

ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING – 30 July 2019

TEQSA Re-registration Condition

A number of updates were provided in relation to Academic Board's progress towards fulfilling TEQSA re-registration condition requirements and members were advised that the University is tracking very well with its response to these requirements.

Academic Board Self-assessment Survey 2019

As required by the Academic Board Terms of Reference, and as part of the University's TEQSA re-registration condition, Academic Board recently completed the 2019 Self-assessment Survey to review its own performance and the effectiveness of its role in academic governance. A significant improvement in overall scores as compared to past surveys was highlighted, whilst noting that a large number of actions were initiated over the last 12 months, with a lot of work still in progress. The Academic Board Self-Assessment Survey Report has been submitted to Council for consideration. A working group to review the Academic Board Terms of Reference has been established in response to the survey results and feedback.

Academic Board Data Dashboard / Academic Quality Framework

Academic Board is required to demonstrate that it regularly receives comprehensive diagnostic analysis for each higher education program that the University offers. The final report on the University's Academic Quality Framework, prepared by external consultant Dr Lyn Alderman, was considered by the Board. Members were advised that the Board's work to date on the Academic Board Data Dashboard would now be considered a 'proof of concept' for further feedback and refinement.

USQ Animal Ethics Committee 2018 Annual Report to USQ Council

Academic Board considered the 2018 USQ Animal Ethics Committee Annual Report to USQ Council, and resolved to forward it to Council for noting.

Program Re/accreditation

Academic Board made the following recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor, which were subsequently approved:

- that the Master of Learning and Teaching (MOLT) be separated into three separate programs, with the Master of Learning and Teaching Early Years (MELT), the Master of Learning and Teaching Primary (MPLT), and the Master of Learning and Teaching Secondary (MSLT) to commence from 1 January 2021;
- that the Doctor of Professional Studies (DPRS) be reaccredited from 1 January 2020 for 5 years;
- that the Master of Editing and Publishing (MAEP) be accredited from 1 January 2020 for 5 years.

In 2019, Academic Board has recommended seven (7) new programs for accreditation and two (2) existing programs for reaccreditation.

Update to Credit and Exemption Procedure

Academic Board endorsed a minor change to the Credit and Exemption Procedure.

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

Next meeting of Academic Board

The next meeting of Academic Board will be held on 24 September 2019 at 1pm. The 2019 USQ 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, feel free to contact academic.board@usq.edu.au