



agenda

Manukau Institute of Technology & Unitec Research Committee Meeting

Date:	17 April 2026
Scheduled Start:	1300h
Scheduled End:	1500h
Location:	MS Teams

SECTION 1 NGĀ KUPU ARATAKI | PRELIMINARIES

1. Karakia Tīmatanga | Opening Prayer
2. Mihi Whakatau | Welcome from the Chair
3. Membership
4. Terms Of Reference

SECTION 2 STANDING ITEMS

1. Ngā Whakapāha | Attendance, Apologies & Quorate Status
2. Declarations on Interest (if applicable)
3. Pitopito Kōrero O Ngā Hui | Minutes Of The Previous Meetings
4. Mahia Atu | Matters Arising

SECTION 3 MEA HEI WHAKAAE | ITEMS TO APPROVE

N/A

SECTION 4 NGĀ TUKUNGA | ITEMS TO RECEIVE

1. Outcomes of 2026 ECR & SRF Grant Applications
2. 2025 Early Career Researcher Forum Annual Report
3. 2026 Academic Committee Workplan

SECTION 5 WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO | ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Draft Applied Research – Rangahau Strategic Plan 2026-2029

SECTION 6 KUPU WHAKAMUTUNGA | CLOSING

1. Ētahi Kaupapa Anō | Any Other Business
2. Komiti Self-Assessment
3. Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Karakia

SECTION 1 **NGĀ KUPU ARATAKI | PRELIMINARIES**

Item 1.1 Karakia Tīmatanga | Opening Prayer

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! (*Move! Go on!*)
Haramai te toki!
Haumi ē!
Hui ē!
Taiki ē!

Item 1.2 Mihi Whakatau | Welcome from the Chair

Item 1.3 Committee Membership

- Dr Rosanne Ellis, Director, Research and Enterprise, *ex officio*
- Wiremu Manaia, Chair, Māori Academic Advisory Committee
- Luka Crosbie, Chair, Pacific Academic Advisory Committee
- Dr Vanessa Byrnes, Head of School, Creative Industries
- Hadley Brown, Research Contracts Specialist, Tūāpapa Rangahau
- Natara Lata Pimoe, Unitec Pacific Student Representative
- Anna Wheeler, Manager, Library, *co-opted member*
- Vacant, Research Group Leader
- Vacant, Professoriate or Principal Lecturer
- Vacant, Early Career Researcher
- Vacant, enrolled learner from Manukau Institute of Technology

Item 1.4 Terms of Reference

The Research Committee is charged by the Academic Committee to:

- Foster the conduct of research, and support the achievement of the Institution's strategic research, enterprise and innovation priorities;

- Propose and advise on strategic directions and priorities for research, enterprise and innovation generally, and review the Institute’s Research Plan in particular;
- Recommend to the Academic Committee the approval, amendment or rescinding of policies pertaining to research, enterprise and innovation;
- Develop procedures and guidelines and make recommendations in relation to the conduct of research, enterprise and innovation;
- Encourage and enhance the development of a culture of research, enterprise and innovation including student and staff research capability, with an emphasis on the development of Māori and Pacific research capability;
- Oversee the monitoring of research outputs and research reporting (including funded projects);
- Approve the awarding of internal Research Grants;
- Foster multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary, applied research, enterprise and innovation;
- Draw to the attention of the Academic Committee any identified risks to the quality and integrity of research, which may be recorded in the Academic Risk Register, and make recommendations for their further analysis and mitigation;
- Consider and report to the Academic Committee on any other research matters, which are referred to it by the Academic Committee, or which the Research Committee believes are of significance in relation to its Terms of Reference; and
- Undertake an annual self-review (using a process prepared by the Institute) of its effectiveness.

SECTION 2 STANDING ITEMS

Section 2.1 Ngā Whakapāha | Attendance, Apologies & Quorate Status

RESOLUTION

That the apologies be received.

Section 2.2 Declarations of Interest (if applicable)

Members to declare any conflicts of interest

Section 2.3 Pitopito Kōrero o Ngā Hui | Minutes Of The Previous Meeting

refer to pg5

RESOLUTION

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

SECTION 2.4 MAHIA ATU | MATTERS ARISING

refer to pg11

SECTION 3 MEI HEI WHAKAAE | ITEMS TO APPROVE

N/A

SECTION 4 NGĀ TUKUNGA | ITEMS TO RECEIVE

Section 4.1 Outcomes of 2026 ECR & SRF Grant Applications

refer to [pg12](#)

Section 4.2 2025 Early Career Researcher Forum Annual Report

refer to [pg14](#)

Section 4.3 2026 Academic Committee Workplan

refer to [pg20](#)

SECTION 5 WHAKAWHITI KŌRERO | ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Section 5.1 Draft Applied Research – Rangahau Strategic Plan 2026-2029

refer to [pg24](#) & [tabled document](#)

SECTION 6 KUPU WHAKAMUTUNGA | CLOSING

Section 6.1 Ētahi Kaupapa Anō | Any Other Business

Section 6.2 Komiti Self-Assessment

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Section 6.3 Karakia Whakamutunga | Closing Karakia

TE KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA	CLOSING PRAYER
<i>Ka wehe atu tātou</i>	<i>We are departing</i>
<i>I raro i te rangimārie</i>	<i>Peacefully</i>
<i>Te harikoa</i>	<i>Joyfully</i>
<i>Me te manawanui</i>	<i>And resolute</i>
<i>Haumi ē, Hui ē, Tāiki ē!</i>	<i>We are united, progressing forward!</i>
