

ACADEMIC BOARD (AB)

Minutes of Meeting



Date: 24 July 2018
Time: 10am to 12.30pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Chancellery

PRESENT: Associate Professor D Cohen (President, Academic Board, presiding Chair)
Professor I Jacobs (President and Vice-Chancellor)
Professor M McLaws (Deputy President, Academic Board)
Mr G Forsyth (Deputy President, Academic Board)
Scientia Professors J Roberts, V Sahajwalla and G Williams AO
Professors H Abbass, G Crisp, M Crossley, S Dodds, D Fabian, N Fisk, R Harley, E Johnston, H Lochhead, M Loosemore, P Munroe, X Ruan, E Scheer, A Simmons, M Uncles, M Velonaki and S Waller
Associate Professors R Bolt, T Bucic, M Green, K Lai and N Tedla
Drs C Benson, G Edwards, D Moreau and S Sharpe
Mr A Cain-Grey, Ms N Daud, Mr J Fox, Ms B Oo, Ms M San Roque and Mr Z Solomon

IN ATTENDANCE: Professors E Baldry, J Morris and G Velan (representing Professor R Phillips)
Dr N Castano-Rodriguez
Mr M Borchert, Mr J Fitzgibbon, Ms K George and Ms M Pavelkova

Mr L Pearcey (Pro-Vice-Chancellor, International) was present for item 10)

SECRETARY: Mr Mark Smith (Deputy Director of Governance)

For convenience, items were taken out of agenda order.

A PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Apologies and leave of absence

Apologies were received from Professors D Blackman, R Buckland, L Chappell, A Cossins, L Crommelin, M Davis, A Deletic, M Frater, R Harindranath, M Hoffman, L Jorm, R Phillips, L Poole-Warren, A Sowmya, A Steel and C Styles; Associate Professors P Martens and J Nolan; Drs S Graham, A Kayis-Kumar and K Moline; Mr S Dhouchak, Ms R Abeyratne, Ms S Azad, Mr B Jones, Mr D Llyod, Mr C Poulton, Mr A Sagotra and Ms S Zhou.

Note for the record

The Chair welcomed members and attendees to the meeting and took the opportunity on behalf of himself and the Board to congratulate and thank Professor Xing Ruan, Professor of Architecture, Faculty of Built Environment, for his service to the University and the Academic Board. The Board noted that Professor Ruan had been appointed as Founding Dean and Chair Professor of Architecture, School of Design at Shanghai Jiao Tong University and that this would be his final meeting of the Board representing Built Environment. The Board welcomed new members Associate Prof Tania Bucic (UNSW Business) and Ms Nadhirah Daud (Arc Chair)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 June 2018

RESOLVED

The Academic Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2018 as an accurate record and authorised the Chair to sign them subject to the following amendment:

Page 6, Item 18.1, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Report, first dot point to read "the quality of the applications 'applicants' from the University..."

Secretary's Note: The 19 June 2018 Academic Board Minutes were amended on 24 July 2018 and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising, and business carried forward

There were no matters arising.

4. Starring of items and adoption of unstarred items

RESOLVED

The Academic Board starred agenda items 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 13.1 and 25 for discussion and adopted all unstarred items.

Note for the record

The Board noted that items 8 and 11 were unstarred and that item 11 would be listed for a future meeting of the Board.

5. Confirmation of confidential items

The Board confirmed that the agenda did not contain confidential agenda items.

B PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

6. President's Report

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the report from the President of the Academic Board.

Note for the record

The Chair advised the Board of the following matters:

- UNSW3+ – the Board noted that a review of Faculty course submissions had commenced, the Chair took the opportunity to thank the faculties, in particular course conveners for their work in the audit submissions;
- Program Design and Delivery Policy and Procedure – the Board noted that the new Program Design and Delivery Policy and Procedure were currently undergoing consultation, the Chair indicated to members that the Policy and Procedure would be discussed at the Academic Board Programs Committee and the University Academic Quality Committee prior to submission to the Board; and
- Micro-credentials – the Board noted that the Division of Enterprise in association with a working group from the Academic Board were developing procedures for micro-credential training programs, the Chair advised the Division of Enterprise would be responsible for the governance of training programs that did not lead to formal academic recognition while the Board, through its sub-committees, would maintain responsibility for programs that lead to academic recognition.

7. President and Vice-Chancellor's Report

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the report from the President and Vice-Chancellor.

