

### ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING – 16 April 2019

#### Restructure of Academic Board Standing Committees

At its meeting of 25 September 2018, Academic Board established a Governance of Academic Quality Framework Working Group (GAQFWG), which incorporated members of the existing GAQFWG of the previous term of Academic Board with new Board members. This working group reviewed the structure of Academic Board Standing Committees proposed by the previous GAQFWG at the July 2018 Board meeting. A revised structure was presented to the Board for consideration and was subsequently approved with five new Committees effective immediately. The Academic Board Standing Committee structure previously contained three Committees, the Academic Board Executive Committee, Education Committee, and Research Committee. The revised Standing Committee structure is based on the requirements of the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2015, and addresses the findings of the 2017 Academic Board Internal Audit Report and the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) report. The approved Standing Committees are as follows:

Academic Board Executive Committee (ABEX) - is responsible for managing the business of Academic Board through agenda setting oversight and coordination of Standing Committees.

Academic Program Committee (APC) - is responsible for monitoring, advising and providing assurance on matters relating to the quality and effectiveness of the educational programs of the University.

Education Quality Committee (EQC) – is responsible for ensuring excellence in learning and teaching across the University.

Research Committee (RC) – is responsible for providing leadership in relation to the quality assurance of research and research training.

Academic Appeals Committee (AAC) – is responsible for hearing formal appeals made by Students, or their Authorised Representative, about decisions relating to academic matters in accordance with the Academic Appeal Procedure.

Updated Terms of Reference and membership details for the new Standing Committees are available on the [USQ Governance Website](#).

#### Elections for Staff and Student Membership on Academic Board and Standing Committees

A call for nominations is currently underway for a number of staff and student membership positions on the following Academic Board Standing Committees – Academic Program Committee, Education Quality Committee and Research Committee. Nominations for student positions close at 9.00am Wednesday 15 May 2019 and staff nominations close at 9.00am Thursday 16 May 2019.

A call for nominations is also underway to fill a vacancy on Academic Board for one female academic staff member from non-faculty organisational units. Nominations for this position close at 9.00am on Tuesday 14 May 2019.

Nomination forms and further information can be found on the Academic Board Website [www.usq.edu.au/about-usq/governance-leadership/governance/academic-board](http://www.usq.edu.au/about-usq/governance-leadership/governance/academic-board)

#### TEQSA Re-registration Condition

Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester is currently undertaking a review of progress against recommendations in the 2017 Academic Board Internal Audit Report as part of the TEQSA re-registration condition. Members were also updated on the progress of the Academic Board Data Dashboard, noting that that the first live dashboard should be available for the Board meeting of 4 June 2019, utilising Semester 3 2018 data.

## **Program Re/accreditation**

Academic Board made the following recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor:

- the Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice (ADCJ) be accredited from 1 July 2019 for 5 years;
- the Master of Cyber Security (MCYS) be accredited from 1 July 2019 for 5 years;
- the Master of IT Innovation (MATI) be accredited from 1 July 2019 for 5 years;
- the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)(BPSH) be reaccredited from 1 January 2020 for 5 years;
- the Bachelor of Education (BEDU) be separated into three programs, with the Bachelor of Education Early Childhood (BEED), Bachelor of Education Primary (BPED), and the Bachelor of Education Secondary (BSED) being accredited from 1 January 2020; and
- the Industrial Technology and Design Specialisation be accredited in the Bachelor of Education (BEDU) from 1 July 2019 and the Bachelor of Education Secondary (BSED) from 1 January 2020.

## **Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Bulletins**

Academic Board minutes, agendas and bulletins can be accessed on the Academic Board website at [www.usq.edu.au/about-usq/governance-leadership/governance/academic-board](http://www.usq.edu.au/about-usq/governance-leadership/governance/academic-board)

## **Next meeting of Academic Board**

The next meeting of Academic Board will be held on 4 June 2019 at 1pm. 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, feel free to contact [academic.board@usq.edu.au](mailto:academic.board@usq.edu.au)