

Te Poari Akoranga | Academic Committee

17 June 2026

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Whakarongo rā e Rongo

Ki a mātou

te manawa nei

ki te rongō taketake,

te whiwhia, te rawea

te whiwhi-ā-nuku

whiwhi-ā-rangi

i takea mai i te kāhui o ngā ariki.

kia tūturu ka whakamau ai kia tina, Tīna! (everybody)

Hui e?

Tāiki e!

Listen o Rongo

to us

offering gratitude

for the peace and harmony

that allows us to enjoy

the gifts of the earth

and the heavens

bequests of a higher order.

And bind it firmly, firmly!

Do we all concur?

We concur!

Schedule A

Tā Te Kaunihera Mana Tāpae ki ngā Kōmiti | Delegation of Authority from Council to Committees

In accordance with the Delegations Policy, Committees are granted the specific authorities listed below.

A1: Council Delegations to Te Poari Akoranga

All delegated authority must be exercised in accordance with the purpose of Te Poari Akoranga as set out in the Terms of Reference as updated from time to time.

Ref	Subject	Description	Objective	Power to Sub-Delegate?
1.	Academic Policies, procedures and framework	To determine policies and operating procedures of NZIST in relation to learners and academic matters.	Provide assurance and confidence that the quality and academic infrastructure, including policies, procedures and frameworks, are fit for purpose; and approve academic direction, statutes and practices to be applied throughout the organisation to ensure the goals of NZIST, as set by Council having regard to the Minister's expectations, are met and continuous improvement is achieved and sustained.	No
2.	Courses/ Programmes of Study	To approve new courses and programmes, review and approve changes to existing courses and programmes, and approve the withdrawal/closure or suspension of existing courses or programmes. To seek approval/accreditation of programmes by external bodies. ²	Provide and facilitate strategic direction and thought leadership on a range of education matters, including innovation, teaching and learning, and applied research and scholarship, with oversight of funding allocation, planning and ethics.	Yes

² Delegation to be exercised in accordance with NZIST's approved Investment Plan and Strategic Plan.

Ref	Subject	Description	Objective	Power to Sub-Delegate?
3.	Courses/ Programmes of Study	To approve variations to an individual learner's course/programme of study outside programme regulations.	Provide assurance and confidence of the effectiveness of teaching, learning and research within the organisation with a focus on outcomes.	Yes
4.	Quality Assurance	To set and monitor the application of NZIST quality assurance processes for the development and delivery of all courses and programmes (including with respect to learning, teaching, assessment, learner support and learner performance) through quality evaluation, review and reporting processes.	As above.	Yes
5.	Assessment	To approve and release learner results and recognise credit for assessment (including assessment of prior learning) in accordance with approved academic regulations.		Yes
6.	Research	To set and promote quality standards for research and approve proposals for research from NZIST kaimahi and learners involving human subjects (including learner course work research) and a Maori or Te Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi dimension.	To conduct research, with a focus on applied and technological research. Teaching and learning is supported by research, evidence, and best practice.	Yes

Ref	Subject	Description	Objective	Power to Sub-Delegate?
7.	Appeals	<p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. receive unresolved learner complaints or appeals that have already been determined (in line with relevant appeals policies and processes); b. support the resolution, settlement and/or withdrawal of such unresolved complaints or appeals; and c. if necessary, make recommendations about policies, procedures, or the provision of services. 		Yes
8.	Incidental	To do anything incidental to the exercise of any of the powers or functions delegated by the Council to the Academic Board.	The Council delegates to Te Poari Akoranga matters relating to work-based learning, courses of study or training, awards, and other academic matters, to exercise powers delegated to it by the Council.	No

Schedule D:

Tāpaenga Mana mai i Te Poari Akoranga | Sub-Delegations from Te Poari Akoranga

Te Poari Akoranga may formally sub-delegate specific tasks and/or responsibilities to nominated groups, committees and/or ohu whakahaere. This schedule will be updated each time a power is sub-delegated. All sub-delegated authority must be exercised in accordance with the purpose of Te Poari Akoranga as set out in the Terms of Reference as updated from time to time. In sub-delegating authority, Te Poari Akoranga requires:

- i) Any policies related to the responsibilities are approved by Te Poari Akoranga;
- ii) Major decisions made by the body receiving the sub-delegation are reported to Te Poari Akoranga through reporting template.

