



ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the four hundred and eighty-fifth meeting of the Academic Board held in the Council Chamber, John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Melbourne Campus on Wednesday 10 February 2016 at 9.30am.

- Present:** Professor Simon Crowe (Chair), Professor Christine Bigby (Deputy Chair), Dr Lisa Amir (*via videoconference*), Professor Tony Baker, Ms Emily Bariola, Professor Paula Baron, Dr Melanie Bish (*via videoconference*), Dr Naveen Chilamkurti, Professor Michael Clarke, Professor Sheila Crewther, Professor John Dewar (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Leigh Drake, Dr Kerry Fitzmaurice, Ms Margarita Frederico, Dr Anthony Gendall, Mr Marcus Gheller, Dr Deborah Gleeson, Dr Darren Henry, Dr David Hoxley, Professor Russell Hoye, Dr Catherine Itsiopoulos, Dr Catherine Lang, Professor Betty Leask, Professor Jane Long, Professor Sue Martin, Professor Tony McGrew, Dr Bill McGuinness, Dr Carol McKinstry (*via videoconference*), Professor Meg Morris, Mrs Susan Nalder, Dr Deborah Neal, Professor Keith Nugent, Ms Jennifer Peasley, Professor Robert Pike, Mr Kelly Smith, Dr Pamela Snow (*via videoconference*), Professor Richard Speed, Mr Robert Stephenson, Professor Gillian Sullivan Mort, Dr Gwenda Tavan, Dr Guinever Threlkeld, Mr Tri Minh Tran, Dr Chris Van Der Poel, Dr Peter Vitartas and Dr Lawrie Zion.
- Secretariat:** Angela Cowburn, Senior Executive Officer, Governance and Policy Services.
- In Attendance:** Dr MaryAnne Aitken, Emeritus Professor Andrew Brennan, Mr Mark Engel, Dr Richard Frampton, Professor Amanda Kenny (*via videoconference*), Ms Natalie MacDonald, Mr Leon Morris, Dr Carolyn O'Dwyer, Professor Susan Paxton and Dr Damian Spencer.

PART A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

	ACTION
<p>(i) Apologies & Membership</p> <p>Apologies were received from Dr Joanna Barbousas, Ms Betty Belay, Professor Philip Broadbridge, Dr Buly Cardak, Dr Susanne Davies, Professor Karen Dodd, Professor Tanya Fitzgerald, Dr Elspeth Frew, Professor Andy Hill, Dr Stephen Kent, Dr Bernice Mathisen, Dr Nicola McNeil, Dr Jodi Oakman, Professor Chris Pakes, Dr Luke Prendergast, Professor Wenny Rahayu, Dr Chris Scanlon, Professor Brian Smith, Dr Martin Steinbauer and Dr Suzanne Young.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed all new members and advised the Board that this was his final meeting as Chair after 2 terms (4 years) and welcomed the current Deputy Chair, Professor Christine Bigby. Professor Bigby will take up the Chair at the next meeting of the Board. The Chair also welcomed Professor Paula Baron who will replace Professor Bigby as Deputy Chair at the next meeting of the Board.</p>	
<p>(ii) Approval of Agenda</p> <p>The Board resolved to approve the Agenda, as circulated, subject to the starring of the following item for discussion:</p> <p>4.2. TEQSA Reregistration Preparations Update</p>	

(iii) Outstanding Matters

The Board received and noted report AB16/02.

(iv) Matters Approved on Behalf of Academic Board

The Board received, noted and ratified report AB16/03, a summary of matters which had been approved by the Chair or Deputy Chair on behalf of the Board:

