UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2023 AT 2.15 PM, IN ROOM RR 5-09, ROWLAND REES BUILDING, CITY WEST CAMPUS

7/2023

ITEM 1 - WELCOME AND OPENING

1.1 PRESENT: APOLOGIES:

Prof Deirdre Tedmanson
(Chairperson)

Prof Marta Krasowska

Prof Amie Albrecht

Prof Craig Batty

Prof Andrew Beer

Dr Angela Berndt

Mr Sam Bhattacharjee

Mr Bill Le Blanc

Ms Tracey Coleman

Prof Joanne Cys

Dr Xin Deng

Ms Tanveen Bhaizada Assoc Prof Sheridan Gentili

Assoc Prof Anton Blencowe Ms Karla Gotting Mr Alan Brideson Dr Masud Karim Prof Jon Buckley Mr Bill Le Blanc

Dr Ryan Causby
Prof Shane Dawson
Ms Jessica Ford
Prof Sandra Orgeig
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Prof Sanjay Garg Mr Oliver Shephard-Bayly

Prof Paula Geldens Mr Isaac Solomon Mr Brendan Hughes Mr Tom Steer

Prof Tracey Humphrey Assoc Prof Stephen Ward Mr Richard Irons Mr Hayate Yamada

Mr Phil Johnson

Dr Malgorzata Korolkiewicz ALTERNATES:

Prof David Lloyd

Prof John Medlin Ms K Gillespie
Dr Shashi Nallaya (for Mr B Le Blanc)

Assoc Prof Gary Owens

Assoc Prof Lemuel Pelentsov OBSERVERS:

Dr Fanke Peng

Prof Jacqui Ramagge Dr Jane Kehrwald Ms Gabrielle Rolan Mr David Tian

Prof Rachael Vernon

Prof Marnie Hughes-Warrington

Dr Paula Zito Mr Peter Cardwell (Executive Officer)

The Chairperson, Prof Deirdre Tedmanson, opened the meeting and welcomed members, alternates, and observers. Prof Tedmanson acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on lands never ceded by the Kaurna people, and extended her respect to Kaurna elders past, present, and emerging, as well as Aboriginal 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, 6.6, 7.2 and 7.3 were starred for discussion.

1.4 APPROVAL OF UNSTARRED ITEMS

2023/7/184 Academic Board resolved:

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

Moved: Prof Craig Batty Seconded: Dr Ryan Causby

CARRIED

1.5 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2023/7/185 Academic Board resolved:

to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2023 as a correct record subject to minor amendment.

Moved: Mr Richard Irons Seconded: Prof Rachael Vernon

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 September and October 2024 meetings of University Council.

2023/7/186 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

The Vice Chancellor, Prof David Lloyd, introduced his written report, which was taken as read, by drawing members' attention to developments with the establishment of Adelaide University. Prof Lloyd reported that:

- 6.1 Following the hearings of the Joint Committee for the Establishment of Adelaide University held between 4-6 September 2023, a further hearing was held on 21 September 2023 to consider some additional evidence, and the Vice Chancellors from UniSA and University of Adelaide were recalled on 4 October 2023.
- On Tuesday 17 October 2023, the Joint Committee for the Establishment of Adelaide University tabled its final Report, including minority reports from the Greens and SA Best, in both houses of Parliament. Subsequently the Premier announced that the Government had secured the support of Upper House members, the Hon Connie Bonaros and the Hon Sarah Game, for the draft *Adelaide University Bill*, along with a range of additional measures, namely:
 - 6.2.1 Increasing the student support fund for the new university from \$100 million to \$120 million.
 - 6.2.2 Establishing a \$40 million student support fund for Flinders University.
 - 6.2.3 The intention to appoint an independent expert to provide advice to government and to ensure transparency during the implementation phase of the new university.
- 6.3 The Adelaide University Bill was introduced to the Legislative Council by the Hon Kyam Maher MLC, Attorney-General Thursday 19 October 2023. Following debate, the Bill passed the Upper House on Wednesday 1 November. Three amendments to the Bill were agreed by the Upper House, namely:
 - 6.3.1 Inclusion of the word "social" in relation to the matters on which the University is expected to elevate public awareness.
 - 6.3.2 A new clause that will require Council to have a Code of Conduct.
 - 6.3.3 Requirement for the Auditor-General to conduct the annual audit of the University accounts and financial statements.
- 6.4 The Bill was introduced into the House of Assembly on Thursday 2 November. Debated and passed in the House on 14 November. The *Adelaide University Bill* had since received Royal Assent by the Governor in Council.
- In concluding his report, Prof Lloyd advised that a tremendous amount of work had been undertaken with a high degree of collegiality in the detailed planning and critical path activities in progress for the transition to the new Adelaide University, including a series of events for senior leaders from UniSA and the University of Adelaide to connect in collaborative work. The first co-creation activity to scale had also been launched on the interactive online platform, *IdeaPlace*, which was shared with staff, students, and industry communities. This co-creation initiative featured nine 'challenges', categorised under 'Strategic Pillar' and 'Co-creation', where people could create and innovate on the proposed Adelaide University Statement of Strategic Intent. A draft document had been released and participants had been encouraged to challenge the draft and collaborate to grow and deliver meaningful ideas. There had already been more than 1,400 registrations to the platform, 174 ideas posted and over 350 comments on those ideas.
- 6.6 In other developments, a contract had been signed for the sale University-owned land at the Magill Campus. Prof Lloyd also congratulated Marni Hughes-Warrington on her promotion to Bradley Distinguished Professor.

