

**CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING 22/2 OF
ACADEMIC BOARD – 25 MAY 2022**

Meeting 22/2 of the Academic Board of the University of Technology Sydney was held at 10am on Wednesday 25 May 2022 in the HR Training Rooms 1 and 2, level 22, Building 1, City campus (CB01.22.10 and CB01.22.18).

PRESENT: Professor Anthony Dooley (Chair), Dr Jesse Adams Stein, Professor Shirley Alexander, Dr Vitali Alexeev, Mr Nour Al Hammouri, Professor Kathleen Baird, Professor James Brown, Mr Kurt Cheng, Professor Alan Davidson, Professor Sara Denize, Professor Helene de Burgh-Woodman, Ms Erika Frey, Associate Professor Anne Gardner, Professor Lesley Hitchens, Associate Professor Christine Ho, Professor James Goodman, Mr Michael Gonzolez, Professor Joanne Gray, Professor Kate McGrath, Professor Michael McDaniel, Professor David McGloin, Dr Diep Nguyen, Dr Christina Nikitopoulos, Mr William Paterson (University Secretary), Professor Lisa Pont, Dr Susanne Pratt, Professor Carl Rhodes, Dr Bernadette Saunders, Dr Tim Schork, Professor Prabhu Sivablan, Professor Anita Stuhmcke, Ms Jemma Swaak, Ms Anna Thieben, Dr Ramona Vijeyaisa, Ms Jacqui Wise, Professor Glenn Wightwick, Ms Mariana Zafeirakopolous

VIA ZOOM: Professor Debra Anderson, Ms Melodie Grafton, Dr Behzad Fatahi, Ms Christina Lee, Associate Professor Jan McLean, Professor Elizabeth Mossap, Associate Professor Lynn Sinclair (Deputy Chair), Ms Elbreg Zwaan

IN ATTENDANCE: Associate Professor Maxine Evers, Ms Annette Gainsford, Professor Anthony Macris, Dr Jacqueline Rule (Executive Officer to Academic Board)

OBSERVERS: -

APOLOGIES: Mr Andrew Parfitt (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Ian Burnett, Dr Rosalie Goldsmith, Mr Ricky Kirby, Professor Nick Hopwood, Mr Hussein Oubani, Professor Bill Purcell, Professor Joanne Tipper, Professor James Wallman, Mr Iain Watt, Professor Stuart White

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

RESOLVED AB/22-2/26 – Welcome/Apologies/Acknowledgements

Academic Board resolved to note the apologies received from members as noted above and agree that these members be excused for their absence.

Note for the record

The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgment of Country and of the Traditional Owners.

The Chair noted that this was Professor Shirley Alexander's last Board meeting and thanked Professor Alexander, acknowledging her enormous contribution and ongoing efforts as a longstanding board member and senior leader in the University community.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of meeting 22/1 held on Wednesday 30 March 2022

RESOLVED AB/22-2/27

Academic Board resolved to confirm the minutes of meeting 22/1 of Academic Board held on Wednesday 30 March 2022, as detailed in Document 1.2.

1.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

1.4 RECEIPT OF TABLED PAPERS

There were no tabled papers.

1.5 STARRING OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

RESOLVED AB/22-2/28 – Starring of items

Academic Board resolved to:

- .1 star items 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 7.2.
- .2 adopt the remaining unstarred items as approved.

Note for the record

The following items were pre-starred: 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 5.1, 5.2, 7.2.

Members were invited to star further items for discussion. Item 7.2 was starred for discussion.

