
To	Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou Academic Approvals Committee	From	Simon Tries, Chair, Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou
Title	Academic Development and Approval Policy (AC 1.0)	Date	30 June 2019

Recommendation/s

That Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou review the current Academic Development and Approval Policy and determine the extent to which the policy requires further review.

Purpose

To ensure that the Academic Development and Approval Policy remains current and fit for purpose.

Approach

Policy review requires a significant amount of resource and engagement across a number of different stakeholders. It is proposed that Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou conduct an initial review to determine the extent of any required review, and to recommend to Academic Board any required changes in keeping with [Unitec's Policy Framework](#).

It is also recommended that the committee consider the context for this review. Internally, there has been a resurgence of academic development driven out of the work of the Portfolio Leadership Group. Externally, Unitec recently became a subsidiary of NZIST and as such will be bound by any new policies, including relating to the development of academic provision, which are determined by the Academic Board of NZIST.

Notwithstanding the above, the Academic Development and Approval Policy is well overdue for review. This policy outlines Unitec's approach the development and approval of all academic provision. It is intended to provide clear guidance to the institute on the expectations of programme development, including related approval procedures.

In 2018 the majority of Unitec's Academic Policies underwent a limited review and reformatting. This policy was intended to undergo a further review immediately following the 2018 limited review. This did not occur.

Next Steps

Next steps will be determined by the committee.

Appended

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