MEMORANDUM

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To:	VUT Community
CC:	DVC: T&L, SSS- Prof Margaret Linington.
From:	Quality Promotion Unit
Date:	6/20/2022
Subject:	**CHE Institutional Audit 2022**

Dear Colleagues

The Council on Higher Education (CHE) has commenced an institutional quality audit (IQA) of the VUT on the 1 April 2022. The Quality Promotion Unit (QPU) will coordinate the preparation of the University for participation in the audit. This memo serves to provide information about the management of this audit at VUT.

The audit is focused on internal quality assurance of the university at levels. Central to this, is how quality assurance improves student success at the institution. The institutional audit is used to determine the extent of VUT's capability to use integrated quality management systems and processes to improve the quality of its learning and teaching, research, and integrated engagement with the community. Participation in the IQA provides the opportunity for VUT to reflect on its practices, identify good practices as well as areas of development. This audit aims to be a developmental process, and is done on a differentiated basis, which will allow VUT to use the outcomes to improve and enhance our practices. The outcomes of the IQA will feed into the new Quality Assurance Framework (QAF), the aim of which is to enable universities to be independent in their quality assurance measures.

The IQA will involve the participation of the entire university community. A Steering committee and four task teams have been constituted to manage the audit process. The task team members will approach you for information and evidence that is required to respond to the standards of the audit. The self-evaluation report (SER) must be completed in draft format by end November 2022. This must be accompanied by a portfolio of evidence to support the claims made in the SER. The CHE's external panel of reviewers will visit the campus from the 10-14 July 2023 to conduct interviews and a site visit. Currently, the QPU is engaged in an audit roadshow.

For full information on the audit focus areas and standards, please look at the CHE Manual for Institutional Audits and Framework for Institutional Audits on the VUT Website.

We look forward to your constructive and meaningful participation in this audit.

Kind Regards,

The QPU Team