**DIGEST – MEETING 04/2023**

A summary of the Academic Board meeting held on 12 July 2023 is detailed below.

**Chair of Academic Board’s Update**

Academic Board:

* approved the Academic Board Risk Register for 2023 and noted the associated actions to mitigate risk.
* noted the Chair of Academic Board Approvals.

**Vice-Chancellor and President’s (VCP) Update**

Academic Board noted the Report of the VCP as circulated in the papers in the absence of the VCP.

Academic Board noted the reappointment of Professor Tim McKenry for a further three-year term of office as Chair of Academic Board, commencing 7 August 2023 through to 6 August 2026 inclusive, presented by Dr Stephen Weller, Chief Operating Officer & Deputy Vice-Chancellor, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor.

**Provost’s Update**

The Interim Provost reported on:

* the report’s Directorate focus area was Global Education Pathways (GEP).
* the university’s current EFTSL enrolment numbers.
* the departure of Melissa Collins, Policy and Project Officer from the Office of the Provost

Academic Board:

* noted the Office of the Provost’s Directorate Focus on GEP update, presented by Bronwyn Bartsch, Director, Global Engagement.
* noted and discussed the QILT-SES-National Report 2022.
* noted the Western Civilisation Program Review (2023) – Review Outcomes and Action Plan.

**Vice-President’s Update**

Academic Board noted the Report of the Vice-President as circulated in the papers in the absence of the Vice-President.

Academic Board noted and discussed the recommendations and commendations arising from the Review of the design, functioning and effectiveness of community engagement units at ACU.

**Presentations**

Academic Board discussed and noted a new approach to Orientation and transition activities at ACU, presented by Marta Spes-Skrbis, Director, Pathways and Sarah Rose, Associate Director, Student Experience.

**Reporting Committees**

1. **Courses and Academic Quality Committee (CAQC)**

Academic Board:

* noted the report of the Chair of the Courses and Academic Quality Committee, dated 27 June 2023.
* approved the major course change to the Bachelor of International Development Studies, consisting of the amendment of the course rules and maps for the International Development Studies major and minor.
* approved the major course change to the:
  + Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Creative Arts – discontinuation of the Digital Technologies major on the Brisbane and Melbourne campuses; discontinuation of the Digital Technologies (Computing) minor on the Blacktown, Brisbane and Melbourne campuses.
  + Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/Bachelor of Arts (Design and Innovation Technologies) – for discontinuation on the Brisbane and Melbourne campuses.
* approved the recommendation of the course review (in compliance with the Course Accreditation, Amendment, Review and Discontinuation (CAARD) Policy) of the:
  + Master of Mental Health
  + Graduate Diploma in Mental Health
  + Graduate Certificate in Mental Health
  + Master of Mental Health Nursing
  + Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing
  + Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing
* approved the major course change to the:
  + Master of Mental Health
  + Graduate Diploma in Mental Health
  + Graduate Certificate in Mental Health
  + Master of Mental Health Nursing
  + Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing
  + Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing
* approved the major course change to the Diploma in Exercise Science for offer on the Strathfield Campus.
* approved the major course change proposal for the Master of Clinical Nursing and the Graduate Diploma in Clinical Nursing for offer via ACU Online.
* approved the major course change, consisting of the addition of Brisbane as a location of delivery for the:
  + Master of Business Administration (MBAZN)
  + Master of Professional Accounting (MPRACN)
* noted the course suspensions approved by the Provost since the previous Academic Board meeting on 24 May 2023, namely:
  + Consideration of status of FHS courses suspended in January 2023, dated 10 May 2023; and
  + Suspension of admissions for FEA courses listed for Semester 2, 2023, dated 29 May 2023.
* noted the minutes.

1. **Student Administrative Lifecycle and Policy Committee**

Academic Board:

* noted the report of the Chair, Student Administrative Lifecycle and Policy Committee dated 28 June 2023.
* approved the proposed amendments to the:
  + Academic Documents Policy
  + Academic Documents Procedures
* approved:
  + the amendments to the Rescission or Revocation of an Award Procedures for Academic Board approval, to take effect when the student management system technical requirements have been finalised to the satisfaction of the Academic Registrar, or no later than 1 January 2024.
  + the consequential change, to include the relinquishment of an award on the academic transcript in section 8.1 of the Academic Documents Policy, for Academic Board approval with immediate effect.
* noted the minutes.

1. **University Learning and Teaching Committee (ULTC)**

Academic Board:

* noted the ULTC Chair’s Report
* noted the minutes.

1. **University Research Committee (URC)**

Academic Board

* noted the Faculty of Education and Arts Research Framework (2023-2028).
* noted the minutes.

1. **Internationalisation Committee**

Academic Board noted the minutes.

1. **Faculty Boards**

Academic Board noted the minutes and updates.

**Reporting**

**Data, Analytics and Strategic Insights (DASI)**

Academic Board discussed and noted the ACU Renewal of Registration Readiness Report, including the Recommended Actions listed and follow-up action to be undertaken.