



Academic Board (AB), Minutes of Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 10 October 2023
TIME: 10am-12.30pm
VENUE: Level 3 Boardroom, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams ('online' refers to online attendance only – otherwise, attendance was in person)

PRESENT

1. Professor S Kable, Science, AB President and Chair
2. Professor S Scott, UNSW Canberra, AB Deputy President
3. Scientia Associate Professor LA Rollins, Science, AB Deputy President
4. Scientia Professor V Perkovic, Provost
5. Scientia Professor G Williams AO, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Transformation, Planning & Assurance (DVCTPA)
6. Professor C Annesley, Dean of Arts, Design & Architecture (online)
7. Professor A Brungs, Vice-Chancellor (VC) (online)
8. Professor M Crossley AM, DVC, Academic Quality (DVCAQ)
9. Professor N Garg, Business School (online)
10. Professor B Golder, Law & Justice (online)
11. Professor F Johns, Law & Justice
12. Professor A Lynch, Dean of Law & Justice (online)
13. Professor S Maddison, DVC, Education and Student Experience (DVCESE)
14. Professor D McCamey, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research (PVCR)
15. Professor S McIntyre, Arts, Design & Architecture (online)
16. Professor J Morris, PVC, Research Training (PVCRT) and Dean of Graduate Research
17. Professor P Mostaghimi, Engineering (online)
18. Professor A Ortmann, Business School (online)
19. Professor Z Peng, Engineering (online)
20. Professor L Ravelli, Arts, Design & Architecture
21. Professor K Rye, Medicine & Health
22. Professor E Sparks, Rector of UNSW Canberra (online)
23. Professor A Steel, Acting PVC,

Professor S Killcross, Science
Professor N Klein, Such other Person
Professor M Tani Bertuol, UNSW Canberra
Professor M Willcox, Medicine & Health
Associate Professor R McKetin, Medicine & Health
Associate Professor B Watson, Acting DVC, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
(DVCEDI)
Dr D Perche, Such other Person
Ms I Cruz Aroca, Postgraduate Student
Mr J Karras, Higher Degree Research Student
Mr H Salehi, Higher Degree Research Student
Ms P Sedgwick, President, Student Representative Council (SRC)

IN ATTENDANCE: Professors C Grant (online), P Hazell (online for item 11), L Holt and L Piggott (online)
Associate Professor A Heywood (for Dr Perche)
Drs R LeBard (for Professor Rogge); A Mukhopadhyay and J Strauss
Mr M Borchert, Mr J Fitzgibbon (online), Mr N Morris (online),
Ms M Pavelkova, Ms L Stratford (online) and Ms F Wong (online for item 12)

SECRETARY: Ms F Velosa, Senior Governance Officer

Quorum: 20
RAMS: 2023/000227

A PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. Welcome, apologies and leave of absence

The Chair extended his respects to Elders past and present, and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of all the lands from which members were joining the meeting.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, with particular reference to the following:

- Professor Perkovic as Provost
- Professor Torda, Interim Dean of Medicine & Health
- Officer Cadet H Hutchinson, UNSW Canberra Student – attending in person
- Professor Grant, DVC Global
- Professor Holt, DVC Indigenous

The AB accepted the apologies received from AB members for the meeting, as listed above.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 August 2023

RESOLVED

The Academic Board confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on 15 August 2023 as an accurate record, and authorised the Chair to sign them digitally.

3. Matters arising and business carried forward, other than business covered on the agenda

3.1 Advice and guidance on what is possible regarding stackability and RPL requirements of Graduate Certificates under current academic policies, and potential reputational impact

The AB noted Professor Crossley's written response provided in the meeting pack.

Regarding the matter arising under item 12.1 in the 15 August 2023 AB minutes, the Chair reported that Professor Morris would include an update on the use of Research Training Program RTP funds distributed to Faculties in support of HDR students, including for

conference attendance and professional development in his report to the November AB meeting.

