



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 25 February 2025

KARAKIA

The meeting was opened with a karakia.

WELCOME

Council welcomed Mr Temepara Smith as the student member to Council for 2025.

REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council confirmed a register of its members' declared interests.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2024 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council received the 2024 annual report of 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 1 April 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 3 DECEMBER 2024 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 3 December 2024 (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:

- 2025 Enrolments
- The New Zealand Economics Forum
- The University's Graduate-entry medical school proposal.

HEALTH AND SAFETY GOVERNANCE SELF-EVALUATION

Following the completion of a health and safety governance self-evaluation exercise between meetings Council agreed that an externally facilitated health and safety group exercise would be undertaken as part of the 20 May 2025 Council workshop.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNESS REPORT

Council received a report with respect to the University's Health, Safety and Wellness.

2024 STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

Council received a detailed report on the University's 2024 staff survey, together with the actions taken as a result of that survey so far.

SCIENCE SECTOR REFORM

Council received an update from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research with respect to the recently announced science sector reforms.

DRAFT 2024 UOW FINANCIAL RESULT

Council received the draft University of Waikato financial result for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Council noted that the University's indicative 2024 result was significantly more positive than had been budgeted.

2022-2024 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO STRATEGY

Council received a report summarising the University's progress against its 2022-2024 Strategy.

2025-2029 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO STRATEGY

Council supported further development of the proposed set of high-level measures that could be used to assess the University's progress against its 2025-2029 Strategy.

UNIVERSITY CHARTER AND MISSION

Council resolved that the University of Waikato Charter and Mission documents be removed from the University Calendar and website.

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT OVERVIEW 2024/25

Council received a summary of international recruitment for 2024, and a snapshot of the University's position to date in 2025.

TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Following consideration of a business case for a transnational education development, Council resolved to support the University proceeding with this initiative.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION STATEMENT

Council resolved to approve the proposed University of Waikato Freedom of Expression statement.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 4 December 2024.

REPORT OF THE HONOURS COMMITTEE

Council resolved to approve the honorary awards proposed.

CHANCELLOR SEARCH PROCESS

Council received a report from the Chancellor Search Committee, a sub-committee of the People and Culture Committee, and agreed the next steps in the process.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council