REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 10 October 2017.

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

APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Mr Paul Adams and Ms Margaret Devlin.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2017 (PART 1)
Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 August 2017 (Part 1).

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

FUNDRAISING AND PHILANTHROPY ACCEPTANCE POLICY
Council resolved to approve a new Fundraising and Philanthropy Acceptance Policy that provided clarity with respect to the way the University handled monetary gift bequests and was intended to ensure that these were dealt with appropriately and consistently.

2018 DOMESTIC STUDENT TUITION FEES
At its meeting on 24 August 2016 Council had resolved to approve a 2% increase in domestic student tuition fees for both 2017 and 2018, subject to confirmation by Government that the Annual Maximum Fee Movement would remain at 2% for 2018. Council noted that Government had confirmed that the Annual Maximum Fee Movement (AMFM) would remain at 2% for 2018.

2018 STUDENT SERVICES LEVY
Council resolved to approve an increase to the Student Services Levy for 2018; this increase had been supported by students through Waikato Students’ Union consultation. The fee would increase from $479 per EFTS in 2017 to $519 per EFTS in 2018.

AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE
To satisfy requirements of the Australian Tax Office with respect to maintaining a list of eligible associates for the University of Waikato, Council resolved to request the Australian Tax Office remove all current associates on the University of Waikato account and to appoint the Vice-Chancellor as Public Officer for the University’s Australian Tax Office account.
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
Council confirmed that its next meeting would be held on Tuesday 5 December 2017 from 10.30am in the Council Room, first floor, B Block.

2018 WSU PRESIDENT
It was reported that Ms Candra Pullon had been elected President of the Waikato Students’ Union for 2018.

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2017 (PART 2)
Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 August 2017 (Part 2).

NZUSA SURVEY ON SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN STUDENT COMMUNITIES
Council noted the actions taken by the University following the release of the NZUSA Survey on Sexual Violence in Student Communities; these included the establishment of a student safety website and a 24/7 student crisis hotline; no calls had yet been received on the hotline.

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 proposal.

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

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL REPORTING
Council received the University of Waikato financial reports to 31 August 2017.

PEOPLE AND CULTURE COMMITTEE
Council reviewed the terms of reference and constitution of its People and Culture Committee and resolved to amend the constitution to provide for an additional member appointed by and from the Council. Council further resolved to appoint Mr Graeme Milne to the People and Culture Committee.

COUNCIL EVALUATION
Council reviewed the report of a Council Evaluation that had been undertaken earlier in the year and set out a programme for future meetings of Council.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
Council received a report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 29 September 2017.

INTERNATIONAL AGENT COMMISSION RATES
Council received a paper setting out a schedule of revised International Agent Commission rates that would apply from 2018.
REPORTING AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY STRATEGY 2017-2021
Council received a report against measures included as part of the University Strategy 2017-2021 which established a baseline for future, six-monthly, reporting to Council against the Strategy.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD
Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 15 August 2017.

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

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

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council