

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA**  
**MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING HELD**  
**ON FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2023**  
**AT 2.15 PM, IN ROOM RR 5-09, ROWLAND REES BUILDING,**  
**CITY WEST CAMPUS**

2/2023

**ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND OPENING**

**1.1 PRESENT:**

Prof Deirdre Tedmanson  
(Chairperson)  
Prof Amie Albrecht  
Prof Craig Batty  
Prof Andrea Beer  
Mr Sam Bhattacharjee  
Dr Angela Berndt  
Assoc Prof Anton Blecowe  
Mr Alan Brideson  
Dr Ryan Causby  
Prof Joanne Cys  
Ms Jodieann Daw  
Prof Shane Dawson  
Dr Xin Deng  
Ms Jessica Ford  
Prof Sanjay Garg  
Prof Paula Geldens  
Assoc Prof Sheridan Gentili  
Mr Brendan Hughes  
Prof Tracy Humphrey  
Mr Richard Irons  
Mr Phil Johnson  
Dr Masud Karim  
Prof Marta Krasowska  
Dr Malgorzata Korolkiewicz  
Prof David Lloyd  
Dr Evangeline Mantzioris  
Prof John Medlin  
Dr Shashi Nallaya  
Prof Sandra Orgeig  
Dr Gary Owens  
Assoc Prof Lemuel Pelentsov  
Dr Fanke Peng  
Mr Isaac Solomon  
Mr Oliver Shephard-Bayly  
Mr Tom Steer  
Prof Rachael Vernon  
Mr Stephen Ward  
Mr Hayate Yamada  
Dr Paula Zito  
Mr Peter Cardwell  
(Executive Officer)

**APOLOGIES:**

Ms Tanveen Bhaizada  
Dr Tracey Coleman  
Prof Roger Eston  
Ms Karla Gotting  
Prof Marnie Hughes-Warrington  
Mr Bill Le Blanc  
Assoc Prof Elspeth McInnes  
Prof Peter Murphy  
Ms Gabrielle Rolan  
Prof Irene Watson

**ALTERNATES:**

Ms Danielle Gericke  
(for Ms Karla Gotting)  
Prof Shylie Mackintosh  
(for Prof Roger Eston)

**OBSERVERS:**

Prof Lea Bromfield  
Ms Tania Kanellos  
Ms Amanda Paton

1 The Chairperson, Prof Deirdre Tedmanson, opened the meeting and welcomed members, alternates, and observers. Prof Tedmanson acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on Kaurna land, and extended her respect to Kaurna elders past, present, and emerging, as well as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present at the meeting.

## 1.2 TABLED PAPERS

2 There were no tabled papers.

## 1.3 STARRING OF AGENDA ITEMS

3 Agenda Items 1, 3, 4, 5.3, and 6.3 were starred for discussion.

## 1.4 APPROVAL OF UNSTARRED ITEMS

2023/2/27 Academic Board resolved:

**that all unstarred items be received and noted or approved without discussion.**

**Moved: Prof Shylie Mackintosh      Seconded: Assoc Prof Sheridan Gentili**

**CARRIED**

## 1.5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2023/2/28 Academic Board resolved:

**to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2023 as a correct record.**

**Moved: Mr Richard Irons      Seconded: Mr Stephen Ward**

**CARRIED**

## ITEM 2 – BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4 There was no business arising from the minutes.

## ITEM 3 – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

5 The Chairperson, Prof Deirdre Tedmanson, reported on the following matters:

5.1 The meeting of University Council on 7 March 2023 which considered, inter alia, reports on the creation of a new university in South Australia.

5.2 The tragic death of former Academic Board member Dr Georgina Heath. Dr Heath was a distinguished teaching focussed member of UniSA academic staff, who had graduated with a PhD from the University in 2015. She was Program Director for Psychology in UniSA Justice and Society, who had been recognised with several awards during her academic career such as the Chancellor's Commendation.

