Date: Tuesday 2 May 2017
Time: 10.00am – 12.00 noon
Venue: Council Chamber

PRESENT:
Associate Professor D Cohen (Presiding Member)
Scientia Professors J Roberts and V Sahajwalla
Professors H Abbass, R Buckland, G Crisp, M Crossley, S Dodds, D Fabian,
M Frater, R Harley, M Hoffman, E Johnston, K Jacobs, M-L McLaws, P
Munroe, M Loosemore, L Poole-Warren, M Uncles, A Sowmya, A Steel, C
Styles and S T Waller
Associate Professors M Green, M Handler, J Morris, J Nolan and N Tedla
Drs L Crommelin, G Edwards, A Kayis-Kumar, P Martens, K Moline, D
Moreau, D Prior, D Schlagwein and K Simon
Messrs G Forsyth, Z Karpinellison (Student), B Jones (Student), D Lloyd
(Student) and C Poulton (Student)
Ms M Yu and Ms S Zhou (Student)
Professor G Valen attending for Professor R Phillips
Professor E Baldry for item 11.2
Mr Borchert attending for item 16.1
Ms Kinch attending for item 16.2

IN ATTENDANCE:
Professor G Valen attending for Professor R Phillips
Professor E Baldry for item 11.2
Mr Borchert attending for item 16.1
Ms Kinch attending for item 16.2

SECRETARY:
Ms K Taunton

For convenience items were discussed out of agenda order

A Procedural
Professor Buckland presented a brief video presentation on the PELE program
highlighting the excellent work being done by Dr Mira Kim. The video can be found at the
following address: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtnCfN_KwHc.

* 1. Apologies and leave of absence
Apologies were received from Scientia Professor G Williams AO, Professors L Chappell,
A Cossins, L Field, N Fisk, P Gunning, I Jacobs, L Jorm, S Kenderdine, H Lochhead, R
Phillips, R Harindranath, C Tonkinwise, G Williams, X Ruan, Associate Professors R Bolt
and K Lai, Drs C Benson and S Graham, Ms B Oo and Ms R Abeyratne.

* 2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 7 March 2017
The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record
and the Presiding Member was authorised to sign subject to a minor amendment.

* 3. Matters arising and business carried forward
There was no business to be carried forward.

3.1 Updated Membership of the Academic Board and University Committees
The Board noted the membership of the Academic Board and University Committees.

The President thanked Professor Lovibond for his contribution to the Board in the role of
Acting Dean of Science. Associate Professor Cohen welcomed the new Indigenous
Student member, Mr Ben Jones to the Board and noted the appointment of Ms Ramesha
Abeyratne as the new International Student member who was an apology for this
meeting.

* 4. **Starring of items and adoption of unstarred item**
   No further items were starred. A motion for the adoption of the unstarred items was received and carried.

* 5. **Confirmation of confidential items**
   The Presiding Member confirmed there were no confidential items.

**B President’s Business**

* 6. **President’s Report**
   Associate Professor Cohen tabled his report to the Board (Appendix A) and discussed the following:
   - Recent attendance at the Arizona State University (ASU) Academic Senate and the noting of their academic governance processes. He made particular note of the ASU requirement for all students to undertake Maths and English in their first year.
   - Recent attendance at the Chairs of Academic Boards and Senates (CABS) meeting. Discussions included the provision of advice to the Board of Studies on HSC scaling and on blind marking.
   - The external review of the Academic Board and academic governance. It was noted that a range of Academic Board members would be asked to attend an interview session.
   - Proposed new schedule for Academic Board dates for 2018.

6.1 **Update on HESF and TEQSA Re-registration**
   The Board noted the paper on the progress of the work being undertaken across the University on the Higher Education Standards framework and the TEQSA re-registration process.

* 7. **Vice-Chancellor’s Report**
   Professor Crossley reported in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor. He acknowledged the presentation from Professor Buckland as a great example of the excellence in teaching happening at UNSW. Professor Crossley briefly discussed the following points:
   - The PLuS Alliance. UNSW’s profile was demonstrably increased at the recent conference.
   - Enrolment is currently sitting plan at 1.6% ahead of plan.
   - Preparation for the TEQSA audit is being taken seriously across the University.
   - The Federal Budget announcements on higher education were disappointing and there are concerns that this will deter students from low socio-economic backgrounds from applying to university. UNSW will be increasing scholarships currently on offer.
   - The changes to the 457 Visa conditions are of concern. The Go8 is making approaches to the Minister regarding the impact on employed academics in the sector.