2 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

***2.1 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/29 – Report from the Chair/Deputy Chair

Academic Board resolved to:

1. receive and note the Report from the Chair/Deputy Chair of Academic Board;
2. note the list of appointments to Academic Board and its committees made by the Chair of Academic Board via Executive Action (attachment 1).
3. approve the draft Academic Board Forward Plan for 2022 (attachment 2);
4. note the executive action taken by the Chair of Academic Board on 13 April 2022 to approve the grading of awards for graduands in April 2022 as listed in the following schedules presented by the faculties:
 - Schedule 1 – Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
 - Schedule 2 – UTS Business School
 - Schedule 3 – Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building
 - Schedule 4 – Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology
 - Schedule 5 – Faculty of Health
 - Schedule 6 – Faculty of Law
 - Schedule 7 – Faculty of Science
 - Schedule 8 – Graduate Research School
 - Schedule 9 – Transdisciplinary Innovation School
 - Schedule 10 – Connected Intelligence Centre
 - Schedule 11 – Graduate School of Health
1. that graduands in their respective courses of the eleven faculties indicated in recommendation 1. above, as listed in Schedules 1-11 be admitted to the appropriate degrees or awarded the appropriate diplomas and graduate certificates as designated; and
2. that graduands, as designated, be awarded the University Medals.

***2.2 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/30 – Report from the Vice-Chancellor

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 2.2 – *Report from the Vice-Chancellor*.

Note for the record

The Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Lesley Hitchens thanked staff who had participated in the recent round of graduation ceremonies. She reported on a new research opportunity for the University, being an industry-led joint research institute that UTS was part of and which would advance research into digital technology in the maritime sector. She noted that the new research institute would provide opportunities for student internships and potential graduate employment.

Professor Hitchens also reported on funding being provided by the NSW government to promote cutting edge research in the new tech precinct involving both UTS and the University of Sydney. She noted that the government was keen to see universities working together in partnership, as well as working together with government.

Professor Hitchens also spoke to the new satellite manufacturing hub, involving UTS and other partners, which is to be established in NSW.

3 PRIORITY ISSUES

***3.1 UTS Corporate Plan 2021 – End of Year Performance Report & UTS 2022 Corporate Plan**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/31

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report on the UTS Corporate Plan 2021 – End of Year Performance Report & UTS 2022 Corporate Plan.

Note for the record

Professor Lesley Hitchens spoke to this item, noting that it was deferred from the March Academic Board meeting due to a lack of time. She explained that the 2021 End of Year Performance Report reflected the end of the first three foundational years of the implementation of the UTS 2027 Strategy. By comparison, the 2022 Corporate Plan was the first year of the next three-year phase, where Council and the University would see further progress being made to implement the Strategy.

Professor Hitchens also reported that the University had seen a fall in domestic revenue and would continue to be financially impacted by the reduction in international enrolments (due to the Covid years) for several years to come.

She explained that the financial plan approved by Council took these difficult financial circumstances into account and noted that management was prudently steering the institution back towards achieving a surplus by 2027.

3.2 Enhancing Student Participation on Academic Board*RESOLVED AB/22-2/32**

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.2 – Enhancing Student Participation on Academic Board.

Note for the record

The Chair of Academic Board and student member, Mr Kurt Cheng, spoke to this item. They explained that the Governance Support Unit (GSU) will be implementing an extended induction model for newly elected student members of Academic Board. This means that student members elected in September, to commence on 1 January of the following year, could begin attending Academic Board meetings (as observers) as soon as they are elected. The noted, for example, that students elected to commence on Academic Board in 2023 may attend the following events as observers: September 2022 Academic Board meeting, October 2022 Academic Board Forum, November 2022 Academic Board meeting and the Vice-Chancellor's end-of-year thank you event.

Mr Cheng explained this extended induction model would address the problematic five-month gap that currently exists between the declaration of election results (in September) and a student's formal commencement in the role (from 1 January the following year). This will enhance continuity by enabling elected Academic Board student members to have a smoother handover with outgoing student members.

3.3 Academic Standards Framework*RESOLVED AB/22-2/33**

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.3 – *Academic Standards Framework*.

Note for the record

Academic Board members participated in a quiz on the content of the Academic Standards Framework, led by Professor Shirley Alexander.

