



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

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 1 July 2025

### **KARAKIA**

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE**

Council acknowledged the contribution made by former Chancellor and Council member The Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand; Sir Anand's grace, courtesy and sincerity had been highly valued by Council.

### **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2025 (PART 1)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025 (Part 1).

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

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

### **APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL**

Council resolved to appoint The Hon Te Ururoa Flavell to Council for the term 1 July 2025 to 20 June 2029.

### **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.

### **2026 MEETING DATES**

Council received a schedule of the 2026 meeting dates for Council and its committees.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 12 August 2025.

### **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:*

## **PART 2**

### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2025 (PART 2)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 May 2025 (Part 2).

### **COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

Council received its 2025 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 the University's graduate-entry medical school proposal, the UniRec centre and a Tauranga property opportunity.

### **ELECTION OF A PRO-CHANCELLOR**

Council resolved to elect The Hon Te Ururoa Flavell as Pro-Chancellor of the University of Waikato for the term 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2029.

### **SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT**

Council received a report with respect to the University's Safety and Wellbeing.

### **STAFF PULSE SURVEY RESULTS**

Council received a report with respect to the results of the University's May 2025 staff pulse survey.

### **UOW FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Council received the University of Waikato financial summary for the period ended 30 May 2025.

### **MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025.

### **TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Council considered updates regarding two transnational education initiatives being considered by the University; Council resolved to support the University proceeding with the next steps for both initiatives.

### **STUDENT ACCOMMODATION**

Council received a presentation with respect to progress against the University's student accommodation strategy.

Council resolved to support the University progressing heads of agreement with potential Tauranga student accommodation providers.

Council resolved to request that the University develop a parking plan associated with the Tauranga CBD campus and associated developments.

**PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Council received a portfolio update from the Chief Operating Officer.

**STUDENT SURVEY REPORT**

Council received a report with respect to the University's suite of student surveys and the results of these surveys.

**PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE DVC ACADEMIC**

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic.

**PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE DVC MĀORI**

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori.

Council noted that the University's annual Kīngitanga Day would be held on 11 September 2025.

**2024 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

Council received the University's 2024 Sustainability Report – Whaioranga Taiao, Whaioranga Tangata.

**UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO RESEARCH PLAN**

Council received the University's draft 2026-2030 Research Plan.

**PORTFOLIO UPDATE FROM THE DVC RESEARCH**

Council received a portfolio update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research.

**REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

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

**POROPOROAKI**

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon  
**Secretary to Council**