- (a) Award of Degrees and Diplomas, as detailed in Attachment A to AB16/03.
- (b) Establishment of Prizes:
- (i) College of Science, Health and Engineering: Carol Friday Scholarship for MCH Nursing Excellence, as detailed in Attachment B to AB16/03.
 - (ii) Department of Mathematics and Statistics, CSHE: The Department Prize in 3rd Year Mathematics (*replacing the National Bank of Australia Prize in Third Year Mathematics*), as detailed in Attachment C to AB16/03.
 - (iii) Department of Engineering, CSHE: First Year Prize Engineering Prize, as detailed in Attachment D to AB16/03.
 - (iv) Department of Engineering, CSHE: Second Year Prize Engineering Prize, as detailed in Attachment E to AB16/03.
 - (v) School of Allied Health, CSHE: Marina Munchnik Memorial Prosthetics and Orthotics Award, as detailed in Attachment F to AB16/03.
 - (vi) Alumni and Advancement Office: The Financial Planning Association of Australia Award, as detailed in Attachment G to AB16/03.
 - (vii) La Trobe Sport: The La Trobe University Baseball Club Sporting Scholarship; The La Trobe University Baseball Club Sporting Scholarship; and The Karl Leake Memoriam Baseball Scholarship, as detailed in Attachment H to AB16/03.
- (c) Coursework Committee
- (i) The following course proposals that had been referred by the Coursework Committee from a meeting held on 19 November 2015 and by the *Acting* Chair of the Coursework Committee, as detailed in Attachment I to AB16/03:

Course Revisions

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce

- Master of Management (Project Management) LMPM (Navitas offering)
- Bachelor of Teaching (Outreach and Community Education) EBTOCE
- Master of Management LMMGT/Graduate Certificate in Management
- Master of Management (Entrepreneurship and Innovation) LMMEI
- Master of Management (Project Management) LMPM

College of Science, Health and Engineering

- Bachelor of Healthcare (Nursing Foundation) HDNDC
- Bachelor of Public Health Promotion HBHPB
- Master of Telecommunication and Network Engineering SMTNE
- Bachelor of Human Services/Master of Social Work HZSK, HZSKW, HZSKB, HZSKM

- Graduate Certificate in Occupational Health, Safety and Ergonomics HCOSED
- Master of Information and Communication Technology SMICT
- Master of Ergonomics, Safety and Health HMERGD

Course Closures

College of Science, Health and Engineering

- Master of Health Psychology SMHP
 - Master of Biotechnology SMBT
 - Master of Podiatric Practice (Honours) HMHPDB
 - Masters of Podiatric Practice HMPODB
- (ii) The following new course proposals, referred by the Coursework Committee, as detailed in Attachment J to AB16/03:
- College of Science, Health and Engineering – Master of Biotechnology Management
 - College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce – Master of Professional Archaeology; Graduate Diploma of Professional Archaeology; Graduate Certificate of Professional Archaeology; and Graduate Certificate of Archaeology.
- (iii) The proposal from the College of Science, Health and Engineering and referred by the Coursework Committee to introduce the Bachelor of Community Services and an exit point, Associate Degree Community Services, as detailed in Attachment K to AB16/03.
- (iv) The proposal from the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce and referred by the Coursework Committee to revise the Master of Communication (Journalism Innovation) and the Graduate Diploma of Communication (Journalism Innovation), as detailed in Attachment L to AB16/03.

(v) Report of the Vice-Chancellor

The Board received and noted circulated paper AB16/04, the Report of the Vice-Chancellor, which can be located at the following

link: <https://unite.latrobe.edu.au/sites/sc/sgc/abc/abmeeting2015/Paper/1/04-VCSReport-February2016.pdf>.

- The Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor Simon Crowe, Chairing his final meeting after 4 years as Chair of the Academic Board and 2 years as Deputy Chair prior to that. This week also marked the 25th anniversary of Professor Crowe's employment at La Trobe University. The Vice-Chancellor thanked Professor Crowe for his hard work and invaluable input over the last 4 years and noted that this had coincided with his own appointment at La Trobe.
- *Vale* Dr John Hirst, a leading La Trobe historian, who died last week aged 73.
- Congratulations to Professor Marilyn Anderson who had been made an Officer of the Order of Australia and Emeritus Professor David Frankel who had been presented with the Rhys Jones Medal by the Australian Archaeology Association.
- The use of ATARs had been called into question, including media reports that the Federal Minister had referred the matter to the Standards Panel for their advice.
- An election will occur before the end of the year, with Labor already announcing their higher education platform late last year and the current

Minister likely to make an announcement soon. The Vice-Chancellor advised that he would keep staff informed.

