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<b>To</b>	Academic Board	<b>From</b>	Steve Marshall Lead, Quality Partnering
<b>Title</b>	Degree Monitoring	<b>Date</b>	2020 / 04 / 01

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**Recommendation/s**

That the Academic Board receive the update on Degree Monitoring.

**Purpose**

To report to the Committee concerning Monitoring is designed to ensure that Academic Board is fully informed regarding progress against the plan for Degree Monitoring, and is made aware of any specific issues or risk associated with Monitoring activity.

**Degree Monitoring for 2020**

Unitec submitted the Degree Monitoring schedule to NZQA as required on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020. All Programmes subject to Degree Monitoring provided either a definitive, or indicative date for Monitoring during 2020 as well as confirming Degree Monitors. This schedule and tracking of progress will shortly be added to the Quality Compliance Dashboard in PowerBI.

The Bachelor of Nursing was the first scheduled Monitoring visit, and took place on 11 March. The Monitor was complementary of the Programme and in particular the teaching staff during the windup meeting at the end of the visit. We have since received the draft report which is currently being checked for accuracy. It is expected that the Programme response will be completed in the next few weeks.

**Programme & Degree Monitoring affected by Covid-19**

In their newsletter of 17 March 2020, NZQA informed us of the following arrangements for Programme and Degree Monitoring during the Covid-19 crisis:

Programme monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be no new programme monitoring activities</li><li>• NZQA will continue working on any programme monitoring and moderation submissions already underway</li><li>• NZQA will not issue any draft or final programme monitoring reports</li><li>• Degree monitoring requirements are on hold</li></ul>
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As a result, all scheduled Degree Monitoring activity has been put on hold until further notice. So far this has resulted in 6 Programmes scheduled activities not going ahead.

The Bachelor of Applied Science is exploring the continuation of their scheduled Monitoring visit using distance communication tools. This approach is supported by NZQA as a way of testing the success of this approach. A final date for this event is yet to be confirmed, and may take place via a series of on-line meetings over a few days.