Ref	Subject	Description	Sub-delegation
1.	Academic Policies, procedures and framework	Not applicable	
2.	Courses/ Programmes of Study	To approve new courses and programmes, review and approve changes to existing courses and programmes, and approve the withdrawal/closure or suspension of existing courses or programmes. To seek approval/accreditation of programmes by external bodies.	Local Academic Committees To review and approve new (non-unified) courses and programmes delivered by their business division, and to review and approve changes to existing courses and programmes and approve the withdrawal/closure or suspension of existing (non-unified) courses or programmes.
3.	Courses/ Programmes of Study	To approve variations to an individual learner's course/programme of study outside programme regulations.	Local Academic Committees This delegation is sub-delegated in its entirety.
4.	Quality Assurance	To set and monitor the application of NZIST quality assurance processes for the development and delivery of all courses and programmes (including with respect to learning, teaching, assessment, learner support and learner performance) through quality evaluation, review and reporting processes.	
5.	Assessment	To approve and release learner results and recognise credit for assessment (including assessment of prior learning) in accordance with approved academic regulations.	Local Academic Committees This delegation is sub-delegated in its entirety.

Ref	Subject	Description	Sub-delegation
6.	Research	To set and promote quality standards for research and approve proposals for research from NZIST kaimahi and learners involving human subjects (including learner course work research) and a Māori or Te Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi dimension.	Local Academic Committees To approve proposals for research from NZIST kaimahi and learners involving human subjects (including learner course work research) and a Māori or Te Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi dimension.
7.	Appeals	To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. receive unresolved learner complaints or appeals that have already been determined (in line with relevant appeals policies and processes); b. support the resolution, settlement and/or withdrawal of such unresolved complaints or appeals; and c. if necessary, make recommendations about policies, procedures, or the provision of services. 	Local Business Division Leads To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. receive unresolved learner complaints or appeals that have already been determined (in line with relevant appeals policies and processes); b. support the resolution, settlement and/or withdrawal of such unresolved complaints or appeals.
8.	Granting of Formal Awards	To grant formal awards of NZIST.	Local Academic Committees This delegation is sub-delegated in its entirety.
7.	Appeals	To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. receive unresolved learner complaints or appeals that have already been determined (in line with relevant appeals policies and processes); e. support the resolution, settlement and/or withdrawal of such unresolved complaints or appeals; and f. if necessary, make recommendations about policies, procedures, or the provision of services. 	Local Business Division Leads To: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. receive unresolved learner complaints or appeals that have already been determined (in line with relevant appeals policies and processes); b. support the resolution, settlement and/or withdrawal of such unresolved complaints or appeals.
8.	Granting of Formal Awards	To grant formal awards of NZIST.	Local Academic Committees This delegation is sub-delegated in its entirety.

2026 Schedule of NZIST Academic Committee | Te Poari Akoranga meetings

Approved 22 January 2026

Month	Day Date	Venue	Members	Role
January	Thursday 22	MIT, Ōtara	Deborah Young	Chair (Ako Excellence Director)
March	Wednesday 18	Online	Gus Gilmore	Chief Executive
April	Wednesday 15	Online	Fiona Beals	Whitireia and WelTec representative
May	Wednesday 20	Cancelled due to illness	Emma Osborne	WITT representative
June	Wednesday 17	Online	Joan Taylor	NorthTec representative
July	Wednesday 15	Online	Annabell Dey	Tai Poutini Polytechnic representative
August	Wednesday 19	Online	Dahrian Watene	Learner representative
September	Wednesday 16	Online		
October	Tuesday 20	Online		
November	Wednesday 18	Online		

