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Academic Board Bulletin April 2025

The Academic Board Meeting 2/25 was held on Tuesday 8 April 2025 led by the Deputy Chair of Academic Board [Associate Professor Eric Ng](#).

New student members Zachary Vellacott, Jade-Bianca Thomas, and Brintha Karunaratna were welcomed to their first meeting of Academic Board. Dr Douglas Eacersall was welcomed as a new academic staff member of Academic Board.

Invited guests Tim Davis and Professor Pauline Collins were welcomed as observers from UniSQ Council and the Audit and Risk Committee of Council.

The **UniSQ Change Proposal** which was presented to the University on 3 April 2025 was discussed. Members were encouraged to engage with the change proposal document and consultation process, particularly from an academic governance perspective.

Academic Board considered the **Research Integrity Annual Report 2024**, noting that the report would be submitted to UniSQ Council for consideration.

Academic Programs

Academic Board **approved** the following curriculum proposals:

Comprehensive Program Review:

- Master of Public Health, Graduate Diploma of Public Health, and Graduate Certificate of Public Health.
- Master of Nursing, Graduate Diploma of Nursing, and Graduate Certificate of Nursing.

Strategic Discussion: Modes of Teaching and Learning at UniSQ

The Dean (Learning and Teaching Futures) Professor Jo-Anne Ferreira led a strategic discussion around how the University engages with students across the modes of delivery, also known as 'modes of study' and 'modes of attendance', and what this means from a governance perspective. The discussion focussed on strengthening student engagement in learning and proposed new learning modes:

- Online (fully online, both content and teaching)
- On Campus (content online, teaching face-to-face - includes intensive/residential schools)
- Hybrid (content online, teaching face-to-face and online, simultaneously)
- Situated (placements, fieldwork, practicums, Work Integrated Learning)
- HyFlex (content online, teaching is per students' choice).

Extensive student and staff consultation will be undertaken to establish an innovative set of learning modes with a view towards implementation in 2026.

Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Bulletins

Information about Academic Board, including confirmed meeting minutes, agendas and bulletins can be accessed on the Academic Board website at www.unisq.edu.au/about-unisq/governance-leadership/governance/academic-board.

Next meeting of Academic Board

The next meeting of Academic Board will be held on Tuesday 27 May 2025 at 1.00pm. The agenda is normally published on the [Academic Board website](#) one week prior to the meeting.

If you wish to attend Academic Board as an observer, please forward your request to attend to the [Secretary \(Academic Board\)](#) a minimum of one business day prior to the meeting. The 2025 UniSQ meeting schedule can be accessed on the [Governance Website](#) 'Meeting dates'.

If you have any questions regarding the activities of Academic Board or its Standing Committees, please contact the Secretary at academic.board@unisq.edu.au.

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