
To	Pōāri Mātauranga Academic Board	From	Simon Nash, Chair Academic Recovery Committee
Title	Academic Recovery Committee recommendation for dissolution	Date	20 / 06 / 2020

Recommendations

That Academic Board approve the following recommendations:

1. The Academic Recovery Committee dissolves after its 29 July meeting and provision of a final report to Academic Board
2. That oversight of matters related to enrolments, re-enrolments, credits and graduation (as per attached memo) pass to QAB.
3. That oversight of planning for Semester 2 and 2021 online learning pass to Ako Ahimura Committee.
4. That Academic Board note the attached memo on Low-Performing Courses and I See Me.

Background

The Academic Recovery Committee (ARC) was established in April as a temporary sub-committee of Academic Board, with specific responsibility for rapid decision-making related to Covid 19.

With the re-opening of campuses and return to regular timetabled learning and teaching activity in Semester 2, the ARC is now dealing with some final requests for approvals of extensions of course dates and deferrals of assessments. It is expected that these will be fully resolved by the last week of July and that the business of the ARC will be concluded.

The ARC will have met on more than 20 occasions by 29th July.

In addition to final requests for extensions and deferrals, three matters dealt with by ARC remain active:

- In the course of its activities, ARC identified a range of issues relating to enrolments, re-enrolments, credits and graduation. It resolved to alert ELT and request that these issues be investigated and resolutions considered. These are in the attached memo to ELT and relate to Recommendation # 2 above.
- Following campus closure and widespread adoption of online delivery, ARC requested that Te Puna Ako lead the planning of online delivery for Semester 2 and 2021. That work is now well-advanced and relates to Recommendation #3 above.
- ARC identified a list of low-performing courses where outcomes for Māori and Pacific learners were particularly poor. That list of courses was subsequently approved by an I See Me Working Group and communicated to ELT in the attached memo (11 June 2020), for noting in Recommendation #4 above.

The Chair ARC would like to commend to Academic Board the efforts of all ARC members and of our Secretary Cathy Tyler. This team has made a very significant contribution to Unitec's response to Covid 19, contributing a high level of expert advice and decision-making over April - July.

Attachments

Memo to ELT on Issues relating to enrolment, re-enrolment, credits and graduation 13 June 2020

Memo to ELT on Low-Performing Courses and I See Me 11 June 2020.