

# Membership

## Academic Board



University of  
**Southern**  
**Queensland**

**Responsible officer** University Secretary

**Approval Authority** UniSQ Council

### Membership

<b>Chair of the Board</b> Professor Alexander Kist	Term of Office: Three years up to 30 June 2027
<b>Deputy Chair</b> Associate Professor Eric Ng	Term of Office: Three years up to 30 June 2027
<b>Vice-Chancellor and President</b> Professor Glen Coleman (Acting)	Ex officio
<b>Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Education)</b> Professor Jo-Anne Ferreira (Acting)	Ex officio
<b>Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research)</b> Professor John Bell	Ex officio
<b>Pro Vice-Chancellor (First Nations)</b> Professor Linda Deravin	Ex officio
<b>Pro Vice-Chancellor (International)</b> Professor Ren Yi	Ex officio
<b>Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Development and Commercialisation)</b> Professor Robert Sang	Ex officio
<b>Dean (Graduate Research School)</b> Professor Charlotte Brownlow	Ex officio
<b>Dean (Learning and Teaching Futures)</b> Professor Jo-Anne Ferreira	Ex Officio
<b>Dean (Curriculum and Quality)</b> Professor Jason Bainbridge	Ex Officio
<b>Dean (Students)</b> Professor Lorelle Burton	Ex Officio
<b>Academic Registrar</b> Belinda Reimers (Acting)	Ex Officio
<b>University Librarian and Director (Library Services)</b> Carmel O'Sullivan	Ex Officio
<b>One Student Director, Student Guild</b> Peter Giess	Ex officio
<b>Four members of the professoriate, who do not qualify as ex officio members, elected by and from the academic staff</b> Associate Professor Jessica Marrington	Term of Office: Three years up to 30 June 2027

<p>Professor Noeleen McNamara  Professor Jessica Gildersleeve  Associate Professor Mainul Islam</p>	
<p><b>Two academic staff members from the Students and Education Portfolio who do not qualify as ex officio members, elected by and from the academic staff of the Students and Education Portfolio</b>  Dr Douglas Eacersall  Dr Julie Lindsay</p>	<p>Term of Office: Three years up to 30 June 2027</p>
<p><b>Fifteen academic staff members from the Academic portfolio, who do not qualify as ex officio members, elected by and from the academic staff of the Academic portfolio</b>  Charmaine Davis  Dr Lindsay Helwig  Associate Professor Lisa Beccaria  Professor Polly Burey  Dr Rohan Genrich  Associate Professor Andrew Hemming  Associate Professor Rhiannan Johnson  Associate Professor Eric Ng  Dr Ahmad Sharifian-Barforoush  Associate Professor Daniel Terry  Dr Anita Wheeldon  Dr Daniel Joyce  Associate Professor Alison McCarthy  Associate Professor Edward Bliss  Dr Timothy Nugent</p>	<p>Term of Office: Three years up to 30 June 2027</p>
<p><b>One First Nations academic staff member elected by and from the First Nations academic staff of the University</b>  Dr Emerson Zerafa-Payne</p>	<p>Term of Office: Three years up to 30 June 2027</p>
<p><b>One undergraduate student elected by and from the students of the University</b>  Mia Hancock (commenced January 2026)</p>	<p>Term of Office: One year from 1 April to 31 March the following year with the opportunity to continue up to a maximum of three terms.</p>
<p><b>One postgraduate coursework student elected by and from the students of the University</b>  Jade-Bianca Thomas (2025)</p>	<p>Term of Office: One year from 1 April to 31 March the following year with the opportunity to continue up to a maximum of three terms</p>
<p><b>One higher degree research student elected by and from the students of the University</b>  Brintha Karunarathna (2025)</p>	<p>Term of Office: One year from 1 April to 31 March the following year with the opportunity to continue up to a maximum of three terms</p>