4 COMMITTEE BUSINESS***4.1a Courses Accreditation Committee Report****RESOLVED AB/22-2/34**

Academic Board resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.1a – *Courses Accreditation Committee Report* and its attachments;
- .2 approve the accreditation of five (5) new courses;
- .3 approve the phasing out and discontinuation of 4 courses
- .4 approve three (3) course extension of accreditations, as detailed:

COURSE ARRANGEMENTS

Accreditations

approve the accreditation of the following new courses for recommendations .2.1 to 2.3, as detailed:

Faculty of Health

- .2.1 C06149 Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)
C06148 Graduate Diploma in Psychology
C11352 Graduate Certificate in Psychology

from Session 6 2022 until 31 December 2026

Noting that:

- The courses will be delivered in collaboration with the OPM Partner, Keypath.
- The proposal includes a fully compliant Indigenous Graduate Attribute implementation plan for the three courses.

(file: UR22/1174) [OCAP #1844]

- .2.2 C11351 Graduate Certificate in Nursing Education

from Session 5 2022 until 31 December 2026

(file: UR22/561) [OCAP #1842]

TD School

- .2.3 C04370 Master of Data Science and Innovation

from Spring 2022 until 31 December 2025

(file: UR14/338) [OCAP #1812]

Phasing Out and Discontinuation

- .5 approve course accreditation for the phasing out and discontinuation for the following courses for recommendation .3.1, as detailed:

Faculty of Health

- .3.1 C04303 Master of Public Health (Advanced)
C04302 Master of Public Health
C07126 Graduate Diploma in Public Health
C11250 Graduate Certificate in Public Health

from Spring Session 2022

(file: UR05/307) [OCAP #1810]

Extension of Accreditation

- .4 approve course accreditation for the extension of course accreditation of the following courses, as detailed, for recommendation .4.1:

Faculty of Health

- .4.1 C04409 Master of Health Services Management
C07144 Graduate Diploma in Health Services Management
C11304 Graduate Certificate in Health Services Management

from 31 December 2022 until 31 December 2024

(file: 01/282) [OCAP #1914]

4.2 Executive Committee of Academic Board Report**RESOLVED AB/22-2/35**

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.2 – *Executive Committee of Academic Board Report* and its attachments.

4.3 Higher Degree Research Board Report**RESOLVED AB/22-2/36**

Academic Board resolved to:

- .1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.3 – *Higher Degree Research Board Report* and its attachments;

.2 recommend that Council approve amendments to Section 12 of the Student Rules as detailed in Attachment 1 of Document 4.3;

.3 approve course accreditation for the following courses to be owned by the Graduate Research School as detailed in Attachment 2 of Document 4.3:

- C02072 Doctor of Philosophy [Mathematical Sciences]
- C02073 Doctor of Philosophy [Science]
- C02074 Doctor of Philosophy [Artificial Intelligence]
- C02075 Doctor of Philosophy Information Systems; Software Engineering; Analytics]
- C02076 Doctor of Philosophy [Engineering]
- C02077 Doctor of Philosophy [Computer Systems]
- C02078 Doctor of Philosophy [Architecture; Built Environment; Design; Urban Planning]
- C02079 Doctor of Philosophy [Genetic Counselling; Health; Health Economics; Indigenous Health; Midwifery; Nursing; Orthoptics; Physiotherapy; Public Health; Speech Pathology]
- C02080 Doctor of Philosophy [Pharmacy]
- C02081 Doctor of Philosophy [Sport and Exercise]
- C02082 Doctor of Philosophy [Education]
- C02084 Doctor of Philosophy [Communication; International]
- C02085 Doctor of Philosophy [Transdisciplinary Innovation]
- C02086 Doctor of Philosophy [Psychology]
- C02087 Doctor of Philosophy [Sustainable Futures]
- C02088 Doctor of Philosophy [Law]
- C02089 Doctor of Philosophy [Learning Analytics]

from Session 2 2022
(file: TBA) [OCAP #1792]

.4 approve course accreditation for the phasing out and discontinuation of the following courses offered by the Faculties as detailed in Attachment 2 of Document 4.3:

Arts and Social Sciences

- C02019 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02039 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02041 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02069 Doctor of Philosophy

- C02070 Doctor of Philosophy
Connected Intelligence Centre
- C02062 Doctor of Philosophy

