
To	Te Poari Mātauranga Academic Board	From	Simon Tries, Chair, Te Poari Whai Kōunga
Title	Chair's report – Te Poari Whai Kōunga Quality Alignment Board	Date	29 April 2020

Recommendation/s

That Te Poari Mātauranga receive Te Poari Whai Kōunga Chair's report.

Purpose

To report on Te Poari Whai Kōunga's main items from its 22 April meeting and provide relevant advice to Academic Board.

Commentary

Te Poari Whai Kōunga met online for the first time under the Covid-19 lockdown. There were three main items of discussion:

Programme Evaluation and Planning (PEP):

The committee received a report on the 2019 end of year PEP process. The report on the outcomes from 2019 PEPs is still to be forthcoming. The report on the process acknowledged the value of utilizing Āta-Kōrero as a framework for programme evaluation and made a total of 13 recommendations for improvement, many of which are already underway. Key recommendations endorsed by QAB included further embedding of āta-kōrero, increased support for programme teams and PAQCs and consideration of a rating system based on Te Hono o te Kahurangi (NZQA's Mātauranga Māori evaluative framework) and further embedding of Te Noho Kotahitanga.

Two recommendations relating to the 2020 interim PEP process were deferred pending further consideration.

Academic Risk:

The committee received the first report from the Academic Risk Working Group (ARWG), which highlighted areas of greatest risk as well as the limitations of the current process (and hence outcomes) from the programme risk registers. QAB determined, based on recommendations from the ARWG that the following was required:

- That Programme Risk Registers be updated in the first week of each month (first update required in the week 27 April – 1 May)
- That training be developed for APMs/programme teams and PAQCs

PAQC Chair Reports

The first round of PAQC Chair's reports were received using the new reporting format. Just under half of the PAQC Chairs provided a report. Those that did not have been advised that their reports were due to the next QAB meeting.

A review of the reports received was undertaken with two recommendations made and two issues escalated from PAQCs to QAB. All four matters are currently being actioned. The reports themselves varied significantly both in level of detail and information provided.

As at the date of this memorandum the electronic portion of the meeting had not yet been completed.