Te Poari Akoranga Register of Interests

26 January 2026

Name	Interest	Nature of Interest
Deborah Young Chair	NZIST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ako Excellence Director Transitional Leadership team member
	Ara Institute of Canterbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ako Excellence Director Chair, Academic Committee Member of Programme Assurance Committee Member of Research, Rangahau and Postgraduate Committee
Gus Gilmore	Nil	
Fiona Beals Member	Whitireia and WelTec	Principal Lead, Teaching Innovation and Research
	Ara Taiohi	Member
Emma Osborne Member	Western Institute of Technology Taranaki	Lead Academic Quality
Joan Taylor Member	NorthTec	Academic Registrar
Annabell Dey Member	Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Senior Leader Teaching and Learning
Dahrion Watene Member (Learner Representative)	NorthTec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student, Maunga kura toi Bachelor of Māori Art
	Bennetts and Associates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Accountant

* Local academic committee reports

Business division	Frequency	Thu 22 Jan	Wed 18 Mar	Wed 15 Apr	Wed 20 May	Wed 17 Jun	Wed 15 Jul	Wed 19 Aug	Wed 16 Sep	Tue 20 Oct	Wed 18 Nov
Ara	One-off	●			Cancelled						
Careerforce	One-off	●									
Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Monthly	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	
NorthTec	Monthly		●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●
Whitireia and WelTec	TBC		●			●					
WITT	TBC		●	●		●					

+ Unified programme monitoring reports and self-assessments

Programme	Thu 22 Jan	Wed 18 Mar	Wed 15 Apr	Wed 20 May	Wed 17 Jun	Wed 15 Jul	Wed 19 Aug	Wed 16 Sep	Tue 20 Oct	Wed 18 Nov
NZ Diploma in Business (Level 5) NZ2459-3	●			Cancelled						
New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Barbering (Level 4) 2115	●									
New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Level 3) 2411	●									
New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Professional Stylist) (Level 4) 2413	●									

(Note that degree monitoring reports do not need to be provided to Te Poari Akoranga)

Minutes for Te Poari Akoranga | Academic Committee 15 April 2026

15/04/2026 | 09:30 AM -- Auckland, Wellington New Zealand Standard Time

Microsoft Teams

Attendees (6)

Deborah Young (Chair); Dahrian Watene; Emma Osborne; Fiona Beals; Joan Taylor; Annabell Dey

Apologies: Gus Gilmore

Minutes: Rebecca Donne (Governance Director)

Open agenda

Karakia tīmatanga

The Chair delivered the opening karakia and the meeting started at 9.30am.

1. Administration

1.1 Welcome and apologies

The Committee noted that:

- an apology had been received from Gus Gilmore, and that
- Fiona Beals would need to leave the meeting briefly between 10.15-10.45am.

1.2 2026 Schedule of Committee membership and meeting dates

Members noted the schedule of meetings for 2026 and that this schedule is subject to change as required.

1.3 Register of interests

The Chair reminded members to check that their interests are correct, to declare any agenda items where a conflict arises between their role as a member of Te Poari Akoranga and any private or other external interest they may have, and to stand aside from decision making in respect of that item.

No additional interests were declared.

1.4 Te Poari Akoranga 2026 Workplan

The Committee noted the 2026 workplan, which is subject to change as required.

1.5 Minutes of open portion of Te Poari Akoranga 18 March 2026

There were no matters arising from the open minutes.

RESOLVED (F. Beals/J. Taylor)

That Te Poari Akoranga approve the minutes of Te Poari Akoranga open meeting held 18 March 2026 as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

2. Local Academic Committee reports

2.1 NorthTec

Te Poari Akoranga received the report titled 'NorthTec Open Academic Committee report 12 March 2026' and noted that the NorthTec Academic Committee approved:

- Changes to local procedures and guidelines for national policy 06.001 Ākonga Concerns and Complaints
- Certificate in Proficiency for course 6006 Publishing from the Programme: New Zealand Diploma in Creative Writing (Level 6)
- The granting of the Certificate, Diploma and Degree awards.

