



University of
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Academic Board

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Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Re-registration Update

The University was advised by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) of its decision to revoke the condition of registration, which was imposed in 2018, noting that the University had met all aspects of the condition.

An update on the TEQSA Re-registration Project, which has been developed to facilitate preparation of the University's next submission due in October 2024 was also considered, noting that the status of key milestones has progressed.

Education Committee

The report of the Education Committee meeting of 13 October 2022 was noted by Academic Board. The Board endorsed Education Committee's recommendation for commencement of wider University consultation on proposed changes to new program and existing program change approval delegations, and amendments to the Program Change, Suspension, and Discontinuation Procedure.

Academic Board noted the following:

- The Academic Integrity Framework Report 2022.
- The key trends from the 2022 Graduate Outcomes Survey institutional results as summarised in the 2022 GOS UniSQ Institutional Report

Education Committee's consideration and endorsement of Program Accreditation and Change requests and Policy and Procedure items was noted. These items were recommended by Education Committee to the Board and were considered as separate items on the agenda.

Academic Programs

Following recommendation by Education Committee, Academic Board made the following recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor, which were subsequently approved:

- that the Associate Degree of Allied Health (ADAH) be accredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) (BPTH) be accredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Arts (BART), Diploma of Arts (DART), and Associate Degree of Arts (ADAR) (Exit only) be re-accredited from 1 January 2023;

- that the Bachelor of Communication and Media (BCNM), Associate Degree of Communication and Media (ACNM) (exit only), Diploma of Professional Photography (DAPP) (new entry point), Diploma of Professional Communication (DAPC) (new entry point), and Diploma of Arts (DART) (new entry point) be reaccredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Information Technology (BITC) be reaccredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Master of Professional Engineering (MENS), Graduate Diploma of Professional Engineering (GDNS), and Graduate Certificate of Professional Engineering (GCNS) be reaccredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Laws (LLBP) and Juris Doctor (DJUR) be reaccredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the proposed substantial program changes within the Doctor of Philosophy (DPHD) be implemented from 1 January 2023;
- that the proposed substantial program changes within the Master of Research (MRES) be implemented from 1 January 2023;
- that the proposed substantial program changes within the Tertiary Preparation Program (TPPG) be implemented from 1 January 2023;
- that two additional admissions pathways for a) School leavers without ATAR; and b) Work and life experience are applied to all undergraduate programs in the School of Creative Arts effective immediately for cohorts commencing from 1 January 2023;
- that the Doctor of Education (DEDU) be discontinued from Semester 3, 2022; and
- that the Doctor of Professional Studies (DPRS), Master of Professional Studies (MPSR), and Graduate Certificate of Professional Studies (GCPS) be discontinued from Semester 3, 2022.

Research Committee

The report from the 12 October 2022 meeting of Research Committee, which included the regular reports from the *Research Training Sub-Committee; Graduate Research School; Human Research Ethics Committee; Animal Ethics Committee; and Institutional Biosafety Committee* was noted by the Board.

Research Committee's consideration and endorsement of HDR Program Change and Discontinuation requests and Policy and Procedure items was noted. These items were recommended by Research Committee to the Board and were considered as separate items on the agenda.

Academic Board approved the proposed update to the Research Committee membership within the Terms of Reference.

Academic Quality Policy and Procedure

Following recommendation by Education Committee, Academic Board approved the following policy item:

- the updated Learning and Teaching Policy

Following recommendation by Education Committee and Research Committee, the Board recommended the following procedures and updates to the Vice-Chancellor for approval:

- the new Course Management Procedure;
- the new Course Nomenclature and Coding Schedule;
- the new Course Specifications Requirements Schedule;
- the new Research Active Procedure; and
- major revisions to Section 4.3 of the Assessment Procedure.

Academic Board noted the Policy Library Annual Update: Academic Quality Policies (and related University Procedures) Review Status.

Education Plan

The final draft of the refreshed Academic Plan, to be released as the Education Plan 2022-2025 was considered and endorsed by the Board. It is expected that the Education Plan will be published following consideration and endorsement by Council.

Flexible Academic Calendar

The update on the development of the Flexible Academic Calendar implementation plan was noted by Academic Board. The Flexible Academic Calendar Project team were congratulated for their exceptional work towards implementation of the new calendar.

Students as Partners Framework

Academic Board considered a presentation regarding the UniSQ Students as Partners Framework. The framework was endorsed by the Board.

Academic Quality Framework

Academic Board noted the outcomes reported in the Publication of Student Feedback Working Group: Dashboard Update, including the publication of the Student Feedback Dashboard into the public domain. The Board also endorsed the draft Staff Comments Management Protocol.

Material Risk Register and Academic and Research Risk

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Enterprise Services), Mr Michael Thomas was invited to open a discussion around enabling integration of the University's risk framework into Academic Board's processes to ensure the Board's oversight of academic and research risk, in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

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 21 February 2023 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.

