REPORT OF COUNCIL
The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 15 February 2022

KARAKIA
The meeting was opened with a karakia.

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
Council welcomed new Council members Ms Parekawhia McLean and Ms Lushomo Thebe.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS
Council confirmed a register of its members’ declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2021 (PART 1)
Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 December 2021 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)
Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO ACADEMIC PLAN 2022-2026
Council noted that the proposed Academic Plan has been developed during 2021 and had been subject to extensive consultation with staff and relevant groups.
Council resolved to approve the University of Waikato Academic Plan 2022-2026.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO RESEARCH PLAN 2022-2026
Council noted that the proposed Research Plan had been developed during 2021 and had been subject to extensive consultation with staff and relevant groups.
Council resolved to approve the University of Waikato Research Plan 2022-2026.

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.

NEXT MEETING
Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 5 April 2022.

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 7 DECEMBER 2021 (PART 2)
Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 December 2021 (Part 2).

COUNCIL WORK PLAN
Council received its 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 University of Waikato application and enrolment trends, the potential impact of the Government’s recent border announcements relating to international students, and the potential implications of Te Ara Paerangi Future Pathways Green Paper 2021.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF TE RŌPŪ MANUKURA
Council received a report from the Chair of Te Rōpū Manukura.
Council reiterated its support for Te Rōpū Manukura and underlined its importance as part of the University’s governance structure.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO TREATY STATEMENT
Council received the proposed University of Waikato Treaty Statement which had been updated following consultation.
Council was pleased the Statement had been developed by University leadership as it showed the importance placed on the Treaty.
Council resolved to approve the University of Waikato Treaty Statement as proposed.
Council resolved to request that the University commission a full translation of the University of Waikato Treaty Statement into te reo Māori.
Council resolved to request that both the English and te reo Māori versions of the University of Waikato Treaty Statement be published on the University website.

TAURANGA CAMPUS PLAN 2022-2024
Council received and endorsed the Tauranga Campus Plan 2022-2024.

TAURANGA TECT LEASE AGREEMENT
Council resolved to delegate authority to the Vice-Chancellor to enter into a lease agreement with TECT for a Tauranga CBD property.
HILLCREST CAMPUS SEISMIC STRENGTHENING UPDATE
Council received an update relating to seismic assessments undertaken across the University’s Hillcrest campus and the University’s planned programme for undertaking any necessary remediation work.
Council noted that the University had prioritised an earthquake remediation programme of work to ensure that any issues identified through recent buildings assessments were addressed in as timely a way as possible.
Council noted that no buildings on any of the University’s campuses had been assessed as having any structural issues that might constitute a collapse risk.

NETWORK REMEDIATION PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
Council received a progress report with respect to the University’s Network Remediation Project.
Council noted that while the programme had experienced some delays, work undertaken through the completed Phase 1 stage of the project had significantly reduced the University’s cybersecurity risk.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT
Council received a report on Health, Safety and Wellness.

2021 DRAFT UOW FINANCIAL RESULT
Council received the draft University of Waikato financial result for the period ended 31 December 2021.
Council noted that the audited final 2021 result would be provided as part of the University’s 2021 Annual Report which was scheduled to be considered at the April 2022 meeting of Council.

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE
Council received an update with respect to initiatives being undertaken by the University in terms of sustainability, including the development of a Sustainability Plan.

PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
Council received a progress report with respect to the University’s Pā project.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD
Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 8 December 2022.

AMENDMENT TO ASB FACILITIES AGREEMENT
Council resolved to approve a minor amendment to its facilities agreement with ASB.

REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE
Council received and approved recommendations from the Honours Committee.

VICE-CHANCELLOR’S PERFORMANCE REVIEW
Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to his 2021/22 performance objectives.
Council received a further report from the Chair of the People and Culture Committee with respect to the process followed by the Committee in conducting the Vice-Chancellor’s annual performance review and its feedback to Council on this review.
REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR

Council received a report from the Chancellor with respect to the process and timeline associated with the appointment of a new member to the University Council.

Council received a report from the Chancellor with respect to the Vice-Chancellor’s remuneration review for 2022/23.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council