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Tēnā koe Chancellor,

Re: Low and No Enrolments Policy

As you will already be aware from the media and internal communications at our university, there is considerable disquiet at the strategic direction of the institution, as well as strong criticism for the way in which policies are being decided.

We are already engaging directly with the vice chancellor and senior leadership team on these matters in terms of the employment relationship but assert in this case the strategic considerations and risks are crucial.

The “No and Low Enrolments Policy” put forward risks the university losing the faith of both students and staff. The Policy and Procedures seem to have little regard for what a university is about – quality teaching, learning, and research – because they put financial determinism as the way of operating.

We think the approach cuts across the Massey University Strategic Plan 2018-2022 and in particular the idea that “Massey is not only defined by what we do but how we do it.”

We request that you urgently meet with staff of the university to discuss the strategic direction currently being proffered in the “No and Low Enrolments Policy” and “No and Low Enrolments Procedures” and in subsequent discussion documents from the Colleges of Science, Health, and Business.

Ngā mihi,

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