



University of
**Southern
Queensland**

Academic Board Bulletin February 2024

Academic Board Information

The first Academic Board meeting for 2024 was held on Wednesday 21 February 2024. [Associate Professor Fernando Padró](#) is the Chair of Academic Board.

Terms of Reference

Academic Board approved several changes to the Terms of Reference of the following Standing Committees of Academic Board. Key changes to note:

- **Student Academic Appeals Committee**
 - Introduction of a Deputy Chair
- **Education Committee**
 - Addition of the Associate Director (Academic Program Support Services) as an ex officio member.
 - Addition of four elected academic staff members.
 - Increase of elected undergraduate student members from 1 to 2.
- **Research Committee**
 - Addition of the new position of Dean (Research Infrastructure) as an ex officio member.
 - Addition of one elected academic staff member position.
 - Addition of one undergraduate student representative.

The approved terms of reference are located on the [Academic Board Governance](#) page.

Academic Programs

The following programs were approved by the Board following consideration by the Expedited Pathway Working Group meeting of 30 November 2023:

Major Program Changes

- Master of Strength and Conditioning (MASC), Graduate Diploma of Strength and Conditioning (GSCD) and Graduate Certificate of Strength and Conditioning (GSCC) effective Trimester 1, 2024.
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSCH) effective Trimester 1, 2024.
- Diploma of Human Services and Development (DHSD) effective Trimester 1, 2024.
- Two majors within the Bachelor of Science (BSCI) - Information Technology and Computing effective Trimester 1, 2024
- Master of Spatial Science Technology (MSPT) suite effective immediately

Comprehensive Program Reviews

- Bachelor of Science (Honours) (BSCH) and Bachelor of Science (Honours) (Psychology) (BSHP) effective 1st January 2024 with a recommended next comprehensive review date of 31st December 2029, but no later than 31st December 2030.

Student Academic Appeals Committee

Student Academic Appeals Committee Chair Shane Simmons presented the 2023 Student Academic Appeals Committee Annual Report.

Academic Quality Policy and Procedure Report

Academic Board noted the Academic Quality Policy Report which provided an update on Academic Quality policy key activities and an overview of the editorial amendments to Academic Quality policies and related procedures and schedules published during Q4 2023.

Board Updates

Members were provided with an update on the following matters:

- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Re-registration Project.
- Draft Academic Risk Register.
- Flexible Academic Calendar Project. 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.

Next meeting of Academic Board

The next meeting of Academic Board will be held on Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 1.00pm. The 2024 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 the Secretary 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.

