

Academic Board Bulletin November 2025

The last Academic Board Meeting for 2025 was held on Tuesday 11 November 2025 led by the Chair of Academic Board [Professor Alexander Kist](#).

Reports to Academic Board

The following reports were received at the 11 November 2025 Academic Board meeting:

Council Report to Academic Board

Academic Board Chair Professor Alexander Kist presented an update on matters of interest to Academic Board from the 20 October 2025 meeting of Council.

Vice-Chancellor's Report to Academic Board

Vice-Chancellor Professor Karen Nelson presented an update on matters arising since the September meeting of Academic Board.

Education Report

Associate Provost Professor Lorelle Burton and Dean (Learning and Teaching Futures) Professor Jo-Anne Ferreira presented a high-level update on key sector and University-wide education matters, including updates on the priorities and initiatives in the [Education Plan 2022-2025](#).

Research Report

Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation) Professor Robert Sang presented an update on research activities and achievements that support the [Research Plan 2021-2025](#).

Research Committee Report

Deputy Chair of Research Committee Professor Polly Burey provided an overview of matters discussed at the Research Committee meeting held 1 October 2025.

Education Committee Report

Deputy Chair of Education Committee Professor Noeleen McNamara provided an overview of matters discussed at the Education Committee meeting held on 2 October 2024.

Academic Quality Reports

- Academic Integrity 2024 Annual Report and Academic Integrity 2025 Mid-year update Report
- Annual Education Agent Management Report

Academic Programs

Academic Board **approved** to accredit the following Pathway Diploma programs for five years effective from Trimester 1, 2026:

- Diploma of Agriculture and Environmental Science Studies (DOAE)
- Diploma of Business and Management Studies (DBMS)
- Diploma of Construction Studies (DOCS)
- Diploma of Education and Teaching Studies (DETS)
- Diploma of Engineering and Technologies (DENT)
- Diploma of Law and Justice Studies (DLJS)

Academic Board **noted** the following major program changes approved by Education Committee:

- Master of Nursing (MNSG) Suite and New Nested Graduate Certificate of Nursing RN Prescriber (GCRN), effective from Trimester 1 2027
- Bachelor of Nursing (BNSG), effective from Trimester 1 2027
- Master of Counselling (MCCO), Graduate Diploma in Counselling (GDCN) and Graduate Certificate of Counselling (GCCO), effective from Trimester 1 2026
- Bachelor of Environmental Science (BENV), effective from Trimester 1 2026

Policy and Procedure

Academic Board **approved**:

- New Admissions, Enrolment and Graduations Policy, effective 1 January 2026.

Academic Board **endorsed** to the Vice-Chancellor for approval the following:

- Admissions Procedure, effective 1 January 2026
- Enrolment Procedure, effective 1 January 2026
- Graduations Procedure, effective 1 January 2026

2026 Academic Board Meetings

The meeting schedule for Academic Board and its Standing Committees for 2026 is available on the [Council and Committee Terms of Reference](#) webpage.

Academic Board meetings for 2026 are scheduled as follows:

- Meeting 1 – 3 February 2026
- Meeting 2 – 7 April 2026
- Meeting 3 – 26 May 2026
- Meeting 4 – 28 July 2026
- Meeting 5 – 22 September 2026
- Meeting 6 – 24 November 2026

The agenda is published on the [Academic Board website](#) one week prior to the meeting. Information about Academic Board, including confirmed meeting minutes, agendas and bulletins can be accessed on the Academic Board website.

If you wish to attend Academic Board as an observer, please forward your request to attend to Academic.Board@unisq.edu.au a least three business day prior to the meeting.

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