



Academic Approvals Committee | MIT and Unitec MINUTES

Date: 8 July 2026

Time: 1.00 pm

Venue: MS Teams

1. Whakatuwheratanga | Opening

Kia tūturu tātou (*Let's be real*)
Kia manaaki tātou (*Let's be caring*)
Kia whai hiranga tātou (*Let's pursue excellence*)
Kia tūhonohono tātou (*Let's connect*)

Whano! Whano!
Haramai te toki!
Haumi ē! Hui ē! Taiki ē!

The Chair welcomed all the Committee Members to the meeting.

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

Members:	Role	Present	Apologies	Absent	Proxy
Chris Park	Chair				
Helen Perry	Member				
Simon Tries	Member				
Jocelyn Williams	Member				
Sandi Eickhoff	Member				

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee receives the apologies from*

1.2 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee confirms the minutes of the previous meeting held on....*

1.3 Matters Arising

All matters completed.

1.4 Change Completion

The meeting was shown a draft Change Completion table which is a work-in-progress. Further work is needed.

1.5 Correspondence

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee receives the correspondence.*

2. General Business

2.1 Chairperson's Report

Presenter: Chris Park

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee receives the Chairperson's Report.*

3. Items to Approve / Endorse / Note / Discuss

3.1 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching) (Level 7, MN4575)

This is a Type 1 change which involves the following:

- To align with changes from the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Changes in all course descriptors to align with the new 2026 Standards for the Teaching Profession (and wherever else captured in the PAD).
- Some assessment weightings (in course 902.638). Note: SMS sheets change.
- Learning Outcome changes (in course 902.638).
- Key Teaching Tasks (which are the tangible reflection of the students meeting the standards in practice).
- Utilising Teaching Council regulations specifying days rather than hours for block placements.

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee approve the Type 1 change to the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Teaching) (Level 7, MN4575).*

3.2 Bachelor of Education (Primary, Pasifika) (Level 7, MN4574)

This is a Type 1 change involving:

- PAD – capturing assessment title changes Learning Outcome redistribution in course descriptor 913.500 and removal of one LO against an assessment for 913.603.
- SMS Sheets – capturing changes to assessments aligned to the above for course 913.500 (no changes to 913.603).

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee approve the Type 1 change to the Bachelor of Education (Primary, Pasifika) (Level 7, MN4574).*

3.3 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Level 7)

This is a Type 1 change and after reviewing the documents provided further feedback was provided:

- Need to update version control on cover page and pg 5; 'next review April 2024'
- All changes that are to be approved need to be as marked up changes in the PAD, not in the supplementary documents.

- It is said that there is no change to the hours, but the CD document shows that it is intended increasing directed hours to 150 and changing self-directed to zero.
- Change the memo and version control changes to add the tables being added that were approved last year by AAC.
- Check CDs of the diploma versus the degree.
- Update the RPL information.

3.4 NZQA Informal RFI – NZCSLW

Presenter: J Tims

4. Any Other Business

4.1 PAD Template Update - section on Academic Integrity

Presenter: H Perry

RESOLVED: *That the Academic Approvals Committee receive and approve the amended PAD Template.*

Whakamutunga | Closing

Ka wehe atu tātou
I raro i te rangimārie
Te harikoa
Me te manawanui
Haumi ē! Hui ē! Taiki ē!

We are departing
Peacefully
Joyfully
And resolute
We are united, progressing forward!

The meeting concluded at pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 July 2026 at 1 pm.