**C Discussion Topic**

* 8. **QILT**
   Professor Crisp provided an overview on the QILT process and data as outlined in his paper. He noted that currently UNSW was consistently showing an overall satisfaction rating of 76% and explained to the Board members that this was 4-5 percentage points below where we should be sitting. Professor Crisp also provided a demonstration of the QILT website [https://www.qilt.edu.au](https://www.qilt.edu.au)

   The Board discussed a strategic approach to identify and focus attention on the Programs that will have the biggest impact on this data. Particular focus on Engineering, Business and Arts and Social Sciences which have the largest student cohorts and the importance of providing resources to assist with this.
Mr Lloyd noted that students have lots of concerns and that stressed that student satisfaction may be linked with this. He noted that University of Technology Sydney (UTS) data appears to have dropped in response to the adoption of the trimester model.

Professor Crossley noted that extensive consultation with students has been undertaken regarding the preferred UNSW3+ model including engaging in positive dialogue and involvement in the progress and work being done. He also noted that the larger Universities in Sydney appeared lower down the table and discussed that the size and the demographic of the university also affects the results.

### Reports and Committees

**9. Education**

**9.1 Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education Report**

Professor Crossley briefly discussed:
- The MyExperience Survey and the resulting data. This should result in improving our QILT data results.
- The Peer Review of Teaching.
- The positive response to the call for EOI’s for education focussed roles.
- The progress of the UNSW3+ and the level of mapping and planning occurring in the Faculties.

9.2 The Board noted the minutes of the University Academic Programs Committee (UAPC) meetings held on

9.2.1 10 February 2017
9.2.2 10 March 2017

9.3 The Board noted the minutes of the University Academic Quality Committee (UAQC) meetings held on:

9.3.1 15 February 2017
9.3.2 15 March 2017

**10. Research and Research Training**

**10.1 Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research Report**

Professor Poole-Warren gave an update in the absence of Professor Fisk she noted in particular:
- The no indication of research funding increase has been given in the recent Federal Budget.
- The large number of consultation requests for the over the last two years. The University was recently asked for input into an Australian Taxation Office review on scholarships.
- The recent changes to the HERDC and Block Grants and the University’s need to be able to respond with the appropriate data and reports.
- The 2030 Strategic Plan for Innovation.

10.1.1 2017 QS World University Rankings By Subject

The Board noted and discussed the paper provided by Professor Fisk on the World Rankings paper ranking by subject, based on last year’s data.

10.2 University Research Committee (URC)

Report covered under item 10.1.

10.3 University HDR Committee (UHDRC) meeting on 16 February 2017

Professor Poole-Warren gave an update to the Board and noted the following:
- HDR enrolments are up for Semester 1.
- An Academic Program Review of the Master of Psychology is underway and
is the first ‘all university’ research review.
- The mandatory Supervisor Training program is being implemented.

11. Operations

11.1 2025 Strategy and Chief-of-Staff update
Mr Noble provided the Board with a summary of recent activity with the 2025 Strategy including:
- The partnership with the George Institute including the involvement of up to 600 staff and a 30% increase in research funding.
- Discussions with the Victor Chang Institute and the Garvin Institute.
- Expressions of Interest are being received for the Torch initiative.
- High interest in the education focussed roles with over 160 applications.
- University Program Office (UPO) under the direction of Mr Russell Nelms is working successfully on tracking returns from investment with the development of a comprehensive Benefit Realisation Framework.
- Operational Excellence is well underway with over 160 positions disestablished.
- Work underway to clarify the impact of the changes to the 457 Visa scheme and the impact on international academics.

11.2 Update on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
Professor Eileen Baldry spoke to her presentation [Appendix?] and outlined the UNSW vision for equity, diversity and inclusion as outlined in the UNSW 2025 Strategy. She noted the role of the EDI Board is to oversee and advise the University of our targets and progress.

Professor Baldry highlighted the key focus areas and the approaches to Culture, Policy and Procedure, Communications and Governance across the EDI portfolio.