Design, Architecture and Building

- C02001 Doctor of Philosophy

Engineering and Information Technology

- C02018 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02029 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02047 Doctor of Philosophy

Graduate School of Health

- C02056 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02059 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02060 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02063 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02065 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02066 Doctor of Philosophy

Health

- C02024 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02057 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02061 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02071 Doctor of Philosophy

Institute for Sustainable Futures

- C02037 Doctor of Philosophy

Law

- C02028 Doctor of Philosophy

Science

- C02030 Doctor of Philosophy
- C02031 Doctor of Philosophy

Transdisciplinary Innovation

- C02067 Doctor of Philosophy
from Session 1 2023
(file: TBA) [OCAP #1792]

.5 approve course accreditation for the following courses to be offered by the UTS Business School as detailed in Attachment 3 of Document 4.3:

- C03069 Master of Business (Research)
from Session 2 2022 until 31 December 2026
(file: TBA) [OCAP #1686]

.6 approve course accreditation for the phasing out and discontinuation of the following course offered by the UTS Business School as detailed in Attachment 3 of Document 4.3:

- C03046 Master of Business (Research)

from Session 2 2022
(file: TBA) [OCAP #1686]

***4.4 Research Committee Report**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/37

Academic Board resolved to note the verbal update from the Chair of the Research Committee, Professor Kate McGrath.

Note for the record

Professor Kate McGrath, Chair of the Research Committee spoke to this item. She explained that a new sub-committee of the Research Committee had been formed to focus on research-related risks. She noted that there would be further discussion about risk, including research-related risks at Academic Board later in 2022. She also reported that the University was employing a risk specialist for the next 18 months to ensure that all institutional risks were being appropriately managed.

***4.5 Teaching and Learning Committee Report (including update on the Future of Assessment):**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/38

Academic Board resolved to note the verbal update from the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee, Professor Shirley Alexander and the Chair of the Future of Assessment Working Group, Associate Professor Maxine Evers.

Note for the record

Associate Professor Evers spoke to this item. She explained that instances of self-reporting cheating can be as high as 46% and reiterated the need to create a culture of academic integrity. She highlighted the proliferation of online services, enabling cheating, and explained that the Working Groups to tackle academic integrity and assessment will report to the Teaching and Learning Committee. The working groups include a broad and diverse membership, including student representatives.

Associate Professor Evers explained that the Working Group was developing guiding principles for the design of assessments that meet the future needs of teaching and learning, and are aligned with the UTS 2027 Strategy.

Academic Board members were given time to provide written suggestions about different kinds of assessment methods that are less susceptible to cheating, with feedback received to be provided to the Future of Assessment Working Group.

5 FACULTY/BOARD MATTERS

***5.1 FASS Report: Transdisciplinary Electives Program**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/39

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the FASS Report on the Transdisciplinary Electives Program.

***5.2 Update from FASS Faculty Board**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/40

Academic Board resolved to note the verbal update on the FASS faculty board provided by Professor Anthony Macris.

6 PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Report on Late Conferrals, Corrections to Award and Rescission of Awards

RESOLVED AB/22-2/41

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the Report on Late Conferrals, Corrections to Award and Rescission of Awards.

***7.2 Office of the Student Ombud**

RESOLVED AB/22-2/42

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 7.2 – Office of the Student Ombud.

Note for the record

Members noted that a paper seeking the formal disestablishment of the Office of the Student Ombud would be submitted to Academic Board in July and would go to Council in August. The University Secretary explained that the Office of the Student Ombud would remain available until the end of 2022 to allow sufficient time for matters currently underway to be resolved. Members noted that there would also be accompanying changes to governance

instruments sought, including proposed amendments to the Student Complaints Policy.

8 OTHER BUSINESS

*8.1 Feedback on Papers and Presentations

No feedback was received on papers and presentations.

CLOSURE

The Chair thanked all members for their attendance and participation.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:10pm.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

A. H. Dooley

CHAIR

27/07/2022

DATE