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To	Te Poari Mātauranga | Academic Board	**From**	Simon Tries, Chair, Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou
Title	Chair's Report: Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou | Academic Approvals Committee	**Date**	24 July 2020

Recommendation/s

That Te Poari Mātauranga:

- receive the update from the Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou | Academic Approvals Committee for the meetings of 8 and 22 July 2020.

Background

Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou convenes monthly to assess applications for new or amended academic provision which requires external approval and to consider matters relating to the approval of Academic Provision. This month an extraordinary meeting was held to consider applications for external approval.

Commentary – Meeting of 8 July

Programme Improvement Committee to be replaced by Standing Committee of Academic Approvals Committee.

Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou met to review the terms of reference for the Programme Improvement Committee. The committee determined that the Programme Improvement Committee would be disestablished as a separate committee and in its stead a Standing Committee of Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou be established. A separate memorandum to Academic Board provides relevant details.

Academic Development and Approval Policy

The committee considered the extent to which this policy required review. The committee agreed that, apart from minor amendments, there was no need to invest in significant review given likely future changes as a result of greater integration into NZIST.

NZQA informal consultation on guidelines for Type 1 and 2 changes

NZQA has informally sought feedback on revised guidelines for programme changes. The committee considered the proposed guidelines and a collective response will be provided back to NZQA.

Programme modes of delivery

The committee reviewed the stated programme modes of delivery for all programmes across Unitec, which were to go to Academic Board and then NZQA for approval and updating of individual programme approvals. There were a number of queries relating to individual programmes which are to be followed up with Schools and the report reconsidered by Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou.

Commentary – Meeting of 8 July

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A number of applications were considered for endorsement and subsequent progress to Academic Board for final internal approval:

Training Schemes

- Risk Management Training Scheme (Level 7) (5 credits)
- Project Management Training Scheme (Level 7) (5 credits)
- Introduction to Cybersecurity Training Scheme (Level 5) (10 credits)
- AWS Cloud Practitioner Training Scheme (Level 6) (5 credits)
- Cisco Training Scheme (Level 6) (7 credits)

Type 2 changes:

- New Zealand Certificate in English Language (Level 4) (60 credits) [NZCE4]

The applications were endorsed subject to minor amendments. The applications will progress to the Academic Board Standing Committee upon confirmation by Te Korowai Kahurangi that the amendments required by the committee have been made.