with respect to actions taken by the University in response to its 2020 Staff Survey.

## **HONORARY AWARDS CRITERIA**

Council received proposed criteria for the University's Honorary Awards.

In accordance with a recommendation from the Honours Committee, Council resolved to approve the amended criteria for University honorary awards as proposed.

## **REPORT ON THE TASKFORCE**

Council received a progress report on the University Taskforce that had been formed as an outcome of the Parata Gardiner review.

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

Council received a report on health, safety and wellness matters.

#### **REPORT ON CYBERSECURITY**

Council received a six-monthly report on the University's Cybersecurity.

#### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR ACADEMIC**

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

#### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR MĀORI**

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

#### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR RESEARCH**

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

#### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Council received a six-monthly portfolio report from the Chief Operating Officer, Mr Jim Mercer.

#### **WAIKATOLINK 2021 STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT**

Council resolved to endorse the WaikatoLink 2021 Statement of Corporate Intent.

#### **PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

Council received a progress report on the University's Pā Project.

#### **REVIEW OF COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

Council received an update from the Chancellor with respect to the review of committees of Council which had been requested at the 20 October 2020 meeting of Council.

#### **POROPOROAKI**

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

Brandon McGibbon  
**Secretary to Council**