

Academic Board

Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Academic Board do?

The Academic Board is the principal academic body of the University, responsible for furthering and coordinating the work of the Faculties, boards of studies and other academic units, and encouraging teaching, scholarship and research. It advises the Chancellor, President and Vice-Chancellor and Council on matters relating to teaching, scholarship and research within the University, and considers and reports on matters referred to it by the Council or by the Vice-Chancellor. The President of the Academic Board is Associate Professor David Cohen.

Who are the Members of the Academic Board?

The Board's membership is set out in Section 2.4 of the [University of New South Wales Rules](#). It includes the President and Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Presidents, members of the University Senior Team (UST), Deans and members elected from the academic staff and the student body. Membership also includes 'such other persons' approved by Council. A current list of Academic Board members can be found on the Academic Board membership webpage.

What does the President of the Academic Board do?

The President of the Academic Board is elected by and from the members of the Academic Board. The term of a President's office is two years from 1 January in the year following the election; the President can serve no more than three consecutive terms. Usually a senior academic staff member, the President is released from normal academic duties in his/her School on a full-time basis during the term of office. However, the President is expected to be research active and to continue to supervise postgraduate research students.

The President chairs the meetings of the Academic Board and the Academic Board Advisory Committee. The President is an *ex-officio* member of University Council and has duties as set out in [Schedule 2A of the University of New South Wales Act 1989](#).

Where can I locate Academic Board Policies?

The Academic Board may formulate and recommend to the President and Vice-Chancellor policy for approval and establishment. Policies approved in accordance with the University's Policy Framework are published on the [Policy Website](#).

How do I access the Academic Board Agenda?

The Academic Board agenda and associated papers are sent via email to Board members approximately five days prior to Academic Board meetings.

Do I have to be a member to attend an Academic Board meeting?

Staff and students who are not members of the Academic Board can seek permission to attend meetings as observers but cannot vote on issues discussed. Please contact the [Governance Office](#) if you wish to attend as an observer. Academic Board meetings are not open to the general public.

How do I become a member of the Academic Board?

If you are an academic staff member or a student, you may nominate for election to a position when nominations are called. Elected academic staff members hold office for a term of 2 years from 1 January in the year following the election. Elected students hold office for a term of 1 year from 1 January in the year following the election. Information on elections is available on the Elections tab on the Governance page.

How do I get an item on the agenda for an Academic Board meeting?

If you have an issue you would like the Academic Board to consider, please contact the [Governance office](#).

How do I contact the Academic Board?

Governance contact information can be found [here](#).