Te Poari discussed:

- The self-assessment action plan and noted that this is based on a report card against the terms of reference and other housekeeping matters.
- Identifying academic leads to champion quality and noted that the Teaching and Learning group is being re-established and practical working groups will work towards achieving the outcomes.
- Moderation and the use of Industry Skills Boards and other external organisations.

2.2 Tai Poutini Polytechnic

Te Poari Akoranga received the Tai Poutini Polytechnic Academic Committee open minutes of the meeting held 24 March 2026 and noted that NorthTec and Whitireia and WelTec also have similar areas for improvement with moderation.

Te Poari discussed the online moderation module which Whitireia and WelTec have developed and are delivering to staff, and whether this could be shared with other business divisions or showcased at the Educational Quality Forum.

2.3 Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki

Te Poari Akoranga received the report titled 'Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Open Academic Committee report March 2026' and noted that the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Academic Standards Subcommittee approved:

- One new programme - New Zealand Certificate in Skills for Learning and Working for Supported Learners (Level 1)
- Four technical changes to existing courses and programmes
- One Type 1 change to an existing programme

3. Any other open business

No other open business was raised.

4. Resolution to exclude the public

RESOLVED (D. Young)

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. This resolution will be made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (noting NZIST is subject to Part 7 of the LGOIMA) and the particular interests protected by section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant parts of the proceedings of the meeting in public. The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded and the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter is as detailed in the table below:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Section(s)
5.	Administration	
5.1	Minutes of the closed portion of Te Poari Akoranga 18 March 2026	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
5.2	Actions	Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
6.	Transition	Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
7.	Te Kawa Maioorooro	Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
8.	Closed Local Academic Committee reports	
8.1	Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Section 9(2)(a) OIA
8.2	Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
9.	Academic risk monitoring and environmental scan	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA

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10.	Any other closed business	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA

Interests

Section	Interest
Section 9(2)(a) OIA	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased natural persons.
Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.
Section 9(2)(i) OIA	To enable the organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

CARRIED

Te Poari Akoranga moved into a closed session at 9.44am.

The meeting closed at 10.16am.

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	NorthTec Open Academic Committee report 2 April 2026
Provided by	Joan Taylor, Academic Committee Co-Chair
Author	Stella Campbell, Academic Committee Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled 'NorthTec Open Academic Committee report 2 April 2026'.
2.	Note that the NorthTec Academic Committee approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Type 2 Programme Change: NZ Certificate in Horticulture (Fruit Production) (Level 3)• Type 1 Programme Change: Bachelor of Applied Social Work• Licence to Use Premises Agreement: Waitomo Papakainga Development Society Ltd at 10 Bank Street, Kaitaia for the delivery of Whānau Ora.• A Memorandum of Understanding with Northland Rugby to establish a partnership to promote pathways to professional rugby.

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the NorthTec Academic Committee on the open agenda of its April 2026 meeting.

Background

2. The NorthTec Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 2 April 2026 at Raumanga, Whangarei. The meeting achieved quorum.

Sub-delegations exercised

Courses/programmes of study

3. The Committee reviewed and approved the following changes to existing courses and programmes:
 - Type 2 Programme Change to the New Zealand Certificate in Horticulture (Fruit Production) (Level 3). The changes include updating the Programme of Study to align with version 3 of the qualification.
 - Type 1 Programme Changes to the Bachelor of Applied Social Work. The changes relate to the programme regulations.

Other matters

4. The Committee approved the following contracts:
 - Licence to Use Premises Agreement: Waitomo Papakainga Development Society Ltd at 10 Bank Street, Kaitaia for the delivery of Whānau Ora.
 - A Memorandum of Understanding with Northland Rugby to establish a partnership to promote pathways to professional rugby.
5. The Committee received the Academic Quality Assurance Committee report 23/03/2026.

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	NorthTec Open Academic Committee report 14 May 2026
Provided by	Lisette Buckle, Academic Committee Co-Chair
Author	Stella Campbell, Academic Committee Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled 'NorthTec Open Academic Committee report 14 May 2026'.
2.	Note that the NorthTec Academic Committee approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Teaching site at 6 Puckey Avenue, Kaitaia• Type 1 Programme Change to Bachelor of Nursing• New Programme Accreditation: New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5)• The granting of Certificate and Diploma awards

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the NorthTec Academic Committee on the open agenda of its May 2026 meeting.

