



REPORT OF COUNCIL

The following is a report of the Council meeting held on 8 October 2024

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 6 AUGUST 2024 (PART 1)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 August 2024 (Part 1).

REPORT OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR (PART 1)

Council received a written report from the Vice-Chancellor.

Council received a further oral report from the Vice-Chancellor with respect to

- The 60th Anniversary/Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner
- 2024 EFTS and funding
- Admission requirements for teacher education programmes

2025 DOMESTIC STUDENT TUITION FEES

Council resolved to increase 2025 domestic student tuition fees by the maximum 6% allowed under Government's Annual Maximum Fee Movement policy.

2025 COMPULSORY STUDENT SERVICES FEE

Council resolved to increase the 2025 per credit/point fee to \$9 in accordance with a recommendation from the University/WSU combined Student Services Governance Committee.

2025 SCHEDULE OF LIMITATIONS

Council resolved to approve a schedule of limitations on selected programmes for 2025 in accordance with a recommendation from the Academic Board.

Council resolved to delegate authority to the Academic Board to approve limitations on courses for international students in future; a previous delegation by Council had provided this power to the Academic Board with respect to domestic students.

2024 DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES STATUTE

Council resolved to approve the 2024 Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates Statute in accordance with a recommendation from the Academic Board.

2025 MEETING DATES OF COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES

Council received a schedule of confirmed 2025 meeting dates for the University of Waikato Council and its committees..

NEXT MEETING

Council noted that its next meeting would be held on 3 December 2024.

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 8 OCTOBER 2024 (PART 2)

Council confirmed the minutes of the Council meeting held on 8 October 2024 (Part 2).

2024 COUNCIL WORK PLAN

Council received its planned 2024 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 University's recent staff survey.

TEC RISK ASSESSMENT

Council received a copy of the risk assessment that had been prepared by the Tertiary Education Commission on the basis of the University's 2023 financial performance, together with communications between the Vice-Chancellor and the Chief Executive of the Tertiary Education Commission.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Council received the University of Waikato Financial Summary for the period ended 31 August 2024.

2025 UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO BUDGET

Council received a paper from the Chief Operating Officer with respect to the drivers and assumptions that would underpin the development of the University's 2025 Budget.

Council noted that the cost pressures experienced over the last couple of years were expected to continue to impact the University's operations in 2025.

Council noted that the University would budget to achieve a small surplus in 2025.

MINUTES OF THE CAPITAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Council received the minutes of the Capital and Finance Committee meeting held on 17 September 2024.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLNES REPORT

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

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY, RISK AND ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Council received the minutes of the Health & Safety, Risk and Assurance Committee meeting held on 20 August 2024.

UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO VISION AND 2025-2029 STRATEGY

Council received a second draft of the University's Vision and 2025-2029 Strategy, which had taken account of feedback received through the first round of consultation.

Council suggested some changes to the Vision and Strategy as drafted.

Council noted that an updated version of the Strategy would be developed for consultation taking account of Council's feedback.

Council noted that a final draft of the University Vision and 2025-2029 Strategy would be provided to the 3 December 2024 meeting of Council for consideration.

THE PĀ PROJECT CLOSE-OUT REPORT

Council received a close-out report with respect to the University's project to construct The Pā.

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION PROPOSAL

Council received a preliminary business case for a student accommodation development on the University's Hillcrest campus.

Council was supportive of the proposal and resolved to delegate authority to the Capital and Finance Committee to approve the project subject to that committee's consideration of a final business case.

PACIFIC LEARNER SUCCESS

Council received a report with respect to Pacific learner success initiatives and outcomes.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT DISCIPLINE APPEALS COMMITTEE

Council received a report from the Chair of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee with respect to a recent student disciplinary appeal that had been heard by the committee.

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Council received the draft minutes of the Academic Board meeting held on 25 September 2024.

COUNCIL SUCCESSION PLANNING

Council resolved to form a working group to make recommendations to Council with respect to both future appointments to Council.

POROPOROAKI

The meeting was closed with poroporoaki.

Brandon McGibbon
Secretary to Council