

# Membership

## Research Committee



University of  
Southern  
Queensland

**Responsible officer** University Secretary

**Approval Authority** Academic Board

<b>Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Development and Commercialisation) (Chair)</b> Professor Robert Sang	Ex Officio
<b>One elected staff member of Academic Board, appointed by the Chair, Academic Board, following an expression of interest process (Deputy Chair)</b> Professor Polly Burey	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.
<b>Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research)</b> Professor John Bell	Ex Officio
<b>Dean (First Nations Education and Research)</b> Associate Professor John Davis	Ex Officio
<b>Dean (Graduate Research School)</b> Professor Charlotte Brownlow	Ex Officio
<b>Director (Office of Research)</b> Dr Samantha Rose	Ex Officio
<b>University Librarian and Director (Library Services)</b> Carmel O'Sullivan	Ex Officio
<b>One Nominee from University Research Centre Directors or Institute Executive Directors, appointed by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Research)</b> Professor Bernadette McCabe	Ex Officio
<b>Three Members of Academic Board from Academic Board's elected staff membership categories, elected by and from the members of Academic Board</b> Professor Polly Burey Associate Professor Alison McCarthy Dr Anita Wheeldon	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.
<b>One First Nations Academic Staff Member, elected by and from the First Nations academic staff of the University</b> Dr Geoff Keating	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.

<b>One early-career academic staff member (PhD conferred within the past five years), elected by and from the academic staff of the University</b>  Dr Jenny Wang	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.
<b>One mid-career academic staff member (PhD conferred within the past five to 15 years and who is not a member of the professoriate), elected by and from the academic staff of the University</b>  Professor Min Hong	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.
<b>One member of the professoriate, elected by and from the academic staff of the University</b>  Associate Professor Simon Murphy	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.
<b>One academic staff member, elected by and from the academic staff of the University</b>  Dr Ahmad Sharifian-Barforoush	Term of Office: Three years, up to but not including the regular meeting of the Academic Board in July.
<b>Two Higher Degree by Research students, elected by and from the students of the University</b>  Sana Bashir (2025) Muhammad Umair (commenced January 2026)	Term of Office: One year, up to and including 31 March, with annual opportunity to continue membership to a maximum term of three years.
<b>One undergraduate student, elected by and from the students of the University</b>  Taylor Mehaffey (2025)	Term of Office: One year, up to and including 31 March, with annual opportunity to continue membership to a maximum term of three years.
<b>SECRETARY (RESEARCH COMMITTEE)</b>  Governance Secretary – Olivia Milnes	

## Modification History

Date	Source	Details
26.04.2019	Academic Board	Research Committee Re-structure
10.06.2019		Update to add elected members
20.08.2019		Update to reflect commencement of new DVC (R&I)
20.01.2020		Update to membership 4.1.3 to reflect commencement of Faculty Associate Deans roles. Update to titles to reflect academic promotions. Update to add acting Deputy Chair and 4.1.6 due to LOA.
21.04.2020	Academic Board	Update to reflect updated Terms of Reference - Membership
20.05.2020		Updates to Deputy Chair and 4.1.11 to reflect return from LOA.
11.01.2021		Update to 4.1.12 to reflect resignation of member
05.05.2021		Update to 4.1.9, 4.1.10, 4.1.12 reflect resignation of members and end of student representative term.
28.05.2021		Update to add newly elected student member.
27.08.2021		Update to reflect new term - Deputy Chair and elected members.
21.09.2021	Academic Board	Update to Terms of Reference – Memberships; and Standing Committees and Sub-Committees.
19.04.2022	Academic Board	Update to membership 4.1.4 due to change in Leadership Structure
25.07.2023	Academic Board	Update to membership to add UniSQ Librarian and Director (Library Services) ex officio. Update to reflect membership changes due to resignations and LOA.
21.02.2024	Academic Board	Updated to align with ToR approved at Academic Board 21/2/2024.
05.08.2024		Updated to reflect new term of Academic Board and Research Committee - commencing 1/7/24 – elected members.
01.11.2024		Updated to reflect changes to membership – resignation of Student Rep & Academic Promotions.
24.02.2025		Updated to add new student members.
01.04.2025		Updated to add new student member.
02.12.2025	University Secretary	Update to membership in line with organizational structure changes.
21.02.2026	University Secretary	Update to Ex Officio membership to replace the PVC(First Nations) to the Dean (First Nations Education and Research)