2023/7/187 Academic Board resolved:

to receive and note the Vice Chancellor's

Moved: Prof Deirdre Tedmanson (from the Chair)

CARRIED

ITEM 5 – INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BAROMETER RESULTS: 2023 OVERVIEW UNISA

- The Pro Vice Chancellor: International, Ms Gabrielle Rolan, and the Director: Student Engagement, Mr Brendan Hughes, provided a special presentation on the International Student Barometer (ISB) results for 2023. The 2023 ISB was administered online to international students in Australia and world-wide between 8 May and 2 June 2023. It was the largest and most comprehensive study of international students in 15 years and some of the UniSA results were 'amazing'. A total of 115,705 responses were received from 131 institutions world-wide, including 24,812 international students from 28 Australian universities, 8,185 international students from ATN universities and 956 international students from UniSA (19.2% response rate). The results revealed that UniSA was one of the only universities which had returned to its pre-COVID international student enrolments.
- Members noted that the response rate from UniSA international students was the highest in the ATN. The largest number of international students at UniSA were from India (28%) followed by China (14%) and then Hong Kong (7%). The overall satisfaction rate of UniSA international students was excellent at 92%, which ranked the University number one in the ATN, 5th across Australian universities and 30th globally. The overall arrival satisfaction rate of UniSA students was 95%, which ranked the University number one in the ATN, 4th across Australian universities and 6th globally. The overall learning satisfaction rate of UniSA students was 92%, which ranked the University number two in the ATN, 7th across Australian universities, and 54th globally. The overall support services satisfaction rate was 91%, which ranked the University number one in the ATN, 7th across Australian universities, and 22nd globally. In relation to prearrival information, health insurance, first night experience, and welcome UniSA also performed considerably better than ATN universities, other Australian and global higher education institutions. In addition, for international student health insurance UniSA ranked number one in the ATN, and 1st nationally as well as globally.
- Academic Board commended UniSA International and the Student Engagement Unit on the outstanding results. The very strong results reflected a high performance across many parts of the University and were 'a wonderful team effort". The Pro Vice Chancellor: International, Ms Gabrielle Rolan, thanked the Board, and advised that UniSA International and the Student Engagement Unit would fully interrogate the ISB results to see where further improvements could be made, and how to maintain the University's position with its international students.

2022/7/188 Academic Board resolved:

to receive and note the report on International Student Barometer 2023 results.

Moved: Prof Deirdre Tedmanson (from the Chair)

CARRIED

ITEM 6 – MATTERS FROM ACADEMIC STRATEGY, STANDARDS AND QUALITY COMMITTEE (ASSQC) 7/2023

6.1 UNISA BUSINESS

6.1.1 NEW PROGRAM – DIPLOMA IN DIGITAL BUSINESS (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/189 Academic Board resolved:

to note the out-of-session approval by the Chair of Academic Board of the online Diploma in Digital Business to be implemented for delivery in Study Period 3, 2024.

