



memo

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Subject Director Pacific Success Report

Introduction

This is a memo to report on all activities this month that have contributed to the achievement of the actions of the Pacific Success Strategy and Pacific Success Operations Plan.

Highlights / Achievements

- The newly appointed Pacific Success Navigators have been busy meeting with their allocated Schools and Pacific Champions to support them in supporting their Pacific learners.
- All Pacific Learning Advisors and Pacific Success Navigators have now been allocated to all Schools. The Director of Pacific Success will also act as Pacific Success Navigator for the Unitec Pathways College.
- The USC Pacific Representative now sits in the Pacific Centre.
- The Pacific Centre is busy with activities.

Updates from Pacific Success Strategy & Operations Plan

| Priority | Action | Partners | Outcomes |
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| 1.3 Ensure Schools are supported and resourced to regularly track, monitor and evaluate their Pacific success and completion rates. | 1.3.1 Re-establish Pacific Success Fono to evaluate and monitor Pacific Success and Completion rates. | Schools Pacific Champions Pacific Success Navigators Pacific Learning Advisors | First Pacific Success Fono held (28th Feb) with Pacific Champions. Pacific Champions discussed successes and challenges within their schools. Learning Advisors, Navigators and Director Pacific to provide support to Champions |

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| | 1.3.2 Develop Pacific Student Engagement Register | Pacific Learning Advisors & teaching staff | The student engagement register has commenced. Three student events have occurred in the past month and students who have attended have been recorded on the register. |
| 1.4 Ensure Schools are supported and resourced to take the necessary actions to ensure Pacific students are supported appropriately and succeeding in their studies. | 1.4.1 Re-establish Pacific Student Engagement Fono to evaluate and monitor engagement with students through events and initiatives. | Pacific Success Navigators, Teaching & Non Teaching staff | A call for interest has been made and the lead of the Fono will be calling for a meeting over the coming weeks |
| 2.3 Through the Unitec Partnership principles of 'Authority', 'Responsibility' and 'Guardianship', PACIFIC staff are inspired to lead, champion and promote Pacific knowledge and practice within and beyond their Schools and Service areas. | 2.3.2 Re-establish Pacific Fono in the Fale seminar series to encourage Pacific staff at Unitec to share their Pacific knowledge to all Unitec staff | Pacific Success Navigators & All Unitec Staff | International speaker Taholo Kami from Fiji gave a lunch time talk on Pacific climate change and sustainability on 6 th March. |
| 3.2 Ensure Pacific cultural values and practices are embedded in the student experience. | 3.2.2 Hold at least 5 Pacific student events per semester. These could include: • Assignment Retreats • PASS sessions • Health and Awareness events • Internship info meetings | Pacific Learning Advisors & Schools | Three events student events were held in the last month: Fanau Evening (3&5 March) Te Tau Hou (11 March) CLI Workshop (14 March) |
| 3.3 Grow Unitec's profile as a Pacific research institute through increased research training, opportunities and resourcing. | 3.3.2 Re-establish Pacific Research Fono to discuss ways to improve Unitec's capability and capacity in Pacific research. | Pacific Learning Advisors & Research staff | A call for interest has been made and the lead of the Fono will be calling for a meeting over the coming weeks |
| 4.2 Ensure Pacific peoples have access to Unitec for their development and to increase their participation in economic, social and wellbeing opportunities. | 4.2.2 Re-establish Pacific Fanau Evenings and trial with at least 2 Schools before the end of the year. | Director Pacific Success School staff | Two Fanau evenings were held. One in Mt Albert (3 rd March) and one in Waitakere (5 th March). |

Exceptions

| Report Month | Action | Notes | Committee |
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| March | Address whether wording on current Unitec degree certificates | A 2019 Unitec Pacific graduate has been questioned by a potential employer in Melbourne Australia if she has actually been awarded the degree on her certificate as the current wording 'Admitted to the...' as opposed to 'Awarded the...' qualification doesn't prove she has graduated. | AB |
| March | Address exam fees not being covered under student loan. | A Pacific student who completed the Certificate in Liaison Interpreting in semester 2 of 2019 was not eligible to graduate this semester as they had not paid for the \$200.00 exam fee. He wasn't aware of this fee and was told that since it is down as an 'other cost', it does not get covered by the student loan. | QAB |

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