

# ACADEMIC BOARD

## CHAIR'S POST-MEETING REPORT TO ALL STAFF

### To All Staff

It has been quite a while since I provided an update to all staff on Academic Board activities. With this new format, I aim to resume regular communication about the various issues considered and addressed by the Academic Board at each meeting.

The following is a summary of the decisions and outcomes from the Academic Board meeting held on 08 June 2023.

### NEW COURSES

The following courses have been approved for delivery from Term 1, 2024:

- Diploma of Conveyancing (2125600)
- Bachelor of Law with Honours (3508002)

### POLICIES

The following policy documents have been amended:

- [Rule 3, Coursework Awards – Student Assessment and Examinations](#): Where commencing students do not complete the mandatory academic integrity module in their first term, their grades will be withheld. Additionally, they may be refused permission to enrol in subsequent teaching periods.
- [Rule 10 – Awards](#), [Rule 2 – Coursework Awards](#) and [Testamur Integrity Procedures](#) have been updated to align with the Council-approved change in delegation that authorises the Vice President (Students) & Registrar to approve conferral lists.
- [Curriculum Amendment and Removal Procedures](#) have been updated to allow the adding or removal of a specialisation via a course amendment in some circumstances. Previously this type of amendment required a new course be created.

### OTHER BUSINESS

The Board received briefings on:

- [Higher Education Standards Framework \(Thresholds\) 2021](#): these are the benchmarks which the University is required to demonstrate compliance with to achieve re-registration in 2025
- [2022 Graduate Outcomes Survey – with National Comparisons](#): good news for the University with undergraduate and post-graduate students reporting employment rates and salary earnings above the national average
- [2022 Student Experience Survey](#)
- [Student Outcomes Report – Full Year 2022](#)

In my meeting with the Academic Governance Review lead, Dr Michael Tomlinson, we discussed how to demonstrate leadership in academic governance and what this meant for the Academic Board. One activity he suggested was to engage with contemporary issues in the university sector in a more exploratory way. To this end, I encourage staff to submit questions and ideas to Academic Board for discussion, either through your Faculty or College Board or by submitting a Question on Notice directly

to Academic Board. You are also welcome to contact me directly to discuss any issues that concern you and you think Academic Board should be aware of.

I hope you will find these regular updates informative and welcome your interest and involvement in academic governance at Southern Cross University. If you would like to learn more about Academic Board or attend an Academic Board meeting as an observer, please feel free to get in touch.

Regards

**PROFESSOR ANDREW ROSE**

Chair, Academic Board

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