6.1.2 3+1 PATHWAY SPECIALISATION FOR THE BACHEOR OF DIGITAL BUSINESS TO MASTER OF MANAGEMENT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/190 Academic Board resolved:

to note the out-of-session approval of the Chair of Academic Board of the 3+1 Pathway schedules for the Bachelor of Digital Business for implementation from Study Period 5, 2024.

6.2 UNISA ALLIED HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE

6.2.1 PROGRAM AMENDMENTS – HIGH DEMAND PROGRAM IN ALLIED HEALTH & HUMAN PERFORMANCE (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/191 Academic Board resolved:

to approve change to the entry requirements for the IHCP, IHOC, IHPZ and IHSP effective from Study 1, 2024.

6.3 UNISA CLINICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

6.3.1 PROGRAM AMENDMENT - MASTER OF MIDWIFERY

2023/7/192 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the amendment to the entry requirements for the Bachelor of Midwifery with effect from Study Period 1, 2024.

6.3.2 PROGRAM AMENDMENT – EMPLOYMENT RESERVED GRADUATE CERTIFCATE IN NURSING

2023/7/193 Academic Board resolved:

to note the out-of-session approval by the Pro Vice Chancellor: Teaching and Learning to add a new Critical Care Specialisation to the Employer-Reserved Graduate Certificate in Nursing with effect from Study Period 1, 2024.

6.3.3 5+1 PATHWAY SPECIALISATION TO MASTER OF PHARMACY (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/194 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the 5+1 Pathway for implementation from Study Period 1, 2025.

6.4 UNISA EDUCATION FUTURES

6.4.1 PROGRAM AMENDMENT – COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATES IN EDUCATION (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/195 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the amendment to convert the suite of Graduate Certificates in Education to Commonwealth Supported (CSP) programs (either with or without a quota on places) to address the National Teacher Workforce Action Plan and secure additional domestic student load effective from Study Period 1, 2024.

6.4.2 PROGRAM AMENDMENT – BACHELOR OF EDUCATION STUDIES (EARLY CHILDHOOD) (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/196 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the amendment to convert the Bachelor of Education Studies (Early Childhood) from and exit degree to an entry degree effective from Study Period 1, 2024.

6.5 UNISA STEM

6.5.1 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – MASTER OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ASSOCIATED NESTED POSTGRADUATE AWARDS (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/197 Academic Board resolved:

to approve approve the reaccreditation of the Master of Project Management (IMPA) (IMGM) (IMGM-CM) and associated nested postgraduate awards until 2028 inclusive.

6.5.2 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – BACHELOR OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (HONOURS), BACHELOR OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/198 Academic Board resolved:

to approve approve the reaccreditation of the Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) (IHCN) and the Bachelor of Construction Management (IBBE) until 2028 inclusive.

6.5.3 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – ONLINE BACHELOR OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (HONOURS), ONLINE BACHELOR OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/199 Academic Board resolved:

to approve approve the reaccreditation of the online Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) (XHCN) and the online Bachelor of Construction Management (XBBE) until 2028 inclusive.

6.5.4 PROGRAM EVALUATION AND REACCREDITATION REVIEW REPORT – GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUILDING SURVEYING, GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN BUILDING SURVEYING (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/200 Academic Board resolved:

to approve approve the reaccreditation of the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Building awards until 2028 inclusive.

6.5.5 PROGRAM AMENDMENT – BACHELOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/201 Academic Board resolved:

to approve approve the program amendment to the Bachelor of Information Technology effective from Study Period 1, 2024.

6.5.6 PROGRAM AMENDMENT – GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN AVIATION (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/202 Academic Board resolved:

to approve approve the program amendment to the Graduate Diploma in Aviation effective from Study Period 1, 2024.

