

Unitec New Zealand Limited

Meeting of Academic Committee

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Title	Governance Committee Arrangements
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For:	Approval

Recommendation

That the Committee approves the changes to Terms of Reference for the QAB, Ako Ahimura and Academic Approvals Committees.

That the Committee discusses the changes to Terms of Reference for Academic Committee, and approves their recommendation by the Chair for approval to the Unitec/MIT Board.

That the Committee approves a change to six-weekly meeting cycle for QAB, Ako Ahimura and Te Komiti Mātauranga / Academic Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for changes to the Terms of Reference for the following Academic Governance Committees, as discussed at December 2020 Academic Committee:

For Ako Ahimura:

- Removal of the Director, Research and Enterprise
- A change from one Academic per School, to *“Up to eight Academic Staff, endorsed by their Head of School and appointed by the Chair of the Committee, representing a range of Schools and appointed with consideration for their relevant knowledge and experience”*

For Te Poari Whai Kouna / Quality Alignment Board:

- Removal of the Director, Research and Enterprise and the General Manager Operations
- Inclusion of the Lead Quality Partnering, Te Korowai Kahurangi
- A change to the process for appointing one Senior Academic from each school so that it occurs *“via nomination, endorsed by their respective Head of School, and appointed by the Chair of the Committee.”*

For Te Komiti Whakamana Hotaka Hou / Academic Approvals Committee:

- Inclusion of the Director Pacific Success, and Project Manager Short Courses

For all the above committees and Te Komiti Mātauranga / Academic Committee:

- Inclusion of all values of Te Noho Kotahitanga
- Inclusion of the Director, Under 25s Success (this was an overdue update)
- Changes to committee titles and ex-officio titles to accommodate
 - o Inclusion of Te Reo Māori titles
 - o Updates relating to Te Pūkenga's adoption of the term 'Academic Board' and Unitec's subsequent adoption of 'Academic Committee'
 - o Replacement of a Council by a 'Board of Directors'
 - o Replacement of 'Director Ako' and 'Executive Dean Academic' with 'Deputy Chief Executive Academic'

The further purpose of this paper is to seek approval for a change to a six-weekly meeting cycle for Ako Ahimura, QAB and Te Komiti Mātauranga. Academic Approvals Committee is not included. This change will be effective immediately.

Attachments

Terms of Reference for all relevant committees.

Contributors

The Chairs of Ako Ahimura, Academic Approvals and QAB have contributed to these proposals.