Background

2. The NorthTec Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 14 May 2026 at Raumanga, Whangarei. The meeting achieved quorum.

Sub-delegations exercised

Courses/programmes of study

3. The Committee approved the following new (non-unified) courses and programmes to be delivered by NorthTec:
 - New Zealand Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (Level 5), accreditation to deliver Ara Institute of Canterbury Programme of Study.

4. The Committee reviewed and approved the following changes to existing courses and programmes:
 - Type 1 Programme Changes to the Bachelor of Nursing Programme. The changes relate to the programme regulations.

Granting of formal awards

5. The Committee granted the following formal awards:
 - Certificate qualification awards (40)
 - Diploma qualification awards (04)

Other matters

6. The Committee approved a new Permanent Teaching site at 6 Puckey Avenue, Kaitaia for the delivery of the New Zealand Diploma in Whānau Ora (Level 5)
7. The Committee received the following reports:
 - Academic Quality Assurance Committee Report 28/04/2026
 - Research and Ethics Committee Reports: 26/03/2026, 23/04/2026

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	Tai Poutini Polytechnic Open Academic Committee report 22 April 2026
Provided by	Deborah Young, Ako Excellence Director
Author	Emily Miller, Committee Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled 'Tai Poutini Polytechnic Open Academic Committee report 22 April 2026'.
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Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the Tai Poutini Polytechnic Academic Committee on the open agenda of its April 2026 meeting.

Background

2. The Tai Poutini Polytechnic Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 22 April 2026 at 73-87 Tainui Street, Greymouth. The meeting achieved quorum.

Other matters

3. The Committee reviewed the 2025 Institutional Quality Progress and Improvement Plan, covering several delivery areas. Challenges with evidence collection were discussed, and alternative sources considered. The need for gap identification in self-assessment was emphasised, and the plan will be updated for the next meeting.

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	Tai Poutini Polytechnic Open Academic Committee report 28 May 2026
Provided by	Deborah Young, Ako Excellence Director
Author	Emily Miller, Committee Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled 'Tai Poutini Polytechnic Open Academic Committee report 28 May 2026'.
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Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the Tai Poutini Polytechnic Academic Committee on the open agenda of its May 2026 meeting.

Background

2. The Tai Poutini Polytechnic Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 28 May 2026 at 73-87 Tainui Street, Greymouth. The meeting achieved quorum.

Other matters

3. The Committee reviewed the updated 2025 Institutional Quality Progress and Improvement Plan, covering several delivery areas.
4. The Committee discussed and agreed that the date of the next meeting will be 1 July 2026.

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee report for meetings over the month of February 2026
Provided by	Dr Fiona Beals, Registrar, Head of Information and Reporting
Author	Lorna Vickerman, Committee Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee report for meetings over the month of February 2026.
2.	Note that the Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee approved Type 1 changes to the following courses and programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PR4997 Bachelor of Social Work• HV4700 Bachelor of Counselling and Addiction Practice• NZ3803 New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)• NZ2826 New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)• NZ2594 New Zealand Certificate in IT Essentials (Level 5)• PR3989 Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee on the open agenda of its meetings in February 2026.

Background

2. The Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 19 February online and held an e-meeting on 26 February 2026. The meetings achieved quorum.

Sub-delegations exercised

Courses/programmes of study

3. The Committee reviewed and approved Type 1 changes to the following existing courses and programmes:
 - PR4997 Bachelor of Social Work
 - HV4700 Bachelor of Counselling and Addiction Practice
 - NZ3803 New Zealand Diploma in Youth Work (Level 6)
 - NZ2826 New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)
 - NZ2594 New Zealand Certificate in IT Essentials (Level 5)
 - PR3989 Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care

Assessment

4. Please note the approval of learner results is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies and Achievement Committees.
5. Please note the approval of learner exceptions and/or variations is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies and Achievement Committees.

