REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 22 August 2017.

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

APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Ms Margaret Devlin and Mr Richard Jefferies.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2017 (PART 1)
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2017 (Part 1).

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

2018 MEETING DATES
Council confirmed the 2018 meeting dates for Council and its committees.

2018 STUDENT SERVICES LEVY – DEVELOPMENT OF A STUDENT SERVICES GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Council received and endorsed a proposal from the Chief Financial Officer to develop a Student Services Governance Committee which would include student representation and would have an advisory role with respect to how the Student Services Levy is set, what services would be delivered under this levy and how these services would be purchased by the University.

APPOINTMENT TO THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
Council deferred consideration of an appointment to the Audit and Risk Committee until a future meeting.

REPORT OF TE RŌPŪ MANUKURA
Council received a written report from the Chair of Te Rōpū Manukura.

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 THE NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of Council would be held on Tuesday 10 October 2017 from 9.00am in the Council Room, first floor, B Block and would be preceded by a Council strategy session to be held on Monday 9 October 2017.

PUBLIC EXCLUSION
The public was excluded from Part 2 of the Council meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 JUNE 2017 (PART 2)
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2017 (Part 2).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 2)
Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor (Part 2).
Council received a further oral report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to:
   a. EFTS achievement to date
   b. the Graduate Entry Medical School
   c. a change proposal in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
Council received a Health and Safety Report.

COUNCIL STRATEGY SESSION
Council considered and endorsed the programme for the Council Strategy session to be held on 9 October 2017.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL REPORTING
Council received the University of Waikato financial reports to 30 June 2017.

2018 UNIVERSITY BUDGET METHODOLOGY
Council received and endorsed the methodology for the 2018 University Budget.

INVESTMENT PLAN KPI REPORTING
Council received an interim report against the key performance indicators set out in the 2017-2019 University of Waikato Investment Plan.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO GROUND RENTAL REVIEW
Council received an update with respect to the University of Waikato Ground Rental Review under the Tainui land lease.

2018 STUDENT ACCOMMODATION
Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to the process that had been followed in determining 2018 Student Accommodation rates for the Halls of Residence.

NGA KETE TEC INFORMATION ANALYSIS
Council received an analysis of transition to tertiary study from secondary schools in the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Northland regions utilising data that had been made available by the Tertiary Education Commission through its Nga Kete data tool.
USE OF THE TERM ‘UNIVERSITY’
Council received a report from the Vice-Chancellor that detailed proposed changes to the Education Act 1989 to provide wānanga the opportunity to apply to use the term ‘university’, a provision which was already available to Institutes of Technology and Polytechnics under the legislation. Council noted that it would be important that any assessment of indigenous universities be made using criteria that recognised mātauranga Māori, rather than a European or western paradigm.

NZUSA SURVEY ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE WITHIN STUDENT COMMUNITIES
Council received a copy of a presentation given by NZUSA (New Zealand Union of Students’ Associations) to Universities New Zealand with respect to a survey on sexual violence within student communities that had been conducted by NZUSA through social media. Council noted that the University was developing a public-facing website that would highlight the support and reporting mechanisms available to students who had been victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence (Secretary’s note: this website is available at http://www.waikato.ac.nz/student-life/student-safety)

TAURANGA CBD CAMPUS PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
Council received a progress report on the University Tauranga CBD Campus Project.

TE AKA MĀNEA – STUDENT LEARNING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT
Council received a progress report on Te Aka Mānea – the Student Learning and Management System project.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council