E Faculties and Board of Studies

12. The minutes from the following Faculty Boards & DVC (E) Board of Studies meetings were noted by the Academic Board.
12.1 DVC(E) Board of Studies meeting on 23 February 2017
12.2 UNSW Art & Design Faculty Board meeting on 9 November 2016
12.3 Arts & Social Sciences Faculty Board meeting on 6 February 2017
12.4 Built Environment Faculty Board meeting on 6 March 2017

F Business

13. Academic Programs (New and Revised)
RESOLVED
The Academic Board approved the following program proposals, effective from the dates shown in the proposals, the links to which are set out in the agenda:

13.1 Arts & Social Sciences
New
a) 8925 Teaching (Primary)
Revised
b) 3429 Media (Comm & Journalism)
c) 3438 Media (Screen and Sound Production)
d) 3434 Media (PR and Advertising)
e) 3447 International Studies
f) 3444 Arts and Business
g) 3420 Social Research and Policy
h) 3409 Arts
13.2 Built Environment
Revised
a) 8127 Property and Development
b) 7123 Construction Project Mgmt
c) 8121 Construction Project Management

13.3 Engineering
Revised
a) 8543 Information Technology

13.4 Science
Revised
a) 3956 Advanced Mathematics (Honours)
b) 8073 Optometry and Vision Science

13.5 UNSW Business School
Revised
a) 8350 Business Administration
b) 7355 Commerce

13.6 UNSW Canberra
Revised
a) 8595 Project Management

14. Academic Programs (Disestablishments and Terminations)
Nil

15. Higher Degree Research Programs
RESOLVED
The Academic Board approved the following program proposal, effective from the date shown in the proposal, the link to which is set out in the agenda:
15.1 UNSW Canberra
New
a) 1751 Doctor of Public Leadership

16. Policies and Procedures
16.1 Open Access Policy
Mr Borchert provided a presentation to the Board [Appendix?] and outlined the benefits and importance of Open Access for researchers at UNSW. He noted that the University enters into funding agreements with both NHMRC and ARC and that these organisations have open access policies. Mr Borchert also highlighted that over 20 Australian research institutions already have an open access statement or policy.

Mr Borchert outlined for the Board members the timeline for implementation, communications and roll-out for UNSWorks and the migration of ROS metadata.

RESOLVED
The Academic Board approved the Open Access Policy in accordance with the Register of Delegations

16.2 Education Quality Policy and Procedure
Professor Crisp spoke to this policy item and noted that this presents a significant update on the work that has been previously been done.

RESOLVED
The Academic Board approved the Education Quality Policy and Education Quality Procedure in accordance with the Register of Delegations.
16.3 Variation of Candidate Procedure
RESOLVED
The Academic Board approved the Variation of Candidate Procedure in accordance with the Register of Delegations

17. Student Academic Conduct Report
Ms Greene spoke briefly to this item. The Board noted the report.

18. 2016 Academic Program Review
Mr Forsyth spoke to his paper and noted that the process has gone well with the new system and an enhanced template is currently being worked on. He further noted that the Faculties have been involved in consultation and in driving the process and it was pleasing to see that the improvement in quality of the reports and that the process was underway for HDR program review.

Mr Forsyth advised that the 2016 Closing the Loop report, including the response, was due one year after the report. He also noted that the University Academic Quality Committee will now be taking a closer look at the individual reports.

19. Changes to the Composition and Election Cycle for Student members of the Academic Board
The Board discussed the proposal for changes to the student membership of the Academic Board and:

RESOLVED
To recommend to Council that the following changes be made to the UNSW Rules to:
(i) increase the number of student members of the Academic Board through appointment as ex officio student members, during the terms of their appointments, the • President of the UNSW Student Representative Council (SRC);
• Chair of the Arc@UNSW Board; and
• President of the UNSW Postgraduate Council (PGC).

(ii) increase the terms for elected student members from one year to two years (to take effect from the commencement of the 2017 Academic Board, with the terms of current members to be determined by lot); and

(iii) modify the election cycle for elected student members such that half (one member in each of the three electorates) are elected each year (to take effect from the commencement of the 2017 Academic Board).

20. Question Time
There were no questions.

21. Any Other Business
Questions with Notice
There were no questions with notice.
The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 12 noon.

Next Academic Board meeting: Tuesday 4 July 2017, 10am-12 noon.

[Signature]

Presiding Member
Associate Professor David Cohen
President of the Academic Board
Date: 4 July 2017