2023/2/29

**Academic Board resolved:**

**to receive and note the Chairperson's Report.**

**Moved: Prof Deirdre Tedmanson (from the Chair)**

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEM 4 – VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

- 7 The Vice Chancellor, Prof David Lloyd, introduced his written report, which was taken as read, by drawing members' attention to discussions on the creation of a new university in South Australia. Prof Lloyd reported that in the context of the State Government's higher education policy, including a proposed Merger Commission, and following deep deliberation by the respective Councils, through an historic agreement and a Statement of Cooperation with the State and Commonwealth governments, the two universities had committed to explore how their combination might bring together the best of their long and proud histories with an ambitious vision for enhanced future impact. The University of Adelaide and UniSA and their respective experiences, traditions and histories had served the state exceptionally well as great South Australian institutions. However, the two institutions were now actively exploring the creation of an outstanding comprehensive world-class university that tackled global issues with local importance. Discussions had been constructive, collegial, and open and a *Vision Statement for a South Australian University of the Future* would be released at the end of March. Due diligence was currently being undertaken as part of a broader feasibility assessment to support consideration of future moves by the governing Councils in June 2023. A series of Town Halls would be held in coming weeks at all UniSA campuses, including at Mount Gambier and Whyalla as part of an ongoing consultation process.
- 8 Prof Lloyd also acknowledged Prof Esther May, who was Pro Vice Chancellor: Teaching and Learning, for stepping into the role whilst the Provost and Chief Academic Officer was involved in discussions on the creation of a new university.

2023/2/30

**Academic Board resolved:**

**to receive and note the Vice Chancellor's Report.**

**Moved: Prof Deirdre Tedmanson (from the Chair)**

**CARRIED**

#### **ITEM 5 – MATTERS FROM ACADEMIC STRATEGY, STANDARDS AND QUALITY COMMITTEE (ASSQC) 2/2023**

##### **5.1 UNISA BUSINESS**

##### **5.1.1 MODIFIED PROGRAM NOTIFICATION STATEMENT – BACHELOR OF BUSINESS (TOURISM, EVENT AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT) (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

2023/2/31

**Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the promotion of the Bachelor of Business (Tourism, Event and Hospitality Management) for offering from Study Period 4, 2023.**

**5.1.2 MODIFIED PROGRAM NOTIFICATION STATEMENT – BACHELOR OF BUSINESS (ECONOMICS, FINANCE AND TRADE) (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/32 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the promotion of the Bachelor of Business (Economics, Finance and Trade) for offering from Study Period 4, 2023.**

**5.2 UNISA CLINICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

**5.2.1 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH (HONOURS) (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/33 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the reaccreditation of the Bachelor of Biomedical Research (Honours) program until 2028 inclusive.**

**5.2.2 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – MASTER OF MIDWIFERY (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/34 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the reaccreditation of the Master of Midwifery program until 2028 inclusive.**

**5.2.3 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – MASTER OF HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND ASSOCIATED NESTED POST GRADUATE AWARDS (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/35 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the reaccreditation of the Master of Health Services Management and associated nested postgraduate awards until 2028 inclusive.**

**5.2.4 PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL – BACHELOR OF NURSING (OMCPN) (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/36 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the withdrawal of the Bachelor of Nursing (OBNUC) from Study Period 1, 2024.**

**5.2.4 PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL – MASTER OF CLINICAL PHARMACY (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/37 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the withdrawal of the Master of Clinical Pharmacy from Study Period 1, 2024.**

### 5.3 UNISA JUSTICE AND SOCIETY

#### 5.3.1 NEW PROGRAM – GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHILDHOOD TRAUMA (UNSTARRED ITEM)

- 9 Members noted that at its meeting held on 10 March 2023, Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee (ASSQC) had endorsed the following new program proposal in accordance with the University's Program Development Procedures, while noting further information provided in relation to course details for the Capstone course, the rationale for the exception to Policy A13 Recognition of Prior Learning, information on the program's proposed future delivery through UniSA Online, and the proposed fee structure:

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##### Graduate Certificate in Childhood Trauma

