

ACADEMIC BOARD

Report title PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A FACULTY BOARDS WORKING PARTY
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Background

As a result of consultation between Legal Services, the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Faculty Deans and Registrars in late 2009 and a desire from the faculties for more flexibility, the Faculty Boards Regulation was rescinded and the Faculties Statute revised.

The current Faculties Statute provides that:

5. Structure of the Faculties
 - (1) Each Faculty shall have-
 - (b) a Faculty Board **constituted** by the Academic Board.

1.2 Summary

The Board is legislatively required to constitute the University's Faculty Boards. As part of this new process, the Board needs to consider and make some decisions regarding:

- The composition and appointment of Faculty Board membership.
- The terms of reference or objectives of Faculty Boards.
- Reporting requirements from Faculty Boards to Academic Board and vice versa.

It is suggested that a working party be established to consider these issues and make recommendations to the Board.

1.3 Issues (including any financial, legal or compliance issues)

This is a legal and compliance issue that has arisen and needs to be rectified. The Board now needs to consider and clarify its expectations of how a Faculty Board is composed and their reporting requirements.

1.4 RECOMMENDATION

The Board is invited to endorse the establishment of a Faculty Boards Working Party, as detailed in Attachment A.

2. LIST OF DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Attachment A: draft composition and terms of reference for the Faculty Boards Working Party.

ATTACHMENT A**DRAFT COMPOSITION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FACULTY BOARDS WORKING PARTY****LA TROBE UNIVERSITY****ACADEMIC BOARD****FACULTY BOARDS WORKING PARTY****Composition**

- A Chair, Academic Board (Convenor)
- B Faculty Executive Deans or nominee
- C Student representative taken from the membership of Academic Board

Terms of reference

To consider and provide advice to Academic Board regarding:

- The composition and appointment of Faculty Board membership.
- The terms of reference or objectives of Faculty Boards.
- Reporting requirements from Faculty Boards to Academic Board and vice versa.

Reporting Requirements

To make recommendations to Academic Board for implementation before the end of 2011.