



ACADEMIC BOARD

Minutes of the four hundred and eighty-first meeting of the Academic Board held in the Council Chamber, John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Melbourne Campus on Wednesday 12 August 2015 at 9.30am.

Present: Professor Simon Crowe (Chair), Professor Christine Bigby (Deputy Chair), Dr Lisa Amir, Professor Andrew Brennan, Ms Lee Ann Bassar, Dr John Bevacqua, Mr James Canty, Dr Buly Cardek, Professor Michael Clarke, Dr Eva Dakich, Dr Susanne Davies, Professor John Dewar (Vice-Chancellor), Professor Leigh Drake, Professor Tanya Fitzgerald, Dr Kerry Fitzmaurice, Ms Margarita Frederico, Dr Deborah Gleeson, Dr Peter Green, Dr Darren Henry, Professor Andy Hill, Dr David Hoxley, Dr Stephen Kent, Professor Patrick Keyzer, Professor Betty Leask, Professor Jane Long, Professor Sue Martin, Dr Bill McGuinness, Dr Carol McKinstry, Professor Keith Nugent, Ms Jennifer Peasley, Dr Luke Pendergast, Dr Julie Rudner (*via videoconference*), Ms Jillian Scanlon (*via videoconference*), Dr Christopher Scanlon, Dr Damian Spencer, Professor Graham Schaffer, Professor Brian Smith, Dr Pamela Snow (*via videoconference*), Dr Martin Steinbauer, Mr Robert Stephenson (*via videoconference*), Dr Gwenda Tavan, Dr Chris Van Der Poel, Dr Peter Vitartas, Professor Eleanor Wertheim and Dr Lawrie Zion.

Secretariat: Robyn Sinclair, Senior Executive Officer, Governance Services.

In Attendance: Dr MaryAnne Aitken, Dr Richard Frampton, Ms Natalie MacDonald, Mr Leon Morris and Professor Susan Paxton.

PART A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

	ACTION
<p>(i) Apologies & Membership</p> <p>Apologies were received from Dr Deborah Neal, Professor Paula Baron, Professor Philip Broadbridge, Dr Anthony Gendall, Ms Jasmine Ingram, Dr Bernice Mathisen, Professor Robert Pike, Dr Jennifer Laing, Dr Jacinta Douglas and Dr Chris Pakes.</p>	
<p>(ii) Approval of Agenda</p> <p>The Board resolved to approve the Agenda, as circulated.</p>	
<p>(iii) Outstanding Matters</p> <p>The Board received and noted report AB15/56.</p>	
<p>(iv) Matters Approved on Behalf of Academic Board</p> <p>The Board received, noted and ratified report AB15/57, a summary of matters which had been approved by the Chair or Deputy Chair on behalf of the Board:</p> <p>(a) Establishment of Prizes</p> <p>(i) School of Humanities and Social Sciences, CASSC: Art History Alumni Third Year Prize, as detailed in Attachment A to AB15/57.</p>	

- (ii) La Trobe Business School, CASSC: Strategem Community Foundation Prize, as detailed in Attachment B to AB15/57.
- (b) Honorary Degree Nominations:
 - (i) Lisa Bellear - DLitt, as detailed in Attachment C to AB15/57.
- (c) Coursework Committee Report 18 June 2015, as detailed in Attachment D to AB15/57
 - Appointment of Dr Peter Vitartas as the Chair of the Coursework:
 - Revision to the Master of Electronic Engineering (SMELE)
 - Closure to the Bachelor of Information Technology (SBITSY) and (SBIST)
 - Revision to the Bachelor of Agricultural Sciences (SBAG)
 - Revisions to the Master AMIDV Master of International Development, AMIRL Master of International Relations, AMJI Master of Journalism Innovation, AMSTC Master of Strategic Communication, Graduate Certificate in International Development (ACDST), Graduate Certificate in International Relations (ACIR), Graduate Certificate in Journalism Innovation (ACJI), Graduate Certificate in Strategic Communication (ACSC), Graduate Diploma in International Development (AGDST), Graduate Diploma in International Relations (AGIR), Graduate Diploma in Journalism Innovation (AGJI), Graduate Diploma in Strategic Communication (AGSC), Graduate Certificate in Community Planning and Development (ACCPD) and Graduate Diploma in Community Planning and Development (AGCPD)
- (d) New degree-Bachelor of Engineering Honours (SHENG), as detailed in Attachment E to AB15/57

