



University of
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Academic Board

Academic Board Bulletin

April 2023

UniSQ Academic Quality Framework

Academic Board considered a proposal for an enhanced Academic Quality Framework to support implementation of the Education Plan (2022-25) and meet the future needs of the University. Academic Board endorsed the adoption of the Framework.

An overview of the UniSQ Academic Quality Reports 2022 was considered. The Board noted that the suite of UniSQ Academic Quality Reports for 2022 is now available from the [Academic Quality SharePoint site](#).

Education Committee

The report of the Education Committee meeting of 16 March 2023 was noted by Academic Board, including the Committee's endorsement of the 2022 Summary Annual Report on Program Outcomes and the enhanced version of the UniSQ Academic Quality Framework.

The summary of results from the Course-Level Student Feedback Surveys and Course Enhancement Conversations conducted in 2022 was noted and will be considered at the 6 June 2023 meeting of the Board.

Academic Programs

The Summary Annual Report on Program Outcomes 2022, which provides a summary of all curriculum and quality assurance related decisions made during 2022, was considered and endorsed to Council for noting.

Research Committee

The report from the 15 March 2023 meeting of Research Committee, which included regular reports from the *Graduate Research School*; *Human Research Ethics Committee*; and *Research Training Subcommittee*, was noted by the Board.

Research Committee's consideration and endorsement of the UniSQ Animal Ethics Committee Report to Council was noted. This item was recommended by Research Committee to the Board and was considered as a separate item on the agenda.

UniSQ Animal Ethics Committee Report to Council 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

Academic Board considered the UniSQ Animal Ethics Committee Report to Council 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and endorsed the report to Council for noting.

Student Academic Appeals Committee

The de-identified minutes of the Student Academic Appeals Committee (SAAC) meeting of 7 March 2023 were noted by the Board. Members were advised that inductions for the newly constituted Committee had been held, and the inaugural meeting of the Committee was held on 7 March 2023.

2022 Annual Student Complaints, Grievances and Appeals Report

Academic Board considered the 2022 Student Complaints, Grievances and Appeals Report and endorsed the report to Council for noting.

Artificial Intelligence and the Impact on Higher Education (Strategic Discussion)

Academic Board had a strategic discussion regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications, such as ChatGPT, and the impact on higher education. The discussion was led by the Dean (Learning and Teaching Futures), Professor Jo-Anne Ferreira.

TEQSA Re-registration Project Update

Members were provided with an update on the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Re-registration Project.

Flexible Academic Calendar

The update on the development of the Flexible Academic Calendar implementation plan was noted by Academic Board. Members were encouraged to contact the Flexible Academic Calendar Project team or the Dean (Academic) to provide feedback or seek clarification regarding the transition of individual programs to the new calendar.

Academic Board Membership

Academic Board considered a proposal for the addition of the Academic Registrar and the Dean (Learning and Teaching Futures) as ex officio members to the membership of Academic Board. The Board endorsed the proposal to Council for approval.

Academic Board Minutes, Agendas and Bulletins

Information about Academic Board, including confirmed meeting minutes, agendas and bulletins can be accessed on the Academic Board website at www.unisq.edu.au/about-unisq/governance-leadership/governance/academic-board.

Next meeting of Academic Board

The next meeting of Academic Board will be held on 6 June 2023 at 1pm. The 2023 UniSQ meeting schedule can be accessed on the [Governance Website](#) 'Meeting dates'. If you wish to attend Academic Board as an observer, please 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, please contact Tracey Tyers at academic.board@usq.edu.au.

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