- 10 The Deputy Director of the Australian Centre for Child Protection (ACCP), Ms Amanda Paton, introduced the proposed new Graduate Certificate in Childhood Trauma. She reported that the Graduate Certificate would be the first of its kind in Australia and was based on the considerable success of the Professional Certificate short course series on child trauma developed by the ACCP. This offering was aimed at upskilling current professionals or those looking to advance their knowledge in this specialised area and built directly on the professional certificate short courses which had been proving popular in the sector. The program comprised four new courses which stacked further knowledge on the existing material from the short course series. It would be delivered initially online, part-time only, with intakes in Study Period 1 and Study Period 4. The key stakeholders, the Western Australian Department of Communities, and the South Australian Department of Child Protection had both confirmed their ongoing support for the short courses and for this proposed Graduate Certificate program. These agencies had also confirmed funding for 30 students to commence in the Graduate Certificate program for an intake in Study Period 4, 2023. As such, UniSA Justice & Society was seeking approval of this new program out of standard timelines to facilitate this commencing cohort.
- 11 Members noted that following consultation with Student and Academic Services (SAS) the Academic Unit had developed a defined pathway for the large number of students who had already completed one or more of the associated child protection short courses to gain credit through micro-credentialling into the proposed program. The stackability of the Graduate Certificate in Childhood Trauma would be attractive to both industry and professionals, enabling them to complete modules and short courses, building up to the completion of a postgraduate award. As part of this proposal, the Academic Unit was seeking approval of an exemption to the A-13 Recognition of Prior Learning policy, to grant no more than 75% credit of associated short courses, which were in essence nested academic content, into the Graduate Certificate.
- 12 It was further noted that information requested by ASSQC had since been received. This included a new Course Statement for the Capstone Course. A statement making it clear that the intention was that students who had completed three UniSA Professional Certificates would be afforded the option of completing a 9-unit Capstone course to meet the full requirements of the new program. Subject to the satisfaction of the Director of UniSA Online and the Executive Dean, with risk mitigation, enrolment screening, as well as specialist delivery and staffing expertise requirements, the Graduate Certificate would move to the UniSA Online platform by late 2023. In relation to the proposed price point/s the Graduate Certificate would be set at a commercially advertised price of \$12,500, while a subsidized fee of \$8,514 would be made available to WA and SA Child Protection Department industry partners. This was consistent

with the original intended fee structure and would make the program more financially sustainable.

- 13 The Executive Dean of Justice and Society, Prof Paula Geldens, commended the Australian Centre for Child Protection for their support, and thanked Ms Amanda Paton in particular, and the exceptional team for their extraordinary work in developing the new Graduate Certificate program. Members of Academic Board also welcomed the new program which they believed would provide accessible high-quality training in a field much in need of further learning opportunities.

**2023/2/38 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the new Graduate Certificate in Childhood Trauma to be delivered via UniSA Online for introduction from Study Period 4, 2023.**

**Moved: Prof Paula Geldens      Seconded: Ms Jodieann Dawe**

**CARRIED**

**5.3.2 PROGRAM AMENDMENT – BACHELOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/39 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the amendment to the Bachelor of Criminal Justice effective from Study Period 1, 2024.**

**5.4 OTHER MATTERS**

**5.4.1 ANNUAL QUALITY SELF-ASSESSMENT OF SHORT PROGRAMS AND SHORT COURSES (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/40 Academic Board resolved:**

**to note the Annual Quality Self-Assessment of Short Programs and Short Courses.**

**5.4.2 POLICY AMENDMENTS TO REINSTATE STUDENT LEARNING ENTITLEMENTS (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/41 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the amendments to the Enrolment Policy and the Student Fees and Loans Policy.**

## ITEM 6 - MATTERS FROM RESEARCH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (RLC) 2/2023

### 6.1 RESEARCH DEGREE COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/2/42 Academic Board resolved:

to receive and note the report from Research Degrees Committee.

