



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

## **REPORT OF COUNCIL**

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 6 December 2022

### **KARAKIA**

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

### **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2022 (PART 1)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 October 2022 (Part 1).

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

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

### **APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL – ONE STUDENT MEMBER ELECTED BY THE STUDENTS**

Council resolved to appoint the 2023 President-elect of the Waikato Students' Union, Ms Lushomo Thebe, as the student member to Council for the term 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 28 February 2023.

### **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:*

## **COUNCIL MEETING – PART 2**

### **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2022 (PART 2)**

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 October 2022 (Part 2).

### **2022 COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

Council received an updated 2022 Council Work Plan.

### **2023 COUNCIL WORK PLAN**

Council received a draft 2023 Council 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 collective contract negotiations, building ownership and seismic strengthening responsibilities, the University's health programmes, and development activities.

## **DRAFT CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Council received the draft minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 22 November 2022.

## **DRAFT HEALTH & SAFETY, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Council received the draft minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 29 November 2022.

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

Council reviewed the current membership of committees of Council.

Council resolved to confirm the memberships for 2023 without amendment.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE**

Council resolved to appoint Associate Professor Joseph Lane as a member of the Honours Committee for a term commencing 1 January 2023, to replace the vacancy left by outgoing member Professor Bruce Clarkson.

Council thanked Professor Clarkson for his service as a member of the Honours Committee.

## **DISABILITY ACTION PLAN**

Council noted that the University had developed a Disability Action Plan to meet the requirements set down by the Tertiary Education Commission.

Council noted that an implementation plan would be developed to give effect to the objectives set out in the Plan.

Council resolved to endorse the University's [Disability Action Plan 2023-2025](#) for submission to the Tertiary Education Commission.

## **UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Council received the University of Waikato financial summary for the period ended 31 October 2022.

## **UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO 2023 BUDGET**

Council considered the draft 2023 University of Waikato Budget.

Council resolved to approve the 2023 University of Waikato Budget as proposed; as a consequence the Chief Operating Officer would seek prior approval from the Ministry of Education/Tertiary Education Commission for the University to operate in breach of its funding covenants for 2023.

## **STUDENT VILLAGE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

Council noted that a prototype refurbishment of one block of the University's Student Village accommodation had been undertaken, and that this refurbishment had been well received by staff and students.

Council resolved to approve the Phase 1 Student Village project, in the amount of \$4M, for the refurbishment of Blocks SV1-SV4 during 2022/23.

### **CAPITAL PROJECT VARIATIONS**

As a consequence of cost escalations, Council resolved to approve:

- an additional \$0.9M in capital funding for the Engineering Large Scale Lab/Learning Foundry project, taking the overall project budget to \$9.0M.
- an additional \$1.7M in capital funding for the Network Modernisation project, taking the overall project budget to \$12.8M.

### **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT**

Council received a report from the Associate Director Health and Safety with respect to the University's health, safety and wellness.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY – MAJOR EVENT: GAS CYLINDER FIRE**

Council received a report from the Associate Director Health and Safety with respect to the gas cylinder fire event that occurred at the University in July 2022.

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Council received a portfolio update from the Chief Operating Officer.

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR ACADEMIC**

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

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR RESEARCH**

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

### **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR MĀORI**

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

### **PĀ PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT**

Council received a progress report from the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor with respect to the University's Pā project.

### **TAURANGA MARINE RESEARCH CENTRE**

Council received an update from the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor with respect to the timeline and process for the lease process for land associated with the University's planned Tauranga Marine Research Centre development.

### **POROPOROAKI**

The meeting was closed with a poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon  
**Secretary to Council**