

Terms of Reference

Mandate of the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board to the AVC Māori will be established to provide advice and to discuss pertinent issues and matters of paramount concern to Māori activities, processes and practices at the University of Canterbury.

Membership

Vice-Chancellor; PVC College of Education, PVC College of Arts, Head of Aotahi (School of Māori and Indigenous Studies); The Head of School of Māori, Social and Cultural Studies in Education and/or Kaiarahi Māori, College of Education; College of Arts - Kaiarahi Māori; Māori staff representative; an appropriate Māori academic; a representative of Ngai Tahu and a representative of Ngai Tuāhuriri.

Standing invitation to: the Professor of Māori Research

The AVC Māori will invite appropriate internal and external parties in to Advisory Board meetings as necessary to provide additional advice and expertise.

Functions of the Advisory Board

1. To help the University of Canterbury develop a deep understanding of and maintain a strong commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi;
2. To advise on the appropriateness of relevant sections of the Charter, Strategic Plan, Profile and Council policies in terms of the University's aspirations to partner with Māori and support Māori development.
3. To advise on the progress and achievements of the University towards its strategic objectives for Māori. Reports prepared on such matters for the University Council (usually by the Vice-Chancellor and AVC Māori) will be referred to the Advisory Board for comment and advice.
4. To advise on operational matters relevant to the delivery of strategic objectives for Māori.
5. To consider and advise on academic matters that have direct relevance to Māori curriculum content, delivery and research.

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