

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 Pacific Centre team have successfully transitioned to working remotely online. Pacific Learning Advisors and Pacific Success Navigators are providing academic support online to students while working remotely.
- First successful online Pacific Success Fono with the Pacific Champions was held on Friday 27th March.
- Between Tuesday 31st March and Friday 17th April, the Pacific Centre team initiated contact with 891 out of 971 Pacific learners as part of the Learner Outreach Project welfare callouts during lockdown. Of the 891 initial contacts, 443 learners responded letting us know how they were and how the online learning was going for them. The Pacific Centre will continue to follow up those students who haven't made contact during the remote learning period.

Updates from Pacific Success Strategy & Operations Plan

Priority	Action	Partners	Outcomes
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	Following the call for interest last month, there was enough interest to warrant the Fono's reestablishment. Due to Covid-19 lockdown, The Student Engagement Fono have not yet had an opportunity to formally meet. Lupeti Fihaki the lead for this Fono is looking at having an initial online meeting of the members in the coming weeks.

2.2 Through the Unitec values of 'Generosity of Spirit' and 'Accountability', ALL staff are inspired to increase their awareness of Pacific knowledge and culture through Pacific cultural competency workshops and experiences.	Develop specific Pacific PD workshops in: Understanding Samoan Culture. Understanding Tongan Culture. Understanding Fijian Culture. Understanding Niuean Culture. Understanding Niuean Culture. Understanding Cook Islands Culture.	Pacific Success Navigators, Learning & Development Team	The Learning & Development Team are in support of these specific Pacific PD workshops and the Pacific Success Navigators have started to develop these workshops. They will be ready for delivery in semester two.
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	Following a call for interest last month, there was enough interest to reestablish this Fono. The lead for this Fono is Daisy Bentley-Gray

There are No Exceptions this month

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