Note for the record

The Vice-Chancellor advised the Board of the following matters:

- UNSW Strategy – the Vice-Chancellor took the opportunity to update the Board on the progress of the Strategy and thanked members of the Board and the University in general for their continued cooperation and work in implementing the Strategy;
- UNSW China Centre Office – the Board noted the University had launched a China Centre Office located in Shanghai;

- University Scholars Leadership Conference – the Vice-Chancellor advised the Board of his participation at the Conference, in particular being part of a panel discussion with colleagues from the National University of Singapore and the University of Edinburgh to discuss global leadership;
- NAIDOC Week – the Vice-Chancellor took the opportunity to thank members of the Board and the University community who organised and participated in the NAIDOC Week celebrations at the University;
- Go8 Student Conference – the Board noted that the University hosted students from universities from around the country for the inaugural Go8 Student Conference, the students were introduced to the Go8 and its mission and participated in discussions regarding the future of universities in Australia and their important social and economic roles;
- Town Halls – the Board noted the various Town Halls that had/were being held, in particular the Research Town Hall (21 June) that highlighted the importance of quality versus quantity, the Philanthropy Town Hall (6 July) where the Chancellor highlighted the importance of philanthropy and its effects on society and the Enterprise Town Hall to be held on 30 July;
- Professorial Inaugural Lectures – the Vice-Chancellor highlighted that this annual event allows the University's newly appointed or promoted Professors to showcase their achievements and specialist knowledge and would be held on 25 July;
- National Press Club – the Board noted that the Vice-Chancellor had been invited to speak at the National Press Club on 14 August, his talk would cover areas such as how investing in the university sector provides social and economic benefits to Australia and the world. The Dean of Science advised that the Vice-Chancellor may wish to highlight the importance of science as 14 August was part of National Science Week;
- Open Day – the Vice-Chancellor highlighted the importance of this event and took the opportunity to thank the Academic Board in advance for their contribution to Open Day to be held on 1 September 2018; and
- Enterprise Bargaining – the Board asked the Vice-Chancellor for an update on the EBA, members noted that the University was close to reaching agreement with the unions regarding the EBA.

The Chair thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his report.

8. Questions on notice

This item was unstarred as there were no Questions on notice for this meeting.

9. Questions without notice

There were no Questions without notice for this meeting.

C PRESENTATIONS

10. Pro-Vice-Chancellor International Presentation

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the presentation from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, International.

The Board discussed:

- the international markets of China and India – the PVC International advised that while Go8 universities were successful in the China markets, non-Go8 universities were successful in the India market largely due to program portfolios and price sensitivity in India;
- the rise of the Asia middle-class and their goals and aspirations;

- the resources and support needed for international students – the Board noted that these resources range from affordable accommodation, to support networks and social engagement, including the facilitation of engagement between domestic and international students;
- the increase of the Australian higher education market and the need to diversify beyond China in to markets such as India to ensure sustainability;
- the growth of the Canadian higher education market and the growth in the international postgraduate market in the UK due to the introduction of one year Masters programs placing pressure on Australia; and
- the priorities for the University including the launch of the University's new Centres in China and India to build education partnerships across Asia and the sub-continent, consultation on a new International Recruitment Strategy and engaging academic staff to become involved with providing international learning and teaching experiences.

The Chair thanked the PVC International for his presentation.

11. Faculty of BE presentation to be postponed

This item was unstarred and would be listed for a future meeting of the Board.

D REPORTS and COMMITTEES

12. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) DVCR

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Note for the record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) advised:

- Research Town Hall – the DVC Research thanked members who attended the Town Hall which saw the launch of the quality drive, in particular the Quality Publication Incentive Scheme that would reward publishing in high end and highly cited publications, including at the very top end Nature and Science publications;
- ARWU subject ranking – the Board noted that the University had 38 subjects ranked in the top 100 globally, the highest among Australian universities, as well having the most ranked first or equal first in Australia, which indicates the University's underlying strength and potential to climb up the global rankings; and
- HERDC income – the Board noted that research income in the various Categories had increased in 2017 with the University now sitting at number two within the Go8 for overall income.

The Chair thanked the DVC Research for his report.

12.1 University Research Committee Meeting

There were no minutes from the University Research Committee.

12.2 University Higher Degree Research Committee Meeting 21 June 2018 – Unconfirmed Minutes

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the University Higher Degree Research Committee Meeting held on 21 June 2018.

13. Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Note for the record

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) advised:

- QILT results – the Board noted that the DVC Academic's office was liaising with faculties regarding the QILT survey;
- Academic Curriculum Information and Services (ACIS) – the Board noted that the next step of the ACIS project would be the finalisation of the UNSW Handbook and the development of study planners for students;
- Library spaces – the DVC Academic updated the Board on the progress for renovating various spaces in the Library to increase the number of study spaces for students; and
- Maths prerequisites – the Board noted that Professor Alan Finkel, Australia's Chief Scientist was encouraging universities to consider Maths prerequisites, the DVC Academic indicated to the Board that the University was considering this option and would be discussing with the Deans the appropriate pathways for implementing Maths prerequisites for both domestic and international students.

The Chair thanked the DVC Academic for his report.

13.1 myExperience, Semester 1, 2018 Results Summary

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the report from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) on myExperience, Semester 1, 2018 Results Summary.

Note for the record

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education) spoke to this item.

The Board discussed:

- the response rate was up from 2017 – the Board noted that the number of surveys students had to complete had decreased as the University moved to offering surveys at the course level rather than the class level;
- the need for robust data – it was noted that it would be beneficial to have both the mean and median average included in the report;
- how to increase response rates – the PVC Education advised that while support could be provided from the Centre it was the faculties that had the relationship with students and would need to drive an increase in response rates, the Board noted that faculties could allow students to complete the survey during class time as this was a requirement set out in the myExperience Survey Procedure, under clause 3.2 Conducting the survey; and
- the need to explain to students the value of undertaking the myExperience survey and how the University would be dealing with the results from the survey.