Granting of formal awards

6. Please note the granting of formal awards is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies and Achievement Committees.

Research

7. There are no items until the 2025 report is received at the April 2026 meeting. Please note the approval of research projects is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies (non-human) or Whitireia and WelTec Research and Ethics Committee (involving humans).

Other matters

8. The Academic Committee approved updates to its Terms of Reference to align with Te Poari Akoranga (having an open and closed session and the monitoring of risks within the closed session).

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee report for meeting held on 23 April 2026
Provided by	Dr Fiona Beals, Registrar, Head of Information and Reporting
Author	Lorna Vickerman, Committee Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled 'Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee report for meeting held on 23 April 2026'.
2.	<p>Note that the Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee approved the following courses and programmes.</p> <p>New Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ5567 New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology (Level 5) with strands in Infrastructure and Technical Support, and Software Development <p>Type 2 changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ2862 New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2) <p>Type 1 changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PR4974 Master of Information Technology

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee on the open agenda of its meeting on 23 April 2026.

Background

2. The Whitireia and WelTec Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 23 April 2026 online. The meeting achieved quorum.

Sub-delegations exercised

Courses/programmes of study

3. The Committee reviewed and approved the following new (non-unified) courses and programme to be delivered by Whitireia and WelTec:
 - NZ5567 New Zealand Diploma in Information Technology (Level 5) with strands in Infrastructure and Technical Support, and Software Development
4. The Committee reviewed and approved the following changes to existing courses and programmes:
 - Type 2 changes to NZ2862 New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2)
 - Type 1 changes to PR4974 Master of Information Technology

Assessment

5. Please note the approval of learner results is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies and Achievement Committees.
6. Please note the approval of learner exceptions and/or variations is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies and Achievement Committees.

Granting of formal awards

7. Please note the granting of formal awards is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies and Achievement Committees.

Research

8. No items until 2025 report is received for the June 2026 Academic Committee meeting. Please note the approval of research projects is delegated to Whitireia and WelTec School Board of Studies (non-human) or Whitireia and WelTec Research and Ethics Committee (involving humans).

Other matters

9. The Academic Committee approved changes to the Whitireia and WelTec Academic Statute as follows: terminology updates, title from Academic Statute to Academic Regulations, credit recognition limits, NZQA alignment, and introduction of minus grades (effective 2027).

Report to	Te Poari Akoranga
Title	Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Open Academic Committee report May 2026
Provided by	Emma Osborne, Lead Academic Quality (Delegated Chair)
Author	Sally Ingham, Academic Committee Minute Secretary
For	Information
Classification	Unclassified
Endorsement (if any)	N/A

Recommended resolutions

It is recommended that Te Poari Akoranga (Te Poari):

1.	Receive the report titled 'Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Open Academic Committee report May 2026'.
2.	Note that the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Academic Standards sub-committee approved by sub-delegation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new programmes: Bachelor of Nursing (Puahou Tapuhi o Aotearoa) and New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Operational Skills (Level 2) • One Type 1 change to an existing programme • Two Type 2 changes to existing programmes
3.	Note that the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Teaching and Learning Committees approved and released by sub-delegation the learner results for four programmes.
4.	Note that the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki Academic Committee approved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That formal awards are granted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 54 graduands for micro-credentials ○ 52 graduands for certificates • Graduation date of 12 February 2027 • Dates for 2028 Academic Calendar

Purpose of this report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Te Poari with a summary of the matters discussed by the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki (WITT) Academic Committee on the open agenda of its 27 May 2026 meeting.

Background

2. The WITT Academic Committee (the Committee) met on 27 May 2026 at the boardroom, 20 Bell Street. The meeting achieved quorum.

