**DIGEST – MEETING 03/2024**

A summary of the Academic Board meeting held on 22 May 2024 is detailed below.

**Chair of Academic Board’s Update**

Academic Board:

* endorsed and provided advice on the proposed close-out report for the External Review of Academic Governance (Winchester Report) for consideration by the ACU Senate.
* discussed and provided advice on the ACU Education Plan Proposal.
* noted the Chair of Academic Board Approvals.

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

Academic Board noted the ACU Re-registration Project: Cluster Report #1 as presented by Professor Tim McKenry, Institutional Lead and provided advice on HES Part B.

**Provost’s Update**

The Provost reported on:

* tracking of Student load against the forecast and provided an overview on the faculties.
* positive midyear intake with strong numbers for International and postgraduate, the latter particularly in the Faculty of Law and Business.
* the great work of Chris Riley, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Global and Education Pathways (PVC, (GEP)) and his team in converting applications to enrolments.
* the release of the 2023 Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) results. ACU ranked 3rd in Australia in terms of overall satisfaction, which was up from 7th last year.

Chris Riley, PVC (GEP) provided an overview of the potential impacts from the proposed change to the powers of the Federal Education Minister to bypass regulatory bodies.

Academic Board noted the Report of the Provost.

**Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Enterprise (DVCRE) Update**

The DVCRE reported on:

* the work on foreign interference in the immigration space led by Chris Riley, PVC (GEP). Additionally, the work occurring with People and Capabilities (P&C) to make training on foreign interference available to all staff.
* international visits to build research connections including the upcoming trip to Indonesia.

Academic Board noted the Report of the DVCRE.

**Vice-President (VP) Update**

Academic Board noted the Report of the VP including updates on:

* Faith week.
* ANZAC Day Services.
* La Salle Study Tours – 2024
* Community Engagement:
	+ Community-Engaged Learning, Research and Outreach.
	+ Order of Malta (SOM).
	+ ACU Community Hub
* Amendments to the Stakeholder Engaged Scholarship Policy.

Academic Board noted the report from the Vice President and the amendments to the Stakeholder Engaged Scholarship Policy.

**Presentations**

Academic Board discussed and noted the Assurance Report on Higher Education Standard 3.2 (Staffing) as presented by Professor Chris Lonsdale, Deputy Provost.

**Reporting Committees**

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

 Academic Board:

* noted the report of the Chair of the CAQC, dated 13 May 2024
* noted the CAQC Terms of Reference Acquittal 2023.
* approved the new course proposal for the Graduate Certificate in Education Research as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000672, as endorsed by:
	1. the Courses and Academic Quality Committee on 2 May 2024; and
	2. the University Research Committee on 10 May 2024,

effective for Semester 1 2025.

* approved the major course change for the Master of Teaching (Secondary) / Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, consisting of the addition of the Internship specialisation, and simplification of the admission requirements with consequential changes to the Master of Teaching (Secondary) and Master of Teaching (Secondary) (Leading Learning), as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000649, effective for Semester 2 2024.
* noted the recommendations of the Stage 1 Course Review for the Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five) and accelerated version, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000646.
* noted the recommendations of the Stage 1 Course Review for the Master of Teaching (Secondary) (Leading Learning), as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000645.
* approved the major course change for the Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours), consisting of its offer at Blacktown Campus, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000660, effective for Semester 1 2025.
* approved the major course change for the Bachelor of Nutrition Science, consisting of the discontinuation of the Public Health major, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000682, effective for Semester 1 2025.
* noted the recommendations of the Stage1 Course Review of the Bachelor of High-Performance Sport, Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science, and associated double degrees, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000680.
* approved the new course proposal for the Diploma in Entrepreneurship, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000656, for implementation at the Townsville Leadership Centre for Professional Term 1 2025.
* approved amendments to:
	1. the Course Accreditation and Review Policy; and
	2. the Course Accreditation and Amendment Procedures

with immediate effect.

* Microcredential and Short Course Policy
	1. approved the revised Microcredential and Short Course Policy as endorsed by the Courses and Academic Quality Committee for immediate effect.
	2. noted the consequential change to the Structuring Coursework Programs Policy to remove the option of 1CP and 2CP Microcredentials.
	3. noted the list of dependencies in terms of systems, templates and process integration required to implement the revised microcredentials policy.
* noted the Student Experience and Outcomes Report, 1 2024.
* noted the course suspensions approved by the Provost.
* noted the minutes.
1. **Student Administrative Lifecycle and Policy Committee (SALPC)**

Academic Board:

* noted report of the Chair, SALPC dated 13 May 2024.
* noted the SALPC Work Plan Acquittal 2023.
* approved the amendment to Academic Calendar and Study Periods 2025 with immediate effect.
* noted the minutes.
1. **Internationalisation Committee (IC)**

Academic Board:

* noted the report of the Chair, IC.
* noted the IC Terms of Reference Acquittal 2023.
* noted the minutes.
1. **University Learning and Teaching Committee (ULTC)**

Academic Board:

* noted the ULTC Work Plan Acquittal 2023.
* discussed and noted the Assurance Report for Academic Delegations 6.3.2 (b).
1. **University Research Committee (URC)**

Academic Board:

* noted the report of the Chair, URC dated 7 May 2024.
* noted the URC Work Plan Acquittal 2023.
* approved the revised Research Active Definition Policy, with immediate effect.
* noted the Response to Recommendations from the Functional Review of Institutes Report.
* noted the minutes.
1. **Faculty Boards**

Academic Board:

* noted the minutes and updates from each faculty.
* noted the Faculty Board Acquittal Reports 2023 from each faculty.