

Unitec New Zealand Limited

Meeting of Te Komiti Mātauranga

04 November 2020

Title	Chair's report – Ako Ahimura / Learning & Teaching Committee
Provided by:	Maura Kempin, Chair, Ako Ahimura
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For:	INFORMATION

Recommendation

That Te Komiti Mātauranga receives this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is report on the key highlights from the Ako Ahimura meeting of 28 October.

Key Points

Student Net Promoter Score survey report, semester 2/2020

Improvements and achievements noted including: best-ever result of 23 for returning students; Unitec's score is now in line with industry benchmark: every priority group score has improved; all Schools now have a positive NPS (for the first time).

Discussion on actions required for ongoing support/ improvement include: support for recording of lectures; greater consistency in communication to students (at programme level?) and in the presentation of information in Moodle; ensuring the quality of the (online) learning experience for international students; ensuring that any students identified as 'at risk' are followed up and supported appropriately.

Te Puna Ako Blended Learning Support Plan

Following campus closures in 2020, interest in enhancing the level of blend in a number of programmes/courses across the institution has increased significantly. The provision of ongoing capability development support should remain a priority for Unitec. Te Puna Ako presented a set of priorities for targeted support for teaching teams in 2020/1. This will be developed into a project plan.

Academic Integrity Report

This report included data on a number of indicators that academic standards and integrity are maintained across in the institution including: enrolments and submissions in the student Academic Integrity (AI) Moodle course; Turnitin enrolment and submissions; the number of disciplinary actions associated with academic integrity in 2020 (five in total). Sixteen staff members completed the Academic Integrity Badge in 2020.

ITP Learning & Teaching Advisory Group

What was initially an informal group of Learning & Teaching Leaders/Directors from 4 ITPs (including Maura Kempin & James Oldfield) has been expanded to include representatives from 13 ITPs and has been formalised through the establishment of a [Terms of Reference](#), a Steering Group (one member from each involved institution) and six working groups. Unitec's involvement is currently limited to members of Te Puna Ako, who have 1 or 2 representatives on each working group. Other interested academics are more than welcome to take part.

Initial deliverables include:

1. Develop a high-level advisory document outlining learning and teaching. Dec 2020
2. Develop guidelines for learning and teaching that inform NZIST. June 2021

Contributors

- Student Net Promoter Score survey report: Bob Stewardson, Marketing Insights
- Te Puna Ako Blended Learning Support Plan: James Oldfield, Digital Learning Lead, and the Te Puna Ako team
- Academic Integrity Report: Lisa Simperingham, Academic Advisor, Te Puna Ako
- ITP Learning & Teaching Advisory Group: Maura Kempin and James Oldfield

Attachments

At the time of writing this report (29 October) the minutes of the Ako Ahimura meeting of 28 October had not been completed. Full agenda papers can be accessed from [this link](#)