

ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING – 5 June 2018

New term of Academic Board

The next term of Academic Board commences on 31 July 2018 and continues up to, but not including, the Academic Board meeting of July 2021. Elections are currently being finalised. Details of the incoming Academic Board are available on the [Academic Board website](#). A welcome meeting was held for incoming and continuing members on Monday 4 June 2018, with a second follow-up meeting planned. The process for appointing the next Chair (Academic Board) will be finalised following Council's meeting of 9 July 2018.

Elections for members of Academic Board Standing Committees will commence shortly.

Changes to Academic Board membership structure

At the end of 2017 a new Academic Board Terms of Reference was agreed by Council. In the new Terms of Reference was a revision of the membership structure. It was agreed that the new membership structure would commence with the new term of Academic Board. Included in the new membership structure were individuals with Rights of Attendance (attendance and debate rights, but no voting rights) and Observers (attendance rights only).

Those with Rights of Attendance are:

- University Secretary,
- Heads of School,
- Director (Library Services),
- Director (Office for the Advancement for Learning and Teaching),
- Research Institute Directors, and
- Associate Deans.

Academic Board agendas and minutes are published on the [Academic Board website](#).

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.

Program Re/Accreditations

Program (re)accreditation and compliance with the [Higher Education Standards Framework \(Threshold Standards\) 2015](#) has been under consideration by Education Committee and Academic Board. It was felt that there was a requirement for a more overt link between the (re)accreditation documentation and the Standards. To ensure that the (re)accreditation process continues, without delay, while this matter is fully considered, interim documentation measures have been agreed.

The following programs have been recommended to the Vice-Chancellor for approval:

- Bachelor of General Studies (BGEN)
- Master of Science (MSCN), Graduate Diploma of Science (GDSI), Graduate Certificate of Science (GCSC)
- Associate Degree of Spatial Science (ADSS)
- Graduate Certificate of Editing and Publishing (GCEP)

Next meeting of Academic Board

The next meeting of Academic Board will be on 31 July 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 in advance of the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the activities of Academic Board or its Standing Committees, please do not hesitate to contact academic.board@usq.edu.au.