
To	Te Poari Mātauranga	From	Simon Tries, Manager Te Korowai Kahurangi
Title	Academic Risk update	Date	5 May 2020

Recommendation/s

That Te Poara Mātauranga note:

- the progress and challenges around the management of academic risk; and
- the *May 2020 Academic Risk Summary for AB 20200504*

Purpose

To provide Te Poari Mātauranga with an update on the management of Academic Risk.

Commentary

At its April hui Te Poari Mātauranga agreed to the formation of the Academic Risk Working Group (ARWG). The ARWG has met twice since its formation, on 22 April and 5 May. At its first meeting the ARWG reviewed the programme level risks and subsequently reported a number of matters to Te Poari Whai Kōunga (QAB) (meeting of 22 April) (copy of report appended)

ARWG made two recommendations (subsequently adopted) which were communicated to APMs on 23 April. The two recommendations were:

- That the Programme Risk Registers be updated next in the week 27 April – 1 May; and
- That each Programme Risk Register be updated in the 1st week of each month from June

A 'last updated' report from 4 May indicates less than a quarter of programme risk registers had been noted as being updated since the communication (note that reporting in relation to this is imprecise at the moment). The consequence of this is that the issues noted in the ARWG report to QAB (appended) remain, the key one being that the ratings for many programmes are too far out of date to provide a useful insight into current risk. Notwithstanding this, an updated *Academic Risk Summary* (May 2020) has been appended for consideration.

The workload of many APMs has risen significantly through this period and many may not have been able to complete their reviews within the timeframes required. An additional challenge for many has been access to the H drive to make the changes. The Risk registers are large files and are difficult to change remotely. Alternative methods are currently being explored.

Next Steps

The ARWG has a number of actions to progress, including:

- engaging directly with APMs and PAQCS to better understand the challenges and work through solutions as they related to managing academic risk.
- Exploring options to track changes risk levels over time
- Investigating how the risk treatment plans (and other components of the registers) tie into different work streams around the institute

Attachments

ARWG memo to QAB 20200420

May 2020 Academic Risk Summary for AB 20200504