- ‘Innovation Statement’ released just before Christmas announcing changes to research funding. The Vice-Chancellor suggested that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and new Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry Engagement) should speak to this in more detail at a future meeting.
- Dr Dan Grant appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry Engagement).
- Changes to the University Act to include elected staff and students on Council from the middle of the year.
- The State Minister has announced his intention to introduce an ATAR threshold with regard to initial teaching education ATAR requirements. There is much discussion occurring with Professor Tanya Fitzgerald leading LTU’s contribution.
- Partnerships:
 - NGV and the Andy Warhol/Ai Weiwei exhibition.
 - Bendigo Art Gallery subject ‘Exhibiting Culture: Marilyn’
 - Appointment of Karen Quinlan as Professor of Practice and Director, La Trobe Art Institute.

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Discussion:

It was noted that The Age article regarding ATARs had reported incorrect information and it was clarified that offers had not been made pre ATAR scores being released. Staff voiced their concerns regarding the minimum ATAR proposal, including the likely impact on regional education. It was agreed that appropriate hurdle requirements regarding numeracy and literacy would be better used at exit rather than entry.

Dr Deborah Gleeson advised the Board that a letter, signed by 63 academics in the School of Psychology and Public Health, had been sent to the Minister voicing their concerns regarding the return of asylum seekers to Nauru. After much debate regarding the pros and cons of having a University-wide response (ie a letter from the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of all staff) or an opportunity for additional staff to add their name/signature to an open letter, it was agreed that the University would facilitate staff to air their support by providing them with an opportunity to add their name and support to an open letter to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection. This could be communicated and coordinated via the weekly email update sent to staff. The Vice-Chancellor also advised that there are a number of practical initiatives that are in place at the University which help to support refugees, including scholarship assistance.

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PART B – MATTERS FOR APPROVAL

485.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2015 [AB15/113(M)] were confirmed.

485.2 Items for Approval not requiring discussion		
485.2.1	Award of Degrees and Diplomas	
	The Board received circulated report AB16/05 and resolved to approve the award of degrees and diplomas and award of higher degrees as detailed therein.	AEGTO RO
485.2.2	Establishment of Prizes	
	The Board resolved to approve the establishment/amendment of the following prizes:	MgrUE T Noone AAO GenMgr
	(a) College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce: The Miguel Valiente Prize (<i>amendment</i>), as detailed in report AB16/06.	
	(b) College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce: John Alexander Salmond Prize for Historical Narrative, as detailed in report AB16/07.	
	(c) College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce: Vic West Memorial Prize, as detailed in report AB16/08.	
	(d) College of Science, Health and Engineering – Bendigo Campus: BOHDS Volunteering Bursary, as detailed in report AB16/09.	
	(e) College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce: Sue Beeton Indigenous Scholarships in Teaching (<i>revision</i>), as detailed in report AB16/10.	
485.3 Standing Committees of Academic Board		
485.3.1	Report of Academic Quality Committee: 18 November 2015	
	The Board received report AB16/11 and noted that the Academic Quality Committee had considered the following items at a meeting held on 18 November 2015:	EO(AQC)
	(a) Report of the Chair.	
	(b) Outside Working Policy and Procedure.	
	(c) Graduate Research Examination Policy.	
	(d) Academic Policy Monitoring and Compliance Report.	
485.3.2	Report of Coursework Committee: 19 November 2015	
	The Board received and noted AB16/12, the report of the Coursework Committee from a meeting held on 19 November 2015. The following items were considered:	EO(CC)
	(a) Chair’s Report.	
	(b) Matters Arising from the Minutes.	
	(c) Course Submissions from the Colleges of ASSC and SHE.	
	(d) Consultation with Library and other stakeholders during course development and revisions.	
	The Board also noted:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That all the course submissions referred by the November meeting of the Coursework Committee had been presented to the Chair of the Academic Board for out-of-session approval (see item (iv) above). The valuable contributions to the Coursework Committee made by the outgoing members: Ms Liz Stinson, Dr Felicity Blackstock and Ms Betty Belay. 	

