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Background to the MSF

In June 2017, the University Council endorsed the institution's second Māori Strategic Framework (MSF), which presents a cohesive approach to Māori strategy across all campuses of the University of Otago. It also provides a greater sense of responsibility and accountability among both staff and students to support Māori Development and this is outlined in the strategic document. Subsequently, the Vice-Chancellor's Advisory Group (VCAG) formally endorsed divisional responses to the MSF, which supports divisions and departments to develop their own plans as to how they will support and achieve the MSF goals. Since then, and in actuality, prior to, divisions have been working diligently to progress their objectives and actions outlined in their plans.

MSF Prompts for Departmental Reviews

- 1. Do you know what the six goals of the University's MSF are?
- 2. Have you seen your own Divisional response to the MSF?
- 3. In what way does your department contribute to your Divisional MSF Plan?
- 4. What range of initiatives, projects and/or activities currently exist in your department which contribute directly to any of the six MSF goals?
- 5. The University's commitment to the Treaty of Waitangi is largely expressed in the MSF's second goal, partnership. What does this mean in practice for your department?
- 6. What are some opportunities for your department to contribute to in the future?
 - Leadership
 - Relationships/partnerships and community engagement
 - Māori research
 - Growth and development (staff and students, professional development etc.)
 - Quality programmes/Curriculum development
 - Language and culture.

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