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For Information

To	Ako Ahimura	**From**	James Oldfield – Digital Learning Lead
Title	Framework for developing Highly Blended/Fully Online Learning	**Date**	2020 / 09 / 22

Recommendation/s

That the Ako Ahimura Committee receive the Framework for developing Highly Blended/Fully Online Learning.

Purpose

To report to the Committee concerning a new framework developed internally by Te Puna Ako based on a framework used by TANZ (Tertiary Accord New Zealand) to support the design and development of Highly Blended or Online Learning courses.

Background

Our recent experiences through the Covid-19 developments this year have highlighted a need for further guidance and support around the design of highly blended or online learning experiences. The impact of Covid-19 and changes through the formation of NZIST have caused an increased demand in designing courses in this mode of delivery while highlighting Unitec's limited experience when compared to face-to-face learning design.

TANZ is an entity now owned by NZIST that is responsible for the online learning courses of a number of ITPs and has a long history of designing online learning. Unitec purchased the TANZ guidelines for developing online learning three years ago and have worked on refining them for use in a Unitec context.

Redesign of this framework has been supported by Unitec's two teams that currently offer ongoing significant distance or highly blend learning programmes, the Animal and Environmental Sciences (AES) and Police teams. The new framework will support the development of courses that are well aligned to other online learning based courses offered across NZIST in a way that promotes good practice.

This framework will be made available on the Nest and teaching teams working on new course/programme developments that involve either majority or fully online delivery will be encouraged to align their courses to the principles and standards outlined within.

Next Steps

Ako Ahimura acknowledge the framework

Te Puna Ako make the framework available for distribution via the Nest

Attachments

Unitec Blended Online Framework Sept 2020.docx

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