

Chapter 6 — Academic Board

61 Establishment of the Academic Board

- (1) The University must have an Academic Board which is established under the authority of this Statute.
- (2) The Academic Board is a committee of the Senate.
- (3) The membership of the Academic Board is prescribed in the Regulations.
- (4) Academic Board meetings are called and conducted in accordance with the Regulations and any standing orders of Academic Board.

62 Responsibilities of the Academic Board

The Academic Board is responsible to the Senate for —

- (1) assuring quality, integrity and the maintenance of standards in all academic activities including teaching, scholarship and research and compliance with relevant external regulatory requirements;
- (2) overseeing and monitoring the development of all academic activities of the University;
- (3) safeguarding the academic freedom of the University; and
- (4) communicating with the academic community through academic organisational units including but not limited to Faculties, Schools, boards of studies and research Centres.

63 Functions and powers of the Academic Board

- (1) The Academic Board determines, reviews and approves rules, policy and standards in relation to —
 - (a) admission and enrolment;
 - (b) course requirements and structures, including requirements for the award of any qualification;
 - (c) progression requirements;
 - (d) examinations, assessment and pedagogy;
 - (e) scholarships, prizes and other academic awards; and
 - (f) research integrity and ethics for Students and academic Staff.
- (2) The Academic Board (or a committee or sub-committee of the Academic Board if delegated to a committee or sub-committee), must consider and, if appropriate, approve all new academic award courses and amendments to or rescission of existing courses. However any new Award or rescission of an Award will only take effect if approved by Senate.
- (3) The Academic Board provides advice to the Senate, the Vice-Chancellor and the University Executive on matters including, but not limited to —
 - (a) teaching, learning, research and educational programs;
 - (b) establishing and maintaining academic standards;
 - (c) academic priorities, including academic aspects of the University's strategic plans;

- (d) academic aspects of University's policies and procedures, including but not limited to those relating to the appointment, promotion and conditions of employment of academic Staff;
 - (e) the conferral of title of Emeritus Professor, including receiving nominations and providing recommendations to the Senate;
 - (f) the creation, amalgamation or disestablishment of Faculties, Schools, disciplines, departments, Centres, Institutes and other academic organisational units and related transfers of funding; and
 - (g) any matter it considers to be of importance including, but not limited to, matters which have the potential to impact on the teaching and research mission of the University.
- (4) Jointly with the University's executive, the Academic Board is responsible for formal reviews of the academic activities of the University and its academic organisational units.
- (5) The Academic Board will receive and consider correspondence from the Student Guild and will forward any such correspondence intended for communication to the Senate, with or without comment.
- (6) The Academic Board has any other functions and powers assigned to it by the Senate or conferred on it by Statute or Regulation.

64 Reporting

- (1) The Academic Board may receive, and may require reports from Faculties, other organisational units, the Academic Board's committees and sub-committees in relation to academic matters.
- (2) The Academic Board must report to Senate —
- (a) after each meeting of the Academic Board, on its activities; and
 - (b) annually, on its activities and its assessment of its own performance.
- (3) The Academic Board will consider, and report on, all matters referred to it by the Senate or the Vice-Chancellor.

65 Academic Board committees

- (1) The Academic Board has sole authority for establishing and disestablishing committees and sub-committees of the Academic Board, as required, and may refer any matter to a committee or sub-committee.
- (2) Each committee and sub-committee must have a constitution which is approved by Academic Board and which prescribes the chairperson, membership and functions of that committee or sub-committee. The Academic Board may review and update the constitution of its committees and sub-committees as it considers appropriate.
- (3) Where a member of Academic Board is elected in that capacity as a member of a committee of the Academic Board, then the member's term of office as a member of the committee is subject to their term of office as a member of the Academic Board.
- (4) Academic Board committee and sub-committee meetings will be called and conducted in accordance with any standing orders of the Academic Board, unless otherwise prescribed in the committee's or sub-committees constitution or other committee governance document approved by the Academic Board.
- (5) The chairperson of the Academic Board or their nominee is an ex-officio member of all Academic Board committees and sub-committees.
- (6) Each committee and sub-committee must report on its activities to the Academic Board.

- (7) The Academic Board or the chairperson of the Academic Board may establish working parties as they consider necessary to assist or advise the Academic Board or the chairperson in the performance of their functions.

66 Delegation

The Academic Board may delegate any of its powers and responsibilities or refer a matter to a committee or sub-committee of the Academic Board, to one or more Faculties, or its chairperson, deputy chairperson or associate chairperson.

67 Academic Board Regulations

Subject to the Act and in accordance with the Regulations —

- (1) the Academic Board may propose that the Senate make, amend or repeal Regulations pertaining to the Academic Board for the purpose of carrying out this Chapter; and
- (2) the Senate must consult the Academic Board regarding the making, amendment or repeal of Regulations pertaining to the Academic Board for the purpose of carrying out this Chapter.