Sub-delegations exercised

Courses/programmes of study

1. The Committee noted that the Academic Standards Sub-committee reviewed and approved the following new (non-unified) courses and programmes to be delivered by WITT by sub-delegation:
 - Bachelor of Nursing (Puahou Tapuhi o Aotearoa)
 - New Zealand Certificate in Primary Industry Skills (Level 2) with optional strand in Self-management and Employability Skills
2. The Committee noted that the Academic Standards sub-committee reviewed and approved the following changes to existing courses and programmes by sub-delegation:
 - New Zealand Certificate in Conservation (Operations) (Level 4) – Type 1
 - New Zealand Certificate in Foundation Skills (Level 2) – Type 2
 - New Zealand Certificate in Art & Design (Level 6) – Type 2

Assessment

3. The Committee noted that the Teaching and Learning committees approved and released the following learner results by sub-delegation:
 - Te Pokaitahi Reo (Rumaki, Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 1)
 - Te Pokaitahi Reo (Rumaki, Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 2)
 - New Zealand Certificate in Business (First Line Management) (Level 4)
 - New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 4)

Granting of formal awards

4. The Committee granted the following formal awards:
 - Grid-connected PV Systems: Design and Installation (Micro-Credential) (Level 4) – 18 graduands
 - Grid-connected Battery Storage Systems: Design and Installation (Micro-Credential) (Level 4) – seven graduands
 - Hangarau Matihiko: Digital Interface Design and Programming Foundations Micro-Credential (Level 5) – 15 graduands
 - Trauma Informed Care Micro-credential (Level 7) – 14 graduands
 - New Zealand Certificate in Electrical Equipment in Explosive Atmospheres (Level 4) – five graduands

- New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 4) – six graduands
- New Zealand Certificate in Business (First Line Management) (Level 4) – one graduand
- New Zealand Certificate in Business (Administration and Technology) (Level 3) – 30 graduands
- New Zealand Certificate in Business (Small Business) (Level 4) – one graduand
- Te Pokaitahi Reo (Rumaki, Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 1) – one graduand
- Te Pokaitahi Reo (Rumaki, Reo Rua) (Te Kaupae 2) – eight graduands

Other matters

5. The Committee approved 12 February 2027 as the date for the 2027 Graduation Ceremony to be held at TSB Showplace.
6. The Committee approved the dates for the 2028 Academic Calendar.

Te Poari Akoranga meeting

4. Resolution to exclude the public

It will be moved by the Chair that the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting. This resolution will be made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) (noting NZIST is subject to Part 7 of the LGOIMA) and the particular interests protected by section 9 of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) which would be prejudiced by the holding of the relevant parts of the proceedings of the meeting in public.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded and the reason for passing the resolution in relation to each matter are as follows:

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Section(s)
5.	Administration	
5.1	Minutes of the closed portion of Te Poari Akoranga 15 April 2026	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
5.2	Actions	Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
6.	Closed Local Academic Committee reports	
6.1	NorthTec	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
6.2	Tai Poutini Polytechnic	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
6.3	Whitireia and WelTec	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
6.4	Western Institute of Technology	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
7.	Investment Plan 2027	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA

Item	General subject of each matter to be considered	Section(s)
8.	NZ Nursing Council feedback	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
9.	Academic risk monitoring and environmental scan	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
10.	Transition	Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA
11.	Te Kawa Maiorooro	Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA
12.	Any other closed business	Section 9(2)(a) OIA Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA Section 9(2)(i) OIA

Interests

Section	Interest
Section 9(2)(a) OIA	To protect the privacy of natural persons, including deceased natural persons.
Section 9(2)(b)(ii) OIA	To protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.
Section 9(2)(g)(ii) OIA	To maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through the protection of such Ministers, members of organisations, officers, and employees from improper pressure or harassment.
Section 9(2)(i) OIA	To enable the organisation holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

The Chair will also move that certain employees from NZIST, namely:

- Clarke Raymond
- Johnny Tramoundanas-Can
- Sandra McDonald
- Helen LeLean
- Carmel Haggerty
- Jeanette Grace
- Jean Mitaera

be permitted to remain at the meeting, after the public has been excluded because of their specific knowledge in relation to the above items. This knowledge, which will be of assistance in relation to the matters above to be discussed, is relevant to those matters because they have assisted in the progression of such matters.