

## ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING – 25 September 2018

### TEQSA Re-registration Condition Update

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. A standing item has now been included on the Academic Board agenda to ensure that the Board is actively addressing the re-registration condition. The creation of a data dashboard is currently underway, which is intended to provide the Board with comprehensive diagnostic updates on data and cohort tracking, and is a critical component of addressing the TEQSA re-registration requirement.

The Chair of Academic Board was welcomed to his first meeting of the TEQSA Implementation Group (TIG) as a result of efforts to ensure collaboration and information-sharing with respect to the implementation of TEQSA requirements. It was reported that the TIG, chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Communities) is continuing to meet, with significant work underway to ensure that TEQSA requirements are completed by the specified deadlines.

Work is also underway by the Enterprise Services Division towards the establishment of draft Academic and Research Risk Registers. Academic Board will be involved in reviewing and providing advice on the current state of Academic and Research risk, and it was noted that this involvement would be complemented by development of the data dashboard.

As USQ's Academic Delegations are currently embedded within Policy and Procedure, an Academic Delegations Schedule is currently being developed to address the TEQSA re-registration requirement that '...Council has monitored and reviewed the effectiveness of its delegations including...for academic governance...'.

### Governance of Academic Quality Framework Working Group (GAQFW)

A report from the Governance of Academic Quality Framework Working Group (GAQFW) was received at the Academic Board meeting of 5 June 2018, prior to commencement of the new term of Academic Board. The Chair acknowledged the extensive work of the GAQFW and it was decided that the working group would be re-established with a mix of both original and new Board members to review the data, outcomes, and recommendations provided by the original working group, with a view to returning to a future meeting for endorsement by the Board. It was noted that the resulting recommendations would inform the committees that form Academic Board, and the structure and leadership of those committees, as outlined in the original working group document.

### Program Re/Accreditations

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

- the Bachelor of Laws (LLBP) - reaccreditation
- the Bachelor of Laws (Honours) LLBH - reaccreditation
- the Juris Doctor (DJUR) – reaccreditation
- Graduate Diploma of Jurisprudence (GDJP) – accreditation (exit point only from DJUR)

## **Staff and Student Elections to Academic Board and Standing Committees**

A number of elections for staff and student members to fill vacancies on Academic Board and its Standing Committees have been held, with all positions successfully filled.

### Academic Board:

- One female academic staff member from non-faculty organisational units, elected by and from the academic staff of the non-faculty organisational units – Ann Morrison

Academic Board Executive Committee: The Academic Board Executive Committee is responsible for the efficient conduct of Academic Board business.

- One additional member to meet gender representation requirements – Karen Trimmer

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 – Dean Mills
- One mid-career researcher, elected by the academic staff of the University – Jessica Gildersleeve
- One Professor, elected by the academic staff of the University – Tony Machin
- One additional member to meet gender representation requirements – Jayne Persian
- Two Research by Higher Degree students, elected by the Research by Higher Degree students of the University – Bianca Viljoen, Vanessa Crouch

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 – Harsh Patel

Membership of the Academic Board and Standing Committees can be found on the [Academic Board Website](#).

## **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 20 November 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)