REPORT OF COUNCIL
The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 20 February 2018.

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

PASSING OF HONORARY DOCTOR
Council noted that Dr Morehu Ngatoko Rahipere MNZM of Tauranga Moana had passed away. Dr Rahipere had been a strong support of the University and had received an honorary doctorate from the University in 2015.

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 5 DECEMBER 2017 (PART 1)
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2017 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)
Council received the report of the Vice-Chancellor (Part 1).

APPOINTMENT TO THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
Council resolved to reappoint Ms Margaret Devlin as a member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a further three-year term.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD
Council resolved to approve amendments to the constitution of the University’s Academic Board to provide for the appointment of non-Academic staff to the Board by the Dean in certain circumstances.

POSSIBLE FUTURE CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS STATUTE
Council received advice that while the constitution of the University Council would satisfy the Government’s intended change to TEI governance structures, changes might be required to the Council Appointments Statute to ensure that the mechanism of appointing staff members to Council complied with the proposed amendments to the Education Act.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO COMMON SEAL POLICY
Council resolved to approve the revised University of Waikato Common Seal Policy.
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 NEXT MEETING
Council confirmed that its next meeting would be held on Monday 26 March 2018.

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

The following items were considered under Part 2 of the Council meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2017 (PART 2)
Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 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. Tertiary education changes
   b. The Graduate-Entry Medical School proposal
   c. The University’s Land Lease
   d. Fees-Free
   e. The University’s organisational structure

SUMMARY OF YEAR-END FINANCIAL POSITION
Council received a report with respect to the University’s 2017 year-end financial position.

CENTRES FOR ASIA-PACIFIC EXCELLENCE
Council received a report with respect to the Tertiary Education Commission’s Centres for Asia-Pacific Excellence.

ENTREPRENEURIAL UNIVERSITIES
Council received a report with respect to the Tertiary Education Commission’s Entrepreneurial Universities initiative.

WAIKATO PATHWAYS COLLEGE PROPOSAL
Council received a paper with respect to a proposal under consideration involving the Waikato Pathways College.

TAURANGA CAMPUS PROJECT REPORT
Council received a report with respect to the Tauranga CBD Campus Project.

TE AKA MĀNEA – SLMS PROJECT REPORT
Council received a report with respect to the Te Aka Mānea SLMS Project.

UNIVERSITIES NEW ZEALAND TEACHING QUALITY GUIDE
Council received the draft Universities Teaching Quality Guide that was intended to be published on the Universities New Zealand website.

COMMUNICATIONS, MARKETING AND ENGAGEMENT REPORT
Council received a report with respect to the effectiveness of initiatives and progress against the objectives of the University’s 2017 Communications, Marketing and Engagement Plan.

UNIVERSITY WEBSITE REDESIGN PROJECT
Council received a report and presentation with respect to the University’s website redesign project.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES REPORT
Council received a report on the University’s 2017 international recruitment activities and their success.

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD
Council received the minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 6 December 2017.

VICE-CHANCELLOR’S REMUNERATION REVIEW
(non-members of Council left the meeting for this item)
Council received an oral report from the Chancellor with respect to the process and timeline for conducting the Vive-Chancellor’s 2018/2019 Remuneration Review.

The following items were considered at a Strategy session for Council members focussing on Goal 1 of the University Strategy: An Organisational Culture Focussed on High Performance

MINUTES OF THE STRATEGY SESSION HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2017
Council confirmed the minutes of the Strategy Session held on 5 December 2017.

PEOPLE, PERFORMANCE AND CHANGE: THE UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO
Council received a paper with respect to people, performance and change within the University.

LIFTING RESEARCH PERFORMANCE
Council received a paper with respect to lifting academic staff research performance.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council