- 6.6 OTHER MATTERS
- 6.6.1 REVISED SHORT COURSE AND SHORT PROGRAM POLICY (AB-53), NEW MICRO CREDENTIALS PROCEDURES (AB-53 P2)
- The Registrar and Director of Student and Academic Services, Mr Richard Irons, introduced proposed amendments to *AB-53 Short Course and Short Program Policy* and new *Micro credentials Procedures*. He reported that with the introduction of micro credentials at UniSA, the SAS Policy Team was tasked with amending the current Short Course and Short Program Policy and Procedures, to accommodate the new micro credential offerings. Given the different funding and administrative structures between micro credentials and existing UniSA short courses, the decision was made to write new *Micro credentials Procedures* which would sit under the current Short Course and Short Program Policy.
- Members noted that the new procedures had been distributed for feedback and endorsed by the Student and Academic Policy Advisory Group (SAPAG), the Policy Review Group (PRG) and the Academic Strategy, Standards and Quality Committee (ASSQC). The significant considerations were:

- 11.1 There was a Higher Education sector wide national framework regarding the delivery of micro credentials. The procedures were written with respect to the framework and existing UniSA policies and procedures.
- 11.2 Micro credentials must exist in line with UniSA courses and programs within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). As an example, Table 1 had been created to demonstrate how the assessments would meet AQF requirements.
- 11.3 Micro credentials would be managed by Student and Academic Services (SAS) with existing system functionality and not manual process through Academic Units. Students would enrol through MyEnrolment and would be able to access government fee support (FEE-HELP)
- 12 It was further noted that the changes to the *Short Course and Short Program Policy* involved:
 - 12.1 Amendment of the policy nomenclature to Short Forms of Learning Policy.
 - 12.2 Addition of two new definitions relevant to the new *Micro credentials Procedures*.
- Academic Board welcomed the important amendments designed to streamline the policy and the new procedures and endorsed them subject to the minor amendment proposed by ASSQC.

2023/7/203 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the proposed amendments to AB-53 Short Forms of Learning Policy and the new AB-53 P2 Micro credentials Procedures.

Moved: Prof Jacqui Ramagge Seconded: Dr Malgorzata Korolkiewicz

CARRIED

ITEM 7 - MATTERS FROM RESEARCH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (RLC) 6/2023

7.1 RESEARCH DEGREE COMPLETION OF REQUIREMENTS (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/204 Academic Board resolved:

to receive and note the report from Research Degrees Committee.

7.2.1 LARGE RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT STRATEGY

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise), Prof Marnie Hughes-Warrington, reported that Research Leadership Committee (RLC) looked at the strategy to support and extend the University's success in large infrastructure grants on an annual basis. The paper before Academic Board constituted an update on the University's progress in supporting collaborative bids for transformational investments in South Australian research infrastructure and/or access to national research infrastructure. It provided a good analysis, and the Research Office was to be congratulated for its work in the area.

- Members noted that the two most significant national infrastructure grant schemes that UniSA had been awarded consistent funding were the: National Collaborative Research Infrastructure Strategy (NCRIS) Australian Government Department of Education; and Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) scheme Australian Research Council(ARC).
- It was further noted that in 2023, UniSA also collaborated on the following major infrastructure funding schemes/initiatives with a focus on increasing infrastructure for health and medical research projects: National Critical Research Infrastructure initiative Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF); Research Data Infrastructure initiative MRFF; and the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF) Capital Grant. The Commonwealth and State Governments released funding to support the NCRIS projects for 2023-2028. Stage 1 funding to support business-as-usual operations had been allocated with further funding to be allowed over the next three years. UniSA matched the co-investment request to the SA Government.
- UniSA was a collaborator on three successful LIEF23 grants administered by other organisations, which decreased from the seven (7) awarded in the LIEF22 but UniSA's participation in the LIEF schemes remains consistent. Assoc Prof Anton Blencowe (CHS) and Assoc Prof Marta Krasowska (FII) collaborated with the SA Universities and other organisations to submit a LIEF24 application, a resubmission from LIEF23. The LIEF Roundtable provided guidance on improving the strategy. UniSA collaborated on seven (7) LIEF24 applications outcomes were expected in December 2023. UniSA also became a partner of project BRIGHT Project at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation [ANSTO].

2023/7/205 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the Large Research Infrastructure Grant Strategy following endorsement by RLC at its meeting held on 26 October.

