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<b>To</b>	Academic Board	<b>From</b>	Marcus Williams, Director, Research and Enterprise
<b>Title</b>	Deputy Chair; Unitec Research Ethics Committee (UREC)	<b>Date</b>	8 September 2020

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**Recommendation**

That the current Deputy Chair of UREC, Associate Professor Nigel Adams, is approved to have the tenure for his current role, extended for a further three years from 2021 – 2023 inclusive.

**Purpose**

To ensure continuity of business in this important aspect of Unitec research protocol.

**Background**

The Unitec Research Ethics Policy requires that a Deputy Chair can be in the role for three years with the right of renewal for a second three years before she/he must move aside. Nigel has served both his terms.

Unitec is now a subsidiary of the NZIST and in 18 months will be fully integrated into this national organization. The Research Futures initiative led by the ITP Research Directors forum has 12 workstreams, one of which is Research Ethics. This workstream has already framed up a model for a national committee which subject to approval could serve the NZIST going forward and the likelihood of redundancy for UREC in the next couple of years is high. Recruiting and onboarding another Deputy Chair at this point would be time consuming and disruptive. Nigel himself and the Chair of UREC, Dr Maria Humphries-Kil are fully supportive of the proposed solution.

**Next Steps**

Subsequent to Academic Board approval, formalize the position for a further three years through UREC.

**Attachments**

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