



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 12 August 2025

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 1 JULY 2025 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 July 2025 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Council resolved to appoint the Pro-Chancellor, The Hon Te Ururoa Flavell, to the People and Culture Committee and the Honours Committee.

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.

NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 23 September 2025.

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:

PART 2

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 JULY 2025 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 July 2025 (Part 2).

COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Council received its 2025 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 the New Zealand Graduate School of Medicine and University applications and enrolments.

Council noted that the University was in a strong position to meet its financial commitment to the establishment of the New Zealand Graduate School of Medicine, supported by a combination of impact and philanthropic investments.

SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT

Council received a report with respect to the University's safety and wellbeing.

Council noted that the University's work programme against its Enforceable Undertaking was progressing well.

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 11 July 2025.

UOW FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received the University of Waikato financial summary for the period ended 30 June 2025.

MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 29 July 2025.

POTENTIAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Council resolved, subject to satisfaction of specified due diligence conditions, to approve the University entering into a sale and purchase agreement to acquire a property in Tauranga with settlement in 2031.

NEW ZEALAND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Council received updates from the Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Operating Officer with respect to steps required to progress the establishment of the New Zealand Graduate School of Medicine.

Council resolved to approve the Vice-Chancellor entering into an agreement to acquire the curriculum for the NZGSM.

Council approved in principle the University proceeding with the development of stage 1 of the health precinct.

Council endorsed the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer entering into the third and final stage of the Early Contractor Involvement procurement process for stage 1 of the health precinct.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO INTERNATIONAL PLAN 2025-2029

Council resolved to approve the University of Waikato International Plan 2025-2029 which had been developed through consultation with staff, students and relevant stakeholders.

INVESTMENT PLAN MID-YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

Council received a mid-year update against the University's 2025-2029 Investment Plan forecast Statement of Service Performance.

EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Council received a report that provided a comparison of the University's published 2024 Education Performance Indicator results with that of other New Zealand universities.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 25 July 2025.

REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council resolved to approve a recommendation from the Honours Committee with respect to the offer of a University of Waikato honorary award.

DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT – PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOLS' STRUCTURE

Council considered a proposal from the Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Division of Management to change the structure of the schools in that Division.

Council noted that this change had been recommended by the Academic Board at its meeting held on 25 July 2025.

Council noted its support for the proposed change.

PROPOSED KAWENATA WITH WAIKATO TAINUI

Council noted that a kawenata had been proposed between the University of Waikato and Waikato Tainui.

Council noted further that the proposed kawenata would be circulated to Council members for feedback before being finalised.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council