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Academic Board

Academic Board Bulletin

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Research Committee

The report from the 18 January 2023 meeting of Research Committee, which included the 2023 Research Integrity Report, and regular reports from the *Graduate Research School*; *Human Research Ethics Committee*; and *Animal Ethics Committee* was noted by the Board. An update on the Early Career Researcher Program for 2023 was also provided.

Research Committee's consideration and endorsement of the Cotutelle Program Procedure was noted. This item was recommended by Research Committee to the Board and was considered as a separate item on the agenda.

Academic Quality Policy and Procedure

The Board recommended the following procedures and updates to the Vice-Chancellor for approval:

- the new Cotutelle Program Procedure; and
- major revisions to the Assessment Procedure, Grades Procedure and the Assessment and Grades – Roles and Responsibilities Schedule.

Academic Board noted the report on editorial and minor amendments to Academic Quality policies and/or related procedures published during Q4 2022.

Education Committee

The report of the Education Committee meeting of 19 January 2023 was noted by Academic Board.

Academic Programs

There were no items received for consideration.

Changes to Course and Program Approval Delegations

The Board considered proposed changes to program change approval delegations and consequential amendments to the Program Accreditation Procedure, and the Program Change, Suspension and Discontinuation Procedure. These changes were endorsed by Academic Board for recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor for approval and immediate implementation.

Flexible Academic Calendar

The update on the development of the Flexible Academic Calendar implementation plan was noted by Academic Board. Members were encouraged to ensure that any operational issues are brought to the attention of the project team. Any unresolved and emerging issues will be included in future Flexible Academic Calendar Project Updates for oversight of the Board.

The First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum (Strategic Discussion)

Academic Board's first strategic discussion for the year was regarding the First Nations Voice to Parliament Referendum to be held in 2023. Members expressed varying points of view, with all agreeing that members of the University community should feel free to express their opinions and exercise their academic freedom within the University and the broader community. Members agreed that the University's role in the referendum process should be to inform and educate about the key issues.

Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Bulletins

Information about Academic Board, including confirmed meeting 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 21 February 2023 at 1pm. The 2023 UniSQ 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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