Report of Council

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 2 May 2017.

KARAKIA
The meeting was opened with a karakia by Mr Richard Jefferies

WELCOME
Council extended a welcome to the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori, Dr Sarah-Jane Tiakiwai.

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

MINUTES
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)
1. Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.
2. Council received a further oral report from which it was noted that the Capital Development Committee would bring forth a range of capital project recommendations to Council following the completion of the Campus Master Plan.
3. In response to a question about the removal of funding for fifth year PhD students, which had been included the Vice-Chancellor’s written report, the Vice-Chancellor noted that the University would need to ensure that it made up the shortfall in Ministry-Funded EFTS that the funding change had created; in 2016, fifth year PhD students had generated approximately 50 EFTS.

APPOINTMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO RESEARCH TRUST
Council resolved to re-appoint Dr David McCall (Dairy NZ) to the University of Waikato Research Trust Board for a three-year term ending 13 May 2020.

UNISAVER RESOLUTION
Council received a copy of a resolution with respect to annual reporting requirements for UniSaver Limited, the company that oversees the UniSaver superannuation; this resolution had been agreed by members between meetings and signed on behalf of Council by the Vice-Chancellor.

NEXT MEETING
It was noted that the next meeting of Council would be held on Tuesday 27 June from 10.30am in the Council Room.

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

MINUTES (PART 2)
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 (Part 2).

COUNCIL STRATEGY SESSION
Council received the notes of the Council Strategy Session held on 27 March 2017.
REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 2)
1. Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.
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. Possible CUAP changes
   d. Tainui Land Lease negotiations
   e. a STEM organisation review

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT
Council received a regular Health and Safety report.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE
Council received a report from the Student Discipline Appeals Committee with respect to a recent appeal.

TERTIARY EDUCATION UNION
1. Council received a report summarising a recent meeting between the Pro-Chancellor and the joint Co-Presidents of the University of Waikato Branch of the Tertiary Education Union.
2. Council had a comprehensive discussion about the points raised by the Co-Presidents of the University of Waikato branch of the Tertiary Education Union.
3. Council resolved that the Pro-Chancellor and Secretary to Council would formulate a response to the Co-Presidents of the University of Waikato Branch of the Tertiary Education Union that reflected Council’s consideration of the matters raised by the Co-Presidents and responded to the Union’s assertions.

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE IN THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
1. Council received the revised proposal for changes in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences that had been considered by the Academic Board at its meeting on 26 April 2017.
2. Council received a further oral report from the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Professor Allison Kirkman, with respect to the consultation feedback received to date and the intended timeline and process for the development of a recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor.
3. Council had a comprehensive discussion about the proposal for change in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

COUNCIL EVALUATION
An evaluation of Council, including interviews with Council members, would be undertaken later in the year.

UPSKILLING CHILEAN TEACHERS
To meet the requirements of the Chilean Ministry of Education with respect to a contract to upskill English language ability for Chilean teachers, Council resolved to delegate authority to the Vice-Chancellor to enter into and execute International Memoranda of Understandings on behalf of the University of Waikato.

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

TE RŌPŪ MANUKURA
Council received an oral report from the Chair of Te Rōpū Manukura with respect to the meeting of Te Rōpū Manukura held on 13 April 2017.
MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL
The Chancellor reported that the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment had appointed Ms Margaret Devlin as a member of the University of Waikato Council with effect from 1 May 2017.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY
Council received an oral report from the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Andrew McKinnon, with respect to the current financial position of the University of Waikato.

ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITIES
Council received an update from the Pro Vice-Chancellor Research with respect to the TEC’s Entrepreneurial Universities funding round.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council