

## **DIGEST – ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING 01/2025, 19 February 2025**

A summary of the Academic Board meeting 01/2025 held on 19 February 2025 is detailed below.

### **Chair of Academic Board's Update**

Academic Board:

- Noted the membership update.
- Noted the Academic Board Annual Report for 2024.
- Endorsed the articulation of risks in Academic Risk Register 2025.
- Noted the assignment of Responsible Executives to develop the register for approval at the next meeting of Academic Board.
- Approved the nominees for award of University Medals and University Honours Medals for 2024.
- Noted the recipients of the Executive Dean's Awards for Academic Excellence for 2024.
- Approved the minimum Medal Score for 2025 as a weighted mark of 85.000.
- Noted the Chair of Academic Board Approvals.

### **Vice-Chancellor and President's (VCP) Update**

The VCP reported on:

- Issues emerging in the United States Higher Education Sector.
- The announcement by the federal government of the review into University Governance and provided an overview of the areas of focus.
- The upcoming Universities Australia Solutions Summit 2025 and highlighted the key topics.
- ACU's response to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights inquiry into antisemitism at Australian universities and encouraged members to familiarise themselves with the recommendations.

Academic Board noted:

- The Report of the Vice-Chancellor and President.

### **Provost's Update**

The Provost reported on:

- Head count and EFTSL targets including domestic, international, commencing and continuing and acknowledged the work that had occurred to convert offers to enrolments.
- The increasing numbers of Academic staff were teaching resulting in less reliance on casual staff teaching.
- The Academic Promotions Report.

Chris Riley, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Global & Education Pathways reported on:

- Global Engagement's key achievements for 2024.
- ACU had received the 2024 Enquiry Experience Tracker Award making the university the number one institution in Australia and New Zealand in student enquiry experience and number three globally.
- Student mobility at the Rome campus.

Academic Board discussed and noted:

- The Report of the Provost.
- The 2024 Academic Promotion report.

### **Vice-President (VP) Update**

Academic Board noted the Report of the VP.

## Policy Review, Approval and Monitoring

Academic Board:

- Noted the Support for Students Policy update.
- Approved the amendments to the Student and Public Complaints Policy and Student and Public Complaints Procedure with effect from 1 March 2025.
- Approved the amendments to the Student Conduct Policy.

## 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 4 February 2025.
- Approved the new course proposal for the:
  - Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability
  - Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability / Bachelor of Commerce
  - Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability / Bachelor of Global Studies
  - Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability
  - Bachelor of Laws (Honour) / Bachelor of Social and Environmental Sustainability inclusive of the major change to the Bachelor of Arts: addition of a Sustainability Major and an Environmental Humanities Minor, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000893 effective for Semester 1 2026.
- Approved the proposed major course amendment, consisting of the discontinuation of student intakes as follows:
  - Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Arts (Humanities): to discontinue intakes on the Canberra campus, and to suspend mid-year admission and discontinue international student intakes on the Brisbane campus;
  - Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics): to discontinue intakes on the North Sydney and Brisbane campuses;
  - Bachelor of Education (Secondary and Special Education): to discontinue mid-year intakes on the Blacktown campus; as detailed in CMAS proposal PR001009 effective for Semester 1 2026.
- Approved the major course change to discontinue mid-year intakes for:
  - the Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Arts (Humanities), on the Brisbane Campus;
  - the Bachelor of Arts (Western Civilisation) / Master of Teaching (Secondary), on North Sydney Campus, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR001029 effective from Semester 1 2026.
- Approved the major course change to discontinue international student intakes for the following degrees:
  - Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary), on the Canberra and North Sydney Campuses
  - Bachelor of Education (Primary), on the Ballarat, Brisbane and North Sydney Campuses
  - Bachelor of Education (Primary and Secondary), on the Brisbane, Ballarat, Canberra and Blacktown Campuses
  - Bachelor of Education (Secondary and Special Education), on the Brisbane and Canberra Campuses
  - Bachelor of Education (Secondary) / Bachelor of Arts (Humanities), on the Brisbane Campus
  - Master of Teaching (Secondary), on the Brisbane Campus
  - Bachelor of Art s/ Master of Teaching (Secondary), on the Brisbane Campus
  - Master of Teaching (Secondary) / Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, on the Brisbane Campus, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR001052 effective for Semester 1 2026.

- Approved the major course change to discontinue international student intakes on the Brisbane Campus for the following degrees:
  - Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
  - Bachelor of Human Rights
  - Diploma in Liberal Arts
  - Certificate in Liberal Arts
  - Bachelor of Theology / Bachelor of Global Studies  
as detailed in CMAS proposal PR001051 effective for Semester 1 2026.
- Approved the major course change to discontinue student intakes on the Blacktown Campus for:
  - the Bachelor of Arts
  - the Bachelor of Youth Work  
as detailed in CMAS proposal PR001050 effective for Semester 1 2026.
- Noted the recommendations of the Stage 1 Course Review of the:
  - Graduate Certificate in Exercise Rehabilitation for Sports Injuries
  - Graduate Certificate in High Performance Sport
  - Graduate Diploma in High Performance Sport
  - Master of High Performance Sport  
as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000944.
- Approved the new course proposal for the following degrees:
  - Bachelor of Business
  - Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Laws
  - Bachelor of Business/ Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
  - Bachelor of Information Technology/ Bachelor of Business
  - Bachelor of Nutrition Science/ Bachelor of Business
  - Bachelor of Nursing/ Bachelor of Business
  - Bachelor of Biomedical Science/ Bachelor of Business
  - Bachelor of Business / Bachelor of Global Studies;  
as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000949 effective for Semester 1 2026.
- Noted the recommendations of the Stage 1 Course Review of the:
  - Bachelor of Business Administration
  - Bachelor of Business Administration (Away From Base program)  
as detailed in CMAS proposal PR000950.
- Approved the major course change to add nine new Generic Unit Outlines to the Core Curriculum program, as detailed in CMAS proposal PR001069, effective for Semester 1 2026.
- Noted the 2025 Faculty Proposal Submission schedules from all four faculties.
- Noted the 2025 Faculty of Law and Business Stage 1 Course Review schedule.
- Noted the Provost's Course Suspension Approvals.

## **2. University Learning and Teaching Committee (ULTC)**

Academic Board:

- Noted the AI Action Plan Update from the AI Council through the DVCE Report.
- Noted the ULTC Chair's Report.
- Noted the Digest of University Learning and Teaching Committee (ULTC) meeting 01/2025, held on 28 January 2025.
- Approved the revised ULTC Terms of Reference.
- Approved proposed amendments to the Assessment Procedures for implementation Semester 1, 2025.
- Discussed and noted the two lane approach to assessment FAQ's.

## **3. Faculty Boards**

Academic Board noted:

- The minutes of the Faculty of Education and Arts Faculty Board meeting held on 12 September 2024 (unconfirmed).

- The digest and minutes of the Faculty of Health Sciences Faculty Board meeting held on 31 October 2024.
- The Faculty of Law and Business Faculty Board:
  - Minutes of meeting held on 5 September 2024.
  - Digest and Minutes of meeting held on 11 November 2024.
- The Meeting Digest of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Faculty Board meeting 07/2024 held on 13 November 2024.