

### **ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING – 31 July 2018**

#### New Term of Academic Board

The new term of Academic Board commenced on 31 July 2018, with the Board welcoming Professor Grant Daggard as the new Chair, along with fifteen new and eighteen continuing Board members. Members took the opportunity to thank Associate Professor Alexander Kist and Associate Professor Helen Farley for their recent work in the roles of Acting Chair and Deputy Chair respectively. Details of the new Academic Board are available on the [Academic Board website](#). Elections for Deputy Chair (Academic Board), Chair (Education Committee), and membership positions within Education Committee and Research Committee are currently underway.

#### TEQSA Re-registration Condition

In late May 2018, the University of Southern Queensland received notification from the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) of the University's re-registration in the category of Australian University. The re-registration has one Condition related to 'Governance and accountability reporting obligations', as detailed on the [TEQSA public website](#), which is relevant to both the Council and the Academic Board of the University. By 30 September 2019, 2020 and 2021 the University must provide TEQSA with approved minutes for the previous 12 months from the Council and the Academic Board demonstrating that the requirements of the Condition have been met. Academic Board resolved to implement a number of recommendations to ensure that requirements are met.

#### Governance of Academic Quality Framework Working Group

The Governance of Academic Quality Framework Working Group (yes it's a mouthful) was formed to propose a framework that will support Academic Board to fulfil its roles with regard to oversight of academic quality assurance, academic risk management and academic integrity management. An initial step in this process is to ensure that the structure and roles of the Standing Committees are appropriate to support Academic Board in this role. The Working Group has produced a proposal that will be considered with other internal and external inputs to reach an outcome that ensures USQ meets the expectations of all stakeholders with regard to academic governance.

#### Draft Academic and Research Risk Register

To assist with the implementation of recommendations made by TEQSA, Emeritus Professor Hilary Winchester has been appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to provide input into an Academic Risk Register, which has subsequently been adapted to USQ Audit and Risk templates. The Academic Risk Register will reflect specific Academic and Research risks as identified in the TEQSA Implementation Plan, along with other relevant academic risks. The Board resolved to nominate a small number of representatives to join a working group on academic risk management processes, and agreed to provide regular advice and progress updates to the TEQSA Implementation Group in relation to [Higher Education Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5](#), and academic risk management oversight.

### Program Re/Accreditations

The following programs were recommended to the Vice-Chancellor for approval, and were subsequently approved:

- Master of Spatial Science Technology (MSPT) - reaccreditation
- Master of Advanced Engineering (MAEN) - reaccreditation
- Master of Psychology (Clinical) (MPCL) with a Full Fee Paying specialisation (MPCF) and the Master of Psychology/PhD (Clinical Psychology) (MPHD) - reaccreditation
- Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning (Honours) (BURP) - accreditation
- Urban and Regional Planning major in the Bachelor of Spatial Science (Honours) - discontinuation
- Master of Psychology/PhD (Clinical Psychology) (MPHD) - reaccreditation with Research Training Program status.

### Notice of Staff and Student Elections to Standing Committees

Elections are currently underway for staff and student members to fill vacancies on Standing Committees of Academic Board. The following vacancies exist:

Research Committee: The Research Committee is responsible to Academic Board for providing leadership in relation to the quality assurance of research and research training.

- One early-career researcher, elected by the academic staff of the University
- One mid-career researcher, elected by the academic staff of the University
- One Professor, elected by the academic staff of the University
- Two Research by Higher Degree students, elected by the Research by Higher Degree students of the University

Education Committee: The Education Committee is responsible to Academic Board and provides leadership in relation to academic activities, including learning and teaching, programs and courses and educational partnerships.

- One postgraduate coursework student, elected by the postgraduate coursework students of the University

Nominations are currently open and will close at 9.00am on Thursday 23 August 2018. Voting will open on Monday 27 August and close on Monday 10 September 2018. Further information and nomination forms can be found on the [Academic Board Website](#).

### Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Reports

Academic Board minutes, agendas and reports 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 25 September 2018. If you wish to attend Academic Board as an observer, 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)