The Chair thanked the PVC Education for the report.

13.2 University Academic Quality Committee Meeting 4 July 2018 – Unconfirmed Minutes

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the University Academic Quality Committee Meeting held on 4 July 2018.

13.3 Academic Board Programs Committee Meeting 6 July 2018 – Unconfirmed Minutes

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received and noted the unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Board Programs Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2018.

E POLICIES and PROCEDURES

14. Higher Degree Research Supervision Guidelines

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received, noted and endorsed the Higher Degree Research Supervision Guidelines.

15. UNSW Higher Degree Research Graduate Attributes and Learning Outcomes

RESOLVED

The Academic Board received, noted and endorsed the UNSW Higher Degree Research Graduate Attributes and Learning Outcomes.

F PROGRAMS

16. Programs New and Revised Academic from ABPC of 6 July 2018

RESOLVED

To approve the following program proposals, as set out in the AIMS proposals:

Arts & Social Sciences – New Undergraduate

16.1 3478 Bachelor of Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Arts & Social Sciences – Revised Undergraduate

16.2 3436 Bachelor of Music

16.3 3440 Bachelor of Music (Honours)

Art & Design – New Postgraduate

16.4 7322 Graduate Certificate in Visualisation, Simulation, and Immersive Design

16.5 9322 Master of Visualisation, Simulation, and Immersive Design

Art & Design – Revised Postgraduate

16.6 4516 Bachelor of Art Theory (Honours)

Medicine – Revised Undergraduate

16.7 3831 Bachelor of Science (Medicine) Honours

Medicine – Revised Postgraduate

~~**16.8** 9372 Master of Science – Health Data Science~~

~~**16.9** 5372 Graduate Diploma in Health Data Science~~

~~**16.10** 7372 Graduate Certificate in Health Data Science~~

Built Environment – Revised Undergraduate

16.11 3268 Bachelor of Computational Design

Science – Revised Undergraduate

16.12 3131 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) - Materials Science and Engineering

16.13 3133 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)/Master of Biomedical Engineering

16.14 4500 Bachelor of Science (Honours) Design

16.15 3956 Bachelor of Science (Advanced Mathematics) (Honours)

16.16 3970 Bachelor of Science

16.17 3962 Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)

Science – Revised Postgraduate

16.18 7440 Graduate Certificate in Physics for Science Teachers

16.19 7436 Graduate Certificate in Ocular Therapeutics

UNSW Business School – Revised Postgraduate

16.20 8635 Master of Pre-Doctoral Business Studies

Note for the record

The Chair advised the Board that the revised postgraduate programs from Medicine the Master of Science – Health Data Science and the Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate in Health Data Science had been withdrawn.

17. Academic Programs – Disestablishments

There were no undergraduate or postgraduate program disestablishments for this meeting.

18. Higher Degree Research Programs (New and Revised) (from UHDC of 21 June 2018)

RESOLVED

To approve the following program proposals, as set out in the AIMS proposals:

Engineering – New

18.1 2646 Engineering Research

19. Higher Degree Research Programs – Disestablishments

RESOLVED

To approve the following program disestablishments, as set out in the AIMS proposals:

19.1 401 DMedSc Surgery (SWS Clinical School)

19.2 2876 Master of Surgery (SWS Clinical School)

19.3 440 DMedSc in Psychiatry and Pathology

19.4 2515 Master of Medicine

20. Higher Doctorates – Confidential

There were no Higher Doctorates considered at this meeting.

21. Academic Partnerships

There were no Academic Partnerships considered at this meeting.

G FACULTIES AND DVCA BOARD OF STUDIES

22. Minutes from Faculty Boards and DVCA Board of Studies meetings, if available

The Academic Board noted the minutes of the following Faculty Boards and DVC Academic Board of Studies meetings:

- UNSW Business – 8 March 2018
- UNSW Canberra – 25 March 2018
- DVC(A) Board of Studies – 5 April 2018
- Engineering – 4 May 2018
- Built Environment – 7 May 2018
- Art & Design – 23 May 2018

H ANY OTHER BUSINESS

23. Casual vacancy – Non-Professorial representative of the Business School on the Academic Board

RESOLVED

The Academic Board approved the appointment of Associate Professor Tania Bucic as a member of the Academic Board, in the category of Non-Professorial Member from the UNSW Business School, from 24 July 2018 to 31 December 2018.

24. Election Dates – 2018

RESOLVED

The Academic Board noted the proposed 2018 Election Schedule for Academic Board and Faculty Board elections.

25. Business without notice

There was no business without notice.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.55 am.

Next Academic Board meeting: Tuesday 4 September 2018, 10am to 12.30pm, Council Chamber, Chancellery



Chair

Associate Professor David Cohen
President of the Academic Board

4 September 2018