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Academic Board Bulletin November 2024

The final Academic Board meeting of 2024 (6/24) was held on Tuesday 12 November led by the Chair of Academic Board [Professor Alexander Kist](#).

Academic Board considered and **approved** the change proposal for the Education Committee and Academic Board Executive Committee Terms of Reference. The updates to membership were proposed in response to recent changes to the University's senior management. Terms of Reference for Academic Board and its Standing Committees can be accessed on the [UniSQ Governance Website](#).

The University's application for re-registration as a Higher Education Provider was submitted to the **Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA)** on 28 October 2024. A ten-page self-assurance statement and five-page research statement were a culmination of several years of work and were provided to demonstrate that UniSQ meets or exceeds the standards set out in the Higher Education Standards Framework (HESF).

Staff and students from **UniSQ Students as Partners** team presented an update on the implementation of the UniSQ Students as Partners Framework, highlighting the significant progress made towards building authentic partnerships between students and staff and improving engagement. An overview of a new initiative, **Project Partnerships** was discussed. The aim of the initiative is to enhance the student experience in the areas of learning and teaching and overall student experience. Project Partnership pilots were undertaken in 2024 with positive results and the initiative will be officially launched in 2025.

Academic Programs

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

New Program Proposal:

- Graduate Certificate of First Nations Health Leadership (GFHL)

Comprehensive Program Review:

- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (BPSH), Bachelor of Science (Psychology) (BSCP), Undergraduate Certificate of Psychology Fundamentals (UCCP)
- Master of Clinical Psychology – Advanced Entry (MCPA), Master of Clinical Psychology (MCPS), Master of Professional Psychology (MPPS)
- Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADCJ)
- Master of Business Administration (MBAL)
- Master of Project Management (MPPM)

- Bachelor of Science (BCSI), Diploma of Science (DPSC), Diploma of Wine (DWIN), Bachelor of Science (Psychology) (BSCP), Bachelor of Science Honours (Psychology) (BSHP).

Program Discontinuation:

- Master of Spatial Sciences (MSPT), Graduate Diploma of Spatial Sciences (GDST), and Graduate Certificate of Spatial Sciences (GCST).

Academic Board **noted** the Education Committee's approval of the following major program change proposals, which were consequential to the comprehensive program review:

- Master of Project Management (MPPM), including new nested programs Graduate Certificate of Project Management (Enhancing Business Performance) (GEBP), Graduate Certificate of Project Management (Leading Business Innovation) (GLBI), and Graduate Certificate of Project Management (Delivering Business Strategy) (GBSD)
- Bachelor of Cyber Security (BCYS) (via Expedited Approval Pathway).

Policy and Procedure

Academic Board **endorsed** the following proposals, for recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor for approval:

- The revised **Higher Degree by Research Thesis Examination Procedure**.
- The revised **Academic Medals and Awards Schedule**, previously titled *Medals and Awards with Distinction Schedule*.

A presentation on proposed changes to the Educational Partnerships policy suite and a revised Admission, Enrolment and Graduation (AEG) policy suite was received.

Academic Quality Reports

Academic Board **noted** the following Academic Quality Reports:

- **Quality Assurance of Awarding Qualifications** – The summary of awards conferred to students - 21 July 2023 to 26 August 2024 was received to provide assurance that awards have been conferred only on eligible students.

Board Updates

Members were provided with an update on the following matters:

- The 2024 Australian Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards and Senates (OZCABS) conference
- The Academic Board Academic Risk Register Working Group update
- The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Re-registration Project final update
- The Flexible Academic Calendar Project update. Information is available to all staff on the [Academic Calendar Project SharePoint site](#)
- The UniSQ Students as Partners Framework Update.

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 11 February 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 2024 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.

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