

## Academic Board Bulletin May 2025

The Academic Board Meeting 3/25 was held on Tuesday 27 May 2025 led by the Chair of Academic Board [Professor Alexander Kist](#).

UniSQ Council member Rachel Hennessy was welcomed as an observer. Members were informed of the Dean (Academic Transformation) Professor Lyn Alderman's departure from the University and the Board offered thanks for her significant contributions.

The **UniSQ Change Proposal** which was presented to the University on 3 April 2025 was discussed. The discussion focussed on the need for Academic Board to maintain oversight and ensure that the quality of the University's programs is maintained during change.

Academic Board considered the **Annual Summary Report on Program Outcomes 2024**, which provides a summary of curriculum and quality assurance related activities, including all program changes, suspensions, and discontinuations completed in 2024. It was noted that the report would progress to UniSQ Council for consideration.

The **Flexible Academic Calendar Project** has now concluded, and the post implementation review was presented to the Board for discussion. The Board noted that recommendations from the review will be used to refine and ensure continuous improvement of processes, which will be managed through the Office of the Associate Provost. Academic Board formally commended all staff involved in the Flexible Academic Calendar Project since its commencement in 2021.

### Academic Programs

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

#### Comprehensive Program Review:

- *Bachelor of Nursing*
- *Bachelor of Film and Screen Production, Bachelor of Television and Radio Production* (noting the forthcoming proposal for discontinuation of the Bachelor of Television and Radio Production)
- *Bachelor of Creative Arts (Honours)*.

Academic Board made a formal commendation to the School of Nursing and Midwifery and the Course and Program Management team on the excellent quality of the Bachelor of Nursing Comprehensive Program Review submission.

Academic Board **noted** the Education Committee's approval of the following major program change proposal:

- *Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)*.

## Policy and Procedure

The **Academic Quality Policy and Procedure Report** was received for noting by the Board.

Members received an update regarding the implementation of the **Class of Honours Schedule**, endorsed by the Board on 10 September 2024 and subsequently approved by the Vice-Chancellor with an implementation date of 20 January 2025. The University's systems did not allow for implementation of the Schedule by the approved date, and this item was returned to Academic Board where an implementation plan was requested. An implementation plan which describes the activities, responsibilities, and timelines for implementation of the Class of Honours Schedule was considered by Education Committee at its meeting of 1 May 2025 and forwarded to Academic Board for noting.

The **Academic Medals and Awards Schedule** Implementation Update was received and noted by the Board.

## Board Updates

Members were provided with an update on the following matters:

- The Academic Board Academic Risk Register Working Group update
- The Academic Board Terms of Reference Review Working Group update.

## Strategic Discussion: UniSQ International Strategy Update

The Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) Professor Ren Yi presented an update on the progress against the UniSQ International Strategy, highlighting the key areas of focus: recruitment and market diversification; research partnerships; global partnerships; transnational education and sponsored students; and non-award, pathway, and Study Abroad programs.

## 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](http://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 15 July 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](mailto:academic.board@unisq.edu.au).

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