## Modification History

03.06.2013		Update to members – Dean of Education and Secretary
07.07.2013		Update to members – Deputy Chair
26.08.2013	Council	Revised Terms of Reference and Membership of Academic Board
03.10.2013		Update to Category 4.18
05.11.2013		Update to Chair, Deputy Chair, Category 4.19 and Category 4.20 following Academic Board elections, and update to 4.7
13.11.2013		Update to HES representatives following commencement of Faculty Election processes
09.01.2014		Update to Executive Deans and vacant position
04.02.2014		Update to 4.11 following Dr M Sankey's leave of absence
14.02.2014		Update to 4.11 following close of election
24.02.2014		Update to 4.10 following members resignation, update to numbering
14.03.2014		Update to 4.10 following Close of Nominations for One Professor; update to 4.18 following Dr K Price stepping down from filling temporary vacancy
11.04.2014		Update to Undergraduate Student Representative
08.05.2014		Update to Executive Dean BELA
26.05.2014		Update to 4.14 following acceptance to fill Leave of Absence
11.08.2014		Update to 4.6 following commencement of new PVC position, 4.8 following Acting appointment, 4.10 following approval of Leave of Absence and acceptance to fill temporary vacancy, 4.11 following end of Leave of Absence, 4.18 following end of Leave of Absence, and By Invitation as is no longer an Acting position
12.02.2015		Update to 4.9 following ex officio vacancy, 4.10 following end of Leave of Absence, 4.13 following resignation of member and acceptance to fill casual vacancy, 4.14 following end of Leave of Absence, 4.16 and 4.17 following resignation of members, and 4.19 following approval of Leave of Absence and acceptance to fill temporary vacancy
31.03.2015		Update to 4.16 and 4.17 following co-option
28.05.2015		Administrative updates following Council approval of changes to Academic Board Terms of Reference, and update to Secretary
22.07.2015		Update to 4.9 following appointment of Director Library Services, and 4.19 following end of LoA
04.08.2015		Updates to elected membership categories to reflect new Academic Board term - 4 August 2015 up to but not including regular meeting of the Academic Board in July 2018.
09.02.2016		Removal of Fraser Coast representative, and updates to 4.14 following end of LoA & new LoA
01.12.2016		Update to 4.10, 4.11, and 4.12 to reflect Leave of Absence arrangements, update to 4.14 following resignation and filling of casual vacancy, update to 4.15 following election of new Student Guild president
15.12.2016		Update to 4.8 following advice of changed positions after ASD restructure, update to 4.7 following Exec Dean departure, and title change within 4.12
23.01.2017		Update following change to Vice-Chancellor arrangements Update to 4.14 following effect of Academic Promotion

