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Meeting of Te Komiti Mātauranga | Academic Committee

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Title	Proposal for Student Course Surveys 2021
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For:	FEEDBACK/DISCUSSION

Recommendation

That the Committee receives and provides feedback on the attached proposal.

Purpose

The purpose of the attached paper is

To provide information to the Committee on the Proposal for Student Course Surveys for 2021 to inform members about proposed changes and improvements to the survey process for this year.

Key Points

We are proposing that

- The survey will be attached to a single URL link for all courses and can be distributed to students via a number of different channels e.g., Moodle and email. This will mean students will receive only one email, which will provide a better experience.
- This new approach will create a more flexible solution for non-semesterised courses. Te Korowai Kahurangi will work with schools on their requirements before the new survey launches.
- That the survey is again made available over weeks 11-13. The survey is designed to be summative in nature and needs to be no earlier than this so that students have enough experience of a course to provide meaningful feedback. Teachers are encouraged to implement more formative styles of evaluation earlier in the semester for immediate course improvement.
- That teachers are strongly encouraged to close the feedback loop by providing information both verbally and on Moodle, at the beginning of each course, about changes that have been made as a result of student feedback in the previous semester, as well as information about what cannot be changed and why.

- That the questions remain unchanged this year. Work with MIT on a similar survey reinforced for us that our selection of questions was still very relevant and useful for our institution.

Information/Background

The Student Course Evaluation Survey process began in 2018 to allow students to provide evaluative information at a course level. Each semester Jeff Honey develops an institutional summary report for Ako Ahimura of the most recent Student Course Evaluation iteration. As part of that process Jeff and Maureen review and discuss any teacher feedback about the Course Evaluation Survey process as well as any issues that arose, and any improvements that might be made. The attached document contains further details about the key points summarized above.

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