Moved: Prof Marni Hughes-Warrington Seconded: Mr Richard Irons

CARRIED

7.3 GUIDELINES FOR GENERATIVE AI AND RESEARCH

- Members noted that Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) had received much attention this past year, with many government and sector groups releasing policy statements on the use of GenAI in higher education and research. A GenAI Working Group was established by the DGS earlier in 2023, tasked with the development of a position statement and resources on responsible use of GenAI to support research degree students. The GenAI Working Group prepared a set of overarching principles that were presented and endorsed by Research Degrees Committee (RDC) and Research Leadership Committee (RLC). The GenAI Working Group also proposed that the guideline be developed to support all researchers, including research degree students with a focus on research integrity, ethics, authorship, and intellectual property. The draft guidelines were then circulated to relevant stakeholders for feedback.
- It was further noted that the draft guidelines were distributed to RDC members for review and to members of the GenAI Working Group with representation from the Teaching and Innovation Unit, the University Research Office, the Centre for Change and Complexity in Learning and other UniSA researchers with a specific interest in GenAI. RDC members also shared the draft guideline with Research Degree Coordinators and research degree students in their respective units. In addition, Deans of Research and Directors' group chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Enterprise were asked to provide input on the draft

guidelines. Feedback obtained from these groups was collated and either incorporated or noted for future consideration. A recommendation from the Deans of Research Directors' group was to continue the GenAI Working Group as a standing advisory body to RDC and RLC with responsibility for regular review (twice yearly) to ensure currency of the guidelines.

There was some discussion around what constituted research in relation to the proposed Guidelines. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Enterprise) advised that there was a general definition accepted by the Australian Research Council (ARC), but there were no national guidelines for Generative AI. It was also questioned whether there should be a similar set of guidelines in the teaching space. It was agreed that this matter would be referred to the Provost for consideration.

2023/7/206 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new Generative Artificial Intelligence: a resource for researchers Guideline effective from 1 January 2024.

Moved: Prof Marni Hughes-Warrington Seconded: Prof Tracey Humphrey

CARRIED

7.4 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RESEARCH DEGREES POLICY SUITE (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/207 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the proposed amendments to the Research Degrees Policy suite and the rescission of Appendix AB-58 AD2 Content and Form of the Research Degree Thesis effective from 1 December 2023.

7.5 ABORIGINAL PHD STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME AMENDMENTS (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/208 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the amendments to the Aboriginal PhD Student Scholarship Scheme.

ITEM 8 - BUSINESS

8.1 REVISED CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/209 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct for Students.

8.2 MCCLEARY MURCHLAND UNISA LAPTOP GRANT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/210 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new McCleary Murchland UniSA Laptop Grant.

8.3 WBL MAKERS MARK GRANT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/211 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new WBL Makers Mark Grant.

8.4 RANTANEN REYNOLDS FAMILY SPORT AND RECREATION MANAGEMENT GRANT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/212 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new Rantanen Reynolds Family Sport and Recreation Management Grant

8.5 ELI FLUGELMAN KINDNESS AND COMPASSION GRANT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/213 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new Eli Flugelman Kindness and Compassion Grant.

8.6 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ENGLISH TEACHERS ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY PRIZE (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/214 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new South Australian English Teachers Association University Prize.

8.7 UNISA BUSINESS PRIZE (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/215 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new SunRice Australia Prize.

8.8 DEAN OF LAW GRANT FOR COMMUNITY SPIRIT (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/216 Academic Board resolved:

to approve the new Dean of Law Grant for Community Spirit.

ITEM 9 – FOR INFORMATION

9.1 ACADEMIC PROMOTION 2023 – LEVEL B AND LEVEL C (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/217 Academic Board resolved:

to receive and note the Academic Promotions Level B and Level C for 2023 to take effect from 1 January 2024.

9.2 ACADEMIC BOARD AND ASSQC MEETING SCHEDULES 2024 (UNSTARRED ITEM)

2023/7/218 Academic Board resolved:

to note the Academic Board and ASSQC meeting schedules for 2024.

ITEM 10 - CLOSURE

The Chairperson thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 3.35 pm. Prof Tedmanson gave special thanks to the outgoing student members who were attending their last Academic Board meeting, in particular USASA President Mr Isaac Solomon, and she also thanked the Executive Officer, Mr Peter Cardwell, for his significant contribution to the work of the Board in his senior advisory and secretarial roles for over 30 years.

ITEM 10 - NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Academic Board would be held on Friday, 22 March 2024, at 2.15 pm in Room RR 5-09, Rowland Rees Building, City West Campus. Closing date for papers – Monday, 11 March 2024.

PETER CARDWELL EXECUTIVE OFFICER