### 6.2 MEDICAL RESEARCH FUTURE FUND ADVISORY GROUP (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/2/43 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the UniSA MRFF Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

### 6.3 RANKINGS STRATEGY UPDATE 2023

14 The Dean of Graduate Studies, Prof Sandra Orgeig, reported on progress against UniSA *Rankings on a Page Strategy* (RPS), which aimed to improve the University's research standing in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Times Higher Education (THE) and Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) rankings. The two rankings' indicators identified as a potential focus for improvement at UniSA by Research Leadership Committee (RLC) in 2020 continued to be a priority for the University. Firstly, reputation, with suggested initiatives in the areas of marketing, visiting fellowships, adjunct policy and procedures, and support for prestigious prize nominations. Secondly, citations, with suggested initiatives in the areas of measures of success, academic promotion materials, international collaborations, and dissemination and communicating impact. In alignment with UniSA KPIs, the University was strengthening its international rankings performance. A range of ten initiatives was underway, from prioritising research-intensive recruitment in areas of strong rankings performance aligning with the University's key programs to ensuring its research could be located and attributed correctly to UniSA.

15 Prof Orgeig noted that UniSA was moving in the right direction in rankings with improvements in underlying indicators during 2022, trending up in citations and HDR completions. QS and THE were updating their methodologies increasing weightings for international collaboration, graduate outcomes, sustainability, and patent citations whilst reducing the influence of highly-cited and kilo-author papers on citation metrics. UniSA's strategy would not change due to ranking methodology changes and the gap analysis from last year is still relevant. However, from 2023 we would roll out new international collaboration indicators to the R&E indicator set. This would indicate how UniSA would perform in the new ranking metric. Excellent engagement from the Academic Units providing QS ranking survey nominees was evident - more names than last year, and the focus had been on the quality of the relationship. UniSA had also engaged QS and THE to assist in communicating and raising UniSA's profile. UniSA had recently subscribed to Elsevier's SciVal platform which provided data to the QS and THE rankings. This complemented our existing subscription to Clarivate's InCites platform which provided data for ERA and ARWU rankings.

2023/2/44 Academic Board resolved:

to receive and note the Rankings Strategy 2023 update endorsed by RLC.

**6.4 RESEARCH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/45 Academic Board resolved:**

**to receive and note the Research Leadership Committee Annual Report 2023.**

**ITEM 7 – BUSINESS**

**7.1 NEW SCHOLARSHIP – GLOBAL EXECUTIVE MBA: DEFENCE AND SPACE  
(UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/46 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the Global Executive MBA: Defence and Space Scholarship.**

**7.2 NEW SCHOLARSHIP – CEA TECHNOLOGIES ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP  
(UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/47 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the CEA Technologies Engineering Scholarship.**

**7.3 NEW SCHOLARSHIP – CODAN UNDERGRADUATE STEM SCHOLARSHIP FOR  
WOMEN (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/48 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the CODAN Undergraduate Scholarship for Women.**

**7.4 NEW SCHOLARSHIP – DESTINATION AUSTRALIA SCHOLARSHIP (UNSTARRED  
ITEM)**

**2023/2/49 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the new Destination Australia Scholarship.**

**7.5 NEW SCHOLARSHIP – ENABLING EDUCATOR EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP  
(UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/50 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the new Enabling Educator Excellence Scholarship.**

**7.6 NEW SCHOLARSHIP – FLAHERTY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR REFUGEE WOMEN  
(UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/51 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the new Flaherty Family Scholarship for Refugee Women.**



**7.7 NEW GRANT – DESIGNINC INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE GRANT (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/52 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the new DesignInc Interior Architecture Grant.**

**7.8 NEW GRANT – DESIGNINC INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE GRANT (UNSTARRED ITEM)**

**2023/2/53 Academic Board resolved:**

**to approve the new DesignInc Master of Architecture Grant.**

**ITEM 9 – CLOSURE**

**16 The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.30 pm.**

**ITEM 10 – NEXT MEETING**

**17 The next meeting of Academic Board would be held on Friday, 26 May 2023, at 2.15 pm in Room RR 5-09, Rowland Rees Building, City West Campus. Closing date for papers – Monday, 15 May 2023.**

**PETER CARDWELL  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER**