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Academic Board

Academic Board Bulletin

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Academic Board Annual Self-Assessment Survey 2022

The results from the Academic Board Annual Self-Assessment Survey 2022 were discussed. Results were generally positive, and five of the six question categories achieved a mean rating of over 3.75 from a scale of one to five. A small number of questions received a mean rating below 3.75, and these outcomes will be considered by the Chair and Deputy Chair to determine any appropriate actions. An action plan will be provided for consideration at the next meeting of the Board. The survey outcomes were forwarded to UniSQ Council for consideration.

Education Committee

The report of the Education Committee meeting of 18 August and extraordinary meeting held on 1 September 2022 were noted by Academic Board.

The Education Committee's endorsement of the Consolidated Course Quality Report 2021, the AQR Cohort Performance Quality Report, and the Academic Integrity Report 2021 was noted. These reports 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 Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) (BOTH) be accredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) (SPYH) be accredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Social Work (BSWK) and the Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) (BSWH) be accredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) (BMID (GE)) be reaccredited from 1 January 2023;
- that the Bachelor of Science (BSCI) be reaccredited from 1 January 2023 for two years;

- that the Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and Data Analytics specialisations be made available within the Master of Data Science (MADS) from 1 January 2023;
- that the proposed substantial program changes within the Master of Public Health (MPUH), Graduate Diploma of Public Health (GDPH), and Graduate Certificate of Public Health (GCPH) be implemented from 1 January 2023;
- that the Doctor of Professional Engineering (DPEN) be discontinued from Semester 3, 2022.

Research Committee

The report from the 17 August 2022 meeting of Research Committee, which included the regular reports from the *Faculty of Business, Education, Law and Arts; Research Training Sub-Committee; Graduate Research School; Human Research Ethics Committee; and Animal Ethics Committee* was noted by the Board.

Academic Quality Policy and Procedure

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

- the new Higher Degree by Research Student Admission and Enrolment Procedure;
- the revised Higher Degree by Research Supervision Procedure; and
- repeal of the current HDR Supervision and Student Support Procedure.

Academic Quality Reports

The Academic Quality - Consolidated Course Report 2021 and Consolidated Course Quality Report - 2021 Trends were considered by the Board. It was noted that the report will be returned to the School and Faculty committees for further response and that the finalised report will be submitted to the November 2022 Academic Board meeting.

The Academic Quality - Cohort Performance Report 2021 and the Academic Quality - Third Party Provider Report 2021 were also considered. It was noted that a thematic analysis for each report is being undertaken and the finalised reports would be submitted to the November 2022 Academic Board meeting for progression to the December 2022 meeting of UniSQ Council.

Annual Academic Integrity Report 2021

Following recommendation to the Board by Education Committee, the Academic Integrity Report for Semesters 1-3 2021 was considered and subsequently forwarded to Council for consideration.

TEQSA Re-registration Project Update

The update on the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Re-registration Project, which has been developed to facilitate preparation of the University's next submission due in October 2024 was considered by the Board.

Flexible Academic Calendar

The fifth update on the development of the Flexible Academic Calendar implementation plan was noted by Academic Board.

Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Bulletins

Academic Board confirmed minutes, agendas and bulletins can be accessed on the Academic Board website at 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 15 November 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.

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