The Chair also noted the request under item 18 of the 15 August 2023 AB minutes for the Faculty of Engineering to provide an update to the Academic Board Programs Committee and/or the AB on the impacts of, and learnings from, the new model of the postgraduate coursework suite of programs

- New postgraduate programs in Public Sector Leadership/Innovation and Space & Space Technologies and Advanced Manufacturing are planned for development and approval in the 2025-2026 timeframe.

Professor Hazell invited AB members and the wider academic community to contact him about collaborating with the new School to leverage the exciting opportunities of the new UNSW Canberra City Campus.

The Chair thanked Professor Hazell for his presentation, which would be circulated to the AB.

12. 3+ Academic Calendar Review

Professor Williams updated the AB on recent discussions about the UNSW3+ calendar (trimesters) by the University Leadership Team (ULT) and UNSW Council. As UNSW is in its 5th year since UNSW3+ was implemented in 2019, ULT agreed in March 2023 that it was time to review how 3+ was faring against the original business case.

Professor Williams provided the following background:

- Evidence was obtained from many objective sources as well as qualitative data from staff and students.

- The UNSW calendar needs to change. However, any calendar change cannot be implemented for at least two years because of the current space constraints.
- In the next two years, UNSW will design the calendar best suited to the needs of its students and staff across all programs as part of the development of UNSW Strategy 2035, with student and staff consultation throughout the process, starting with the Heads of School (HoS) Forum on 26 October 2023.

The AB noted that in the short term, the University will provide further resources to address pain points (immediate actions) and implement critical changes to support staff and students – ‘no regret activities’ – in the following:

- program and course redesign,
- process and system improvement,
- resetting resourcing and the workload models, and
- campus expansion, the design of new facilities and the analysis of space utilisation.

The Chair thanked Professor Williams for the update.

D REPORTS

13. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality (DVC

The AB noted that regular updates on several of the SX themes would be provided as they remain of ongoing interest to AB members, as detailed in the presentation.

The Chair thanked Professor Maddison for her report and presentation, a copy of which would be sent to AB members after the meeting.

15. Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Enterprise (DVCRE) – Confidential to the AB

The AB noted the report of the DVCRE, Professor Fisk.

In the absence of Professor Fisk, PVC Research Professor McCamey reported on the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings (WUR). He provided a brief analysis of the UNSW ranking, which fell by 13 places to 84th even though UNSW's raw scores improved on most research metrics. The fall in UNSW's rank could be largely attributed to two aspects: changes in methodology and the reputation score. To a certain extent, this change in ranking was similar to the changes in methodology in the QS WUR rankings earlier in 2023, which saw UNSW rise significantly (26 places) to equal 19th (with the University of Sydney).

Professor McCamey also reported on potential upcoming changes to the Australian Research Council (ARC) National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) as a result of the recent review of the ARC. Proposed to the Minister of Education is a new two-stage application process: short expressions of interest (and eligibility criteria) would first be assessed by the ARC and the College of Experts, with a smaller number (a fraction of ~25% is possible) invited to full proposal. The full proposal would be reviewed in a similar way to the existing review, with expert assessors (national and international) and general assessors (College members) assessing the final proposal – with a success rate that might be about 50%.

The Chair thanked Professor McCamey for his overview of the DVCRE report.

E POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

16. Academic Offerings Monitoring and Review Procedure

The Academic Board endorsed the way TJ/TT1 1 Tf0 Tc 6BDC 08f0 Tc 6BDC 08f0 T15 (gi0.7 ()-5.1 (AN

- 20.13 UNSW Canberra
- 24 July 2023 (unconfirmed)

H OTHER BUSINESS

21. Governance Approval Timelines for 2025 Academic Offerings – and proposed 2024 Academic Board and Committee Meeting Dates

The AB noted the governance approval timelines for 2025 academic offerings – for circulation at Faculty level.