485.4 Other Matters		
485.4.1	Emeritus Professor Nomination: Terence Spithill	
	The Board received report AB16/13 and resolved to approve the proposal from the Head, School of Life Sciences, as endorsed by the Vice-Chancellor, to confer the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Terence (Terry) Spithill.	EO(AB)
485.4.2	TEQSA Reregistration Preparations Update	
	The Board received and noted report AB16/14, an update on the University's preparations for TEQSA reregistration. The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor reiterated that this was an incredibly important process and thanked staff who had been involved thus far for their hard work and timely responses.	SDVC
	There was some discussion as a result of the student complaint issue raised within the report and the Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor advised that there currently is a review occurring regarding the student complaints process and staff should refer any suggestions and they will be considered as part of this process. It was also noted that a new Complaints Manager had been recruited.	
485.4.3	Report of the Committee of Inquiry: Ms Natalie O'Keefe	
	The Board received AB16/15, the confidential report of the Committee of Inquiry and resolved to approve the recommendation of the Committee of Inquiry that the Psychology Honours degree which was conferred upon Ms Natalie O'Keefe in 2011 be revoked.	EO(AB) Legal Services ED(SS&A)
PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION		
485.5 Matters for Information		
485.5.1	Adjunct Appointments	
	The Board received report AB16/16 and noted that the Vice-Chancellor and Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor had recently approved the following adjunct appointments:	HR
	a) Adjunct Associate Professor of Professional Practice: Trevor Budge, Social Inquiry, College of HUSS (re-appointment – 3 years).	
	b) Adjunct Associate Professor: Geoff Stuart, Counselling & Psychological Health, College of SHE (appointment – 3 years).	
	c) Adjunct Professor: Professor Wu Qunhong, China Health Program, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (appointment – 3 years).	
	d) Adjunct Professor: Professor Pranee Liamputtong, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (appointment – 3 years).	
	e) Adjunct Professor: Professor Antonio Paolini, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).	
	f) Adjunct Associate Professor: Garrett Prestage, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).	

- g) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Alan Tucker, Psychology & Counselling, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- h) Adjunct Professor: Dr Timothy Clune, La Trobe Business School, College of HUSS (re-appointment – 3 years).
- i) Adjunct Professor: Nicholas Samaras, Biochemistry and Genetics, School of Molecular Sciences, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- j) Adjunct Professor: Professor James McLennan, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 2 years).
- k) Adjunct Associate Professor: Lynne Hillier, ARCSHS, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- l) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Cathy Balding, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- m) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Jennifer McIntosh, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- n) Adjunct Professor: Dr Linda Mellors, Nursing and Midwifery, College of SHE (appointment – 3 years).
- o) Adjunct Professor: Professor Harry Aveling, Asian Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of ASSC (re-appointment – 3 years).
- p) Adjunct Professor: Professor Janna Thompson, Philosophy, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of ASSC (re-appointment – 3 years).
- q) Adjunct Professor: Nicholas Richardson, Journalism, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of ASSC (re-appointment – 3 years).
- r) Adjunct Professor: Professor Peter Murphy, Thesis Eleven Centre for Cultural Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of ASSC (appointment – 3 years).
- s) Adjunct Professor: Sebastian Marcuccio, Chemistry & Physics, Molecular Sciences, College of SHE (re-appointment – 1 year).
- t) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Hisham Abu-Rayya, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- u) Adjunct Professor: Professor Lin Crase, La Trobe Business School (appointment – 3 years).

**485.5.2 Report of the Academic Promotions Committee:
November 2015**

The Board received the Report of the Academic Promotions Committee: November 2015 and noted that the persons named therein had been promoted, as detailed in report AB16/17.

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**485.5.3 Report of the Academic Promotions Committee:
December 2015**

The Board received the Report of the Academic Promotions Committee: December 2015 and noted that the persons named therein had been promoted, as detailed in report AB16/18.

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PART D – DISCUSSION

485.6 Debate: The popularity of lecturers is a significant indicator of the quality of their teaching.

Moderator: Emeritus Professor Andrew Brennan

Panel Members:

- Affirmative:
 1. Professor Tony Baker
 2. Professor Gillian Sullivan Mort
- Negative:
 1. Professor Betty Leask
 2. Dr Damian Spencer

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

485.7 Next Meeting

9.30am
Wednesday 9 March 2016
Council Chamber
John Scott Meeting House
Melbourne Campus

Chair: _____

Date: _____