



University of
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Academic Board

Academic Board Bulletin

June and July 2022

Chair and Deputy Chair (Academic Board) Update

May and June 2022 saw the retirement from UniSQ of the Academic Board Chair, Professor Grant Daggard and Deputy Chair, Professor Jane Summers respectively. At the Council meeting of 27 June 2022, Associate Professor Fernando Padró was appointed as Chair for the remainder of the current term, which concludes in July 2024. Mr Shane Simmons has been duly elected to the position of Deputy Chair.

Education Committee

The reports of the Education Committee meetings of 5 May and 23 June 2022 were noted by Academic Board.

Academic Board noted Education Committee's approval for the establishment of the Academic Quality Policy Review and Implementation Subcommittee and the Learning and Teaching Innovation Subcommittee and the associated Terms of Reference.

The Education Committee's endorsement of the two overarching recommendations from the Learning and Teaching Awards and Grants Impact Evaluation, and referral of the Impact Report to the Learning and Teaching Innovation Subcommittee for consideration of the individual recommendations and ongoing oversight of learning and teaching awards and grants was noted.

Academic Programs

Academic Board made the following recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor, which were subsequently approved:

- that the Bachelor of Cyber Security (BCYS) be accredited from Semester 2, 2022;
- that the Master of Business (MBIZ), Graduate Diploma of Business (GDBZ), and Graduate Certificate of Business (GCBU) be accredited from Trimester 1, 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Business (BBIZ), Associate Degree of Business (ADBZ), and Diploma of Business (DPBZ), and double degrees Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business (BRBZ), Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Information

Technology (BZIT), Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws (BZLW), and Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Science (BZSC) be accredited from Trimester 1, 2023;

- that the Bachelor of Accounting (BACT) be accredited from Trimester 1, 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Aviation (BAVN) and the Associate Degree of Aviation (ADAV) (Exit only) be reaccredited from Semester 1, 2023;
- that the Medicine Pathway Major within the Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (BBSC) be accredited from Semester 1, 2023;
- that the Doctor of Business Administration (DBAR) be discontinued from Semester 2, 2022; and
- that the Doctor of Creative Arts (DCAR) be discontinued from Semester 2, 2022.

Research Committee

The reports from the 11 May and 22 June 2022 meetings of Research Committee, which included the regular reports from the *Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences; Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts; Research Training Sub-Committee; Graduate Research School; Human Research Ethics Committee; and Animal Ethics Committee* were noted by the Board.

Academic Board endorsed Research Committee's proposal to establish the iLAUNCH Hub as a new Centre at the University.

The Board noted Research Committee's consideration of the UniSQ Research Plan 2021-2025 and the Q1/Q2 2022 Research Performance Report.

Academic Quality Policy and Procedure

Academic Board noted progress on the review and development of Academic Quality policy and related procedures and schedules and the implementation status of recently approved policy. The Board also noted the report on minor and editorial changes to Academic Quality policies and procedures published during Q2 2022.

Education Plan Annual Update

A refreshed version of the Academic Plan will be released as the Education Plan 2022- 2025 and will support UniSQ's vision to be renowned for excellence in the student experience, an innovative program portfolio and creative approaches to learning and teaching. Academic Board noted the Education Plan Annual Update, including the report against the pillars of the Academic Plan and progress towards the development of the Education Plan 2022-2025.

UniSQ Consolidated Program Quality Report 2021

The UniSQ Consolidated Program Quality Report 2021 was considered by the Board. The report identifies current and future improvement strategies that identify Program and Major viability and target increasing student enrolment and load and reducing attrition, ultimately leading to an increase in student completion. The report summarises data provided as the

Sentinel Indicators for the Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts and the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences. The School and Faculty responses to issues arising from the Consolidated Program Quality Report were also noted.

Academic Plan – Recognition of Prior Learning Annual Report 2020/21

The Academic Plan – Recognition of Prior Learning Annual Report 2020/21 was considered and noted by the Board. The outcomes achieved in 12 months against the investment and the ongoing pilot with the Bachelor of Communication and Media (BCNM) were noted.

Flexible Academic Calendar

After extensive consultation, the Flexible Academic Calendar Preferred Design was presented to Academic Board for endorsement and was subsequently approved by the Vice-Chancellor in December 2021. Regular updates on the development of the implementation plan were noted by Academic Board.

Student Feedback Survey Dashboard

Academic Board discussed and noted the Publication of the Student Feedback Dashboard: Progress Report 1 and Stage 1 dashboard prototype which is hosted on the UniSQ Student Feedback Survey test site. Feedback was provided regarding the functional requirements suggested for inclusion in the public Student Feedback Survey dashboard.

Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Bulletins

Academic Board confirmed minutes, agendas and bulletins can be accessed on the Academic Board website at <https://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 20 September 2022 at 1pm. The 2022 USQ meeting schedule can be accessed on the [Governance Website](#) 'Meeting dates'. 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.

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

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways where the University is located. Further, we acknowledge the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pay respect to Elders past, present and future.

