



Tertiary Division

Report to Council March 2021- October 2021

Richard Hemi, Chair, date: 11 /10 /2021

This period has been significantly affected by Covid-19 lockdowns, and cancellation of meetings and school's outreach. However, some events have gone ahead in that period and proven a success.

A number of staff of the University of Otago, School of Surveying attended the S+SNZ annual conference in Auckland. Lecturers Pascal Sirguy, Mick Strack and Emily Tidey presented papers during the conference, and others were active prior to the conference, in the NTC. The School is thankful to the Kairūri Community Trust for providing the opportunity for one of its student – Patrick Coughlan - to attend conference. Patrick gave a short speech featuring his application essay and did very well.

The School has also organised some high schools outreach, both in Dunedin and Auckland during the reporting period. Both events went well and were well attended by good numbers of senior high school students. The weather prevented me from attending the event in person in Auckland, but I am grateful for the excellent support from the survey companies RPC, SurveyWorx and CatoBolan for providing your survey staff members for the Auckland outreach day.

The Tertiary Division continues to provide a regular contribution to the Surveying+ Spatial magazine through 'University Happenings'.

I am involved in a number of S+SNZ working groups so continue to represent the Tertiary division and School of Surveying on the STEP working group, the Cadastral Stream group, and the Certification Governance sub-committee of Council. I have also recently been part of the CSLB Assessment review workshops, and earlier in the year made a submission during the CSLB competency standards review process.

I have had little contact with Toi Ohomai and Unitec polytechnics in this reporting period but understand that both providers continue to have good student numbers in their surveying courses. The numbers here at the School of Surveying are quite constant but it is hoped that post-Covid more opportunity will exist to push harder on enrolment and marketing, and with the help of Head-office into 2022.

