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To	Poari Mātauranga Academic Board	Date	22/10/ 2020
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Subject	Subcommittee Chair Report – Unitec Research Ethics Committee		

Work Summary Update

- The Unitec Research Ethics Committee continues its work in accessing Ethics applications. So far for 2020, 50 applications have been approved. This is a decrease from this time in 2019 likely due to the impact of Covid-19, along with the closure of postgraduate programs. There is a noted increase in staff applications.
- UREC continues to meet remotely.
- There is a continued increase in staff applications. Most of these take the form of Form B (low-risk applications). The committee believes this is because researchers are hesitant about arranging research which requires in person contact. Form B applications normally use online surveys, which would not be affected by potential future Covid-19 Lockdowns.
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