

## Academic Board Bulletin February 2025

The first Academic Board meeting of 2025 (01/25) was held on Tuesday 11 February led by the Chair of Academic Board [Professor Alexander Kist](#).

The Chair welcomed new Academic Staff members; Associate Professor Daniel Terry, Dr Sarah McKibbin, Associate Professor Mia O'Brien, and Shane Simmons to their first meeting, and thanked recently departed members Professor Luke van der Laan, Associate Professor David Thorpe, Associate Professor Melissa Johnson Morgan, and Professor Marie Kavanagh for their invaluable contributions to Academic Board.

The **Academic Board Self-Assessment Survey Working Group** was established to review the existing self-assessment survey instruments and post-survey processes for Academic Board and its standing committees. Academic Board considered and **approved** the proposed self-assessment survey instruments for Academic Board, Education Committee, Research Committee, and Student Academic Appeals Committee, and the post-survey processes and follow-up action plan template.

Academic Board considered the **2024 UniSQ Animal Ethics Committee Annual Report to Council**, noting that the report would be submitted to UniSQ Council in accordance with the *Australian Code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes, 8th edn., 2013*.

Members received an overview of the **2023 Student Experience Survey - Universities Australia Data Comparison Report**.

### Academic Programs

Academic Board **approved** the following curriculum proposals:

#### Comprehensive Program Review:

- Master of Learning and Teaching (Early Years), Master of Learning and Teaching (Primary), Master of Learning and Teaching (Secondary), Graduate Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, and Graduate Certificate of Early Childhood Education and Care.
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
- Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program.

#### Program Discontinuation:

- Master of Editing and Publishing, Graduate Diploma of Editing and Publishing, and Graduate Certificate of Editing and Publishing effective Trimester 1 2025.

Academic Board **noted** the Education Committee's approval of the following major program change proposal:

- Master of Business, Graduate Diploma of Business, Graduate Certificate of Business.

## Policy and Procedure

Members received an update regarding the implementation of the ***Class of Honours Schedule***, which was endorsed by the Board on 10 September 2024 and subsequently approved by the Vice-Chancellor with an implementation date of 20 January 2025. The Board was advised that processes and systems could not be set up in time, and that an updated implementation plan would be submitted to Education Committee for consideration.

## Board Updates

Members were provided with an update on the following matters:

- The Academic Board Academic Risk Register Working Group update
- The Academic Board Terms of Reference Review Working Group update
- The 2024 External Review of Academic Governance Action Plan update
- The Flexible Academic Calendar Project update. Information is available to all staff on the [Academic Calendar Project SharePoint site](#).

## 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](http://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 Tuesday 8 April 2025 at 1.00pm. The agenda is normally published on the [Academic Board website](#) one week prior to the meeting.

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. The 2025 UniSQ meeting schedule can be accessed on the [Governance Website](#) 'Meeting dates'.

If you have any questions regarding the activities of Academic Board or its Standing Committees, please contact the Secretary at [academic.board@unisq.edu.au](mailto:academic.board@unisq.edu.au).

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