20.03.2017		Update following resignations and end of LoA
28.03.2017		Update to 4.11 following resignation
21.04.2017		Update to 4.8 following appointment of Director, Office for the Advancement of Learning & Teaching and recognition of Acting Chair and Acting Deputy Chair
19.06.2017		Update following appointment of Chair and Undergraduate Member
14.08.2017		Update following elections and appointment of Deputy Chair
19.09.2017		Update to reflect change in Vice-Chancellor, President USQ Student Guild and DVC (AS).
29.01.2018		Update to reflect new members
28.02.2018		Update to reflect membership change
31.07.2018	Council 11/12/2017	Update to reflect change of AB membership structure and membership change due to commencement of new term
27.09.2018		Update to 3.1.5 to reflect acting appointment
01.01.2019		Update to reflect promotion outcomes – title changes
18.02.2019		Update to 3.1.5 to reflect change of position title
25.02.2019	Council 25/02/2019	Update to add 3.1.3 due to commencement of DVC(A) position Update to 3.1.4 to reflect resignation of DVC(R&I)
15.04.2019		Update to reflect resignation of President, Student Guild
31.05.2019		Update to reflect new membership for 3.1.10
16.07.2019		Update to reflect election of new Student Guild President
20.08.2019		Update to reflect commencement of new DVC(R&I). Update to reflect resignation of members 3.1.9 and 3.1.16
30.09.2019		Update to reflect election of new members 3.1.9 and 3.1.16 and vacated position 3.1.17
9.03.2020	Council 6/03/2020	Update to reflect updated AB Terms of Reference – 3.1.6 due to resignation of PVC(E); 3.1.8 and 3.1.11 to reflect Leave of Absence arrangements; 3.1.11 to reflect return from LOA
17.08.2020		Update to reflect election of new member 3.1.17; and 3.1.8 and 3.1.11 to reflect return from Leave of Absence
31.03.2021	Council 15/03/2021	Update to reflect addition of Dean (Academic Transformation) (ex officio) – 3.1.8; and to reflect end of student term 3.1.17 and 3.1.19.
20.05.2021		Update to reflect resignation of members 3.1.6 and 3.1.12; and to add new student members.
12.07.2021		Update to reflect new student member 3.1.17
27.07.2021		Updated to reflect new term of AB commencing 27/7/21 – elected members.
28.07.2021		Updated to reflect new student member 3.1.18
16.09.2021		Updated to reflect elected Deputy Chair and new student member 3.1.17
18.10.2021	Council	Revised membership of Academic Board – addition of Pro Vice-Chancellor (First Nations Education and Research) (ex officio) and Dean (Graduate Research School) (ex officio) – removal of Director (Advancement of Learning and Teaching) and One academic staff member from Education Portfolio.

14.03.2022	Council	Revised membership of Academic Board due to changes in senior leadership positions. Removal of DVC (Academic), PVC (Students) and Executive Deans of Faculties. Addition of Provost, DVC (Academic Affairs), and Dean (Students).
19.04.2022		Update to reflect resignation of elected member 3.1.10 and resignation of Student Guild President.
01.07.2022	Council	Update to reflect resignation of Chair and Deputy Chair, and appointment of new Chair.
01.07.2022		Update to reflect LOA for elected member 3.1.10 for S2 2022.
01.09.2022		Update to reflect newly elected Deputy Chair, and elected members for 3.1.10 Female Professor and 3.1.11 Male Pathway. Vacancy 3.1.12 Male Non-Faculty due to restructure.
20.05.2023		Update to reflect resignations, and newly elected student members.
31.05.2023	Council 8/05/2023	Update to reflect the addition of membership Dean (Learning and Teaching Futures (ex officio) and Academic Registrar (ex officio).
08.06.2023		Administrative change to membership titles owing to the restructure of the Academic Division – removal of reference to Faculties.
12.07.2023		Update to reflect newly elected members 3.1.13, 3.1.14 and LOA
09.10.2023	Council	Updated to include PVC (International)
24.06.2024		Updated to reflect new term of Academic Board commencing 1/7/24 – elected members.
12.08.2024		Updated to reflect new Associate Provost position replacing Dean (Students) from 12.08.24
23.09.2024		Updated to remove Academic Registrar from membership from 20.09.24.
01.11.2024		Updated to reflect changes to membership.
01.01.2025		Temporary update to reflect departure of Vice-Chancellor, Provost undertaking acting Vice-Chancellor role, and delegation of Provost duties on Academic Board during this period.
05.02.2025		Editorial update to membership 3.1.19 to reflect nomination by Student Guild of new representative position.  Updated to reflect changes to membership – elected members.
01.04.2025		Updated to reflect changes to membership – elected student members.
01.08.2025		Updated to reflect changes to membership due to organisational restructure.
09.09.2025		Updated to reflect changes to membership due to organisational restructure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of Dean (Academic Transformation) ex-officio membership</li> <li>• To record redundancy of elected members.</li> </ul>
11.11.2025		Updated to reflect newly elected members as a result of redundancies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• two members of the professoriate, elected by the academic staff of the University,</li> <li>• one academic staff member from the Academic Affairs portfolio elected by the academic staff of the Academic Affairs portfolio</li> </ul>
22.01.2026		Updated to reflect new organisational structure effective 2 January 2026