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A quick catchup in this RoVE newsletter

It's been a while since we shared RoVE news, in part because COVID-19 has had us all working extra hours to keep tertiary education institution humming. And there's been lots on since we last sent out a RoVE update – so let's get into it.

- We've had the first NZIST council and subsidiary meetings; and have sent them our first sets of correspondence ([you'll find it all on our website](#)).
- We've met Stephen Town who will take up the role of CE of NZIST in July. Stephen has agreed to meet TEU's branch presidents by zoom in June; and has already agreed to attend the TEU conference in November.
- The government has announced that the head office of NZIST will be in Kirikiriroa. We have repeatedly been assured that there is no intention to move all administrative roles into this office, and that the core tasks will be distributed throughout the NZIST network. We will keep a very close eye on this.
- Look at the coverage we got over the need to get the new funding model in place:

[Craig West – ODT – 13 March 2020](#)

[UCOL team – Manawatu Standard – 13 March 2020](#)

- And here are a few op-eds from ITP members and our National Secretary:

[David Kenkel - Lessons from Lockdown](#)

[Jill Jones – Cuts at NorthTec a Clear Misstep](#)

[Sandra Grey – Being an outsider inside – working on the NZIST Establishment Board](#)

Empowering staff and students

We need to seize the opportunities generated through lobbying over the last two years.

We've repeatedly told the Minister of Education and anyone else who would listen that staff needed to be involved in decision-making. And we were granted that in the legislation setting up the national network of vocational education provision.

To ensure all in the ITP and ITO sector are clear about the role of staff and students, we think walls should be covered with the following message:



The poster can be found [here](#).

What next?

We need your help to make sure staff are empowered. So here's something simple you can help us with.

First, please make sure you [have your say on the mobilising the new world reports](#) which set out some of the core ways NZIST operates.

You might want to organise a cuppa (either in person or online) with some colleagues to do a joint submission to NZIST.

You can join us in two online hui to discuss the next steps for NZIST.



Second, help shape the staff committees of NZIST.

NZIST must set up a staff committee at the national level. We want to know from you:

- What would this committee be responsible for doing?
- Who should be on the committee?
- How should representatives be chosen?
- Should there be local campus-based committees for the national committee to connect to?

Send your ideas to Jared, TEU's Policy and Research Officer - jared.commerer@teu.ac.nz - with "staff committee ideas" in subject line

Subsidiary delegations

NZIST is the overarching institution in the vocational education space, but there's still lots happening at the local level. To help you understand the decision-making processes currently in place here's the [thoughts and analysis of National President](#).

Academic board

One role we all need to take on in NZIST is to monitor whether the actions match the promise. Are staff really being empowered? The [announcement](#) of 12 appointments to the NZIST Academic Board recently has caused some concern – not because of the membership but rather the process. It seems staff weren't even told that a selection process is going on. [We've formally raised our concerns with Murray Strong, NZIST Chair, and Chris Collins, NIZST Interim CE.](#)

Here's the list of NZIST Academic Board appointees.

- Gynnis Brook (Ara)
- Neil Carroll (Open Polytechnic)
- Greg Durkin (BCITO)
- Lorna Gillespie (Skills Active ITO)

- Jeanette Grace (Whitireia New Zealand)
- Kieran Hewitson (Toi Ohomai)
- Nita Hutchinson (WITT)
- Oongah McGirr (Otago Polytechnic)
- Sue Smart (NMIT)
- Luana Te Hira (MIT)
- Natalie Waran (EIT)
- Deborah Young (Ara)

We're asking branch presidents to organise meetings with the members of the Academic Board. If you'd like to be part of this contact your branch president – [their details can be found here](#).

For more information on RoVE head to teu.ac.nz/campaigns/rove

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