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<b>To</b>	Te Poari Mātauranga Academic Board	<b>From</b>	Simon Tries, Chair, Te Poari Whai Kounga
<b>Title</b>	Chair's report – Te Poari Whai Kounga   Quality Alignment Board	<b>Date</b>	25 August 2020

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**Recommendation/s**

That Te Poari Mātauranga receive Te Poari Whai Kounga Chair's report and the appended PAQC Thematic Report.

**Purpose**

To report on Te Poari Whai Kounga's main items from its 20 May meeting and provide relevant advice to Academic Board.

**Commentary**

The QAB reviewed and approved the Industry Engagement Strategic Framework. In doing so, the committee discussed the critical importance of effectively collecting, analysing and using the outcomes from industry engagement to inform ongoing delivery of our programmes. In doing so, the committee also agreed to an alignment of the draft Industry Engagement framework with the Academic Risk Register (i.e., the first will inform the second), and an alignment of industry engagement reporting with the Schools' evaluative summary process, both of which are based on the interim and end of year PEP cycles.

The final matter discussed during the consideration of the framework was the collection and use of employer/end user data/feedback to inform ongoing delivery. This same issue was noted in other papers relating to Consistency Reviews and came through strongly from PAQCs. As a result, a working party will be formed to consider the tools and approaches to be used to obtain graduate/ employer/end user feedback on our programmes and qualifications. The working group will, in part, be informed by an action to be undertaken by Programme Teams which is to plan how best to determine the extent to which graduates are achieving the graduate outcomes of their qualifications, from both the graduate and employer/end user perspective.

The committee reviewed the PAQC Thematic report, based on reports received from [18 PAQC Chairs](#), which is appended unabridged for Academic Board. The report provides a useful summary of the current state of work with PAQCs and provides assurance across a number of key areas. Those matters which have been escalated by the PAQCs will be reviewed and actioned as appropriate by the Chair with support from Te Korowai Kahurangi and report back to the next QAB.

The committee also spent considerable time discussing Academic Risks. This discussion, and its outcome, have been provided to the extraordinary meeting of Academic Board scheduled for 26 August.

The Graduate Survey report was not considered due to technical issues.

**Attached:**

*Industry Engagement Strategic Framework*

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