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To	Unitec Academic Board	From	Marcus Williams, Director, Research and Enterprise
Title	2020 Research Productivity Traffic Light (PRTL) Report	Date	2020/06/05

Recommendation/s

That the Academic Board accept and approve the 2020 Research Productivity Traffic Light Report.

Purpose

It is a NZQA requirement to monitor the extent to which degree programme teaching and supervision is underpinned by research activity.

The benefit of this is to observe the research engagement of staff teaching or supervising in degree programmes at School, programme and individual staff level and to provide research support or allocate research resources, where needed, based on this data.

Background

In order to monitor the extent to which degree programme teaching and supervision is underpinned by research activity, the Academic Board approved the use of the Research Productivity Traffic Light (RPTL) Report. This report was first presented to the Academic Board in 2012 and was repeated every year since then. The longitudinal nature of the RPTL productivity metric means trends and forecasting for the research activity of Unitec's degree programmes can be reported.

The Unitec Research Strategy 2015-2020 outlines Unitec's aspiration with regard to RPTL performance, stating that all programmes at degree level and above will be rated "green" by 2020. The outcome of this will be reported in 2021.

The attached report summarises the 2020 RPTL results for Unitec's degree programmes.

RPTL Terms of Reference and Methodology

Following is an overview of the key terms of reference and methodology approved by Academic Board:

- The criteria for inclusion is permanent full time or part time staff, or staff on contracts of 12 months or more, with an FTE of at least 0.2 who significantly taught and/or supervised on degree and above level courses during Semester One 2020.

- For the purposes of the RPTL a 'research active' staff member is defined as someone who produces at least two eligible research outputs that are verified in ROMS (Unitec's Research Output Management System) within the past two years.

For part-time staff the criteria are at least one research output for the two previous audited years.

- The current 2020 report is based on staff's research activity as recorded in ROMs for 2018 and 2019 period.

Next Steps

After the approval, these results will be made available to Heads of Schools, Research Leaders, Research Partners and other stakeholders.

Attachments

Please refer to the attachment: 2020 Research Productivity Traffic Light (PRTL) Report.pdf

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