(v) Report of the Vice-Chancellor

The Board received and noted paper AB15/58, 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/5/58-%20Report%20of%20the%20VC_August.pdf

The Vice-Chancellor spoke to the report and reported the following additional items:

1. *Higher Education Reform*
 - Education Minister, the Hon Christopher Pyne has signalled that he intends to re-introduce his higher education reforms later this year.
 - Consultant, Robert Griew has been commissioned by the Minister to conduct a review to identify priorities and possible amendments to the legislation.
 - The willingness of the Minister to consider amendments to the legislation would indicate that the re-introduction of the tertiary education bill should not be seen as a trigger for a double dissolution
2. *Review of Research Funding Boosting the Commercial Returns from Research strategy.*
 - As part of the Review being led by Dr Ian Watt an issues paper on how to capitalise the research of Australian universities and translate it into economic advantage was released on the 11 August.

- Submissions in response to the Review Paper are required by mid-September.
3. *Bendigo Writers' Festival*
- Congratulations are extended to the La Trobe staff who contributed to the very successful Bendigo Writer's Festival.
4. *State Government Policy and Reviews*
- The state government is proceeding with its plan to reinstate student and staff representatives on university councils.
 - As part of the VET Funding Review established by the Minister for Training and Skills, an Issues paper has been released that considers inter alia, the establishment of a regional Polytechnic to offer a mix of VET and bachelor degrees
 - La Trobe University will provide a submission in response to the VET Funding Issues Paper outlining the already existent work being undertaken in collaboration with TAFE colleges in Victoria's regional areas.
5. *Open Day 2015*
- The University is currently half way through its Open Day program with events to be held on the Bendigo, Albury and Wodonga and Mildura campuses in the following weeks.
 - It is important to acknowledge all the staff who have participated and contributed to making these events so successful.

PART B – MATTERS FOR APPROVAL

481.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2015 [AB15/54(M)] were confirmed.

481.2 Items for Approval not requiring discussion

481.2.1 Award of Degrees and Diplomas

The Board received report AB15/59 and **resolved to approve** the award of higher degrees, the award of degrees and diplomas and the rescission and awarding of degrees as detailed therein.

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481.2.2 Establishment of Prizes

The Board **resolved to approve** the establishment of the following prizes:

- (a) La Trobe Business School: Greg Ellis Memorial Award, as detailed in report AB15/60.
- (b) Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional): The Regional Women in Leadership Bursary, as detailed in report AB15/61.

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481.2.3 Committee Membership

The Board approved the appointment of Dr Carolyn O'Dwyer as the interim Chair of the Admissions Committee (until February 2016.)

481.3 Standing Committees of Academic Board

481.3.1 Report of Academic Quality Committee: 13 May 2015

The Board received report AB15/62 and noted that the Academic Quality Committee had considered the following items at a meeting held on 17 June 2015:

- (a) Report of the Chair.
- (b) Research Suite of Policies:
 - Research Data Management Policy.
 - Use of External Data Services Policy
- (c) Research Suite of Policies:
 - Conditions of Candidature for Higher Degrees Policy and Procedure.
 - Support for Research Postgraduate Policy.
- (d) Academic Progress Monitoring and Intervention Policy and Procedures.
- (e) Subject Minimum Online Presence Policy and Procedures.
- (f) Preparations for TEQSA.

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481.3.2 Report of the Coursework Committee: 19 June 2015

The Board received report AB15/63 and noted that the Coursework Committee had considered the following items at a meeting held on 19 June 2015:

- (a) Chair's Report.
- (b) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- (c) Membership Report.
- (d) Course Submissions from the Colleges of ASSC and SHE
- (e) Academic Board approval of the Revisions to the Award Nomenclature.

The Board **resolved to approve** the Academic Course Review Reports and Action Plans for :

- Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Sciences Honours
- Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Podiatric Practice
- Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Prosthetics and Orthotics
- Graduate Certificate in Family Therapy and Master of Clinical Therapy

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481.3.3 Report of the Coursework Committee: 16 July 2015

The Board received report AB15/64 and noted that the Coursework Committee had considered the following items at a meeting held on 19 June 2015:

- (a) Chair's Report.
- (b) Outcomes of Circular Resolution.
- (c) Matters Arising from the Minutes.
- (d) Course Submissions from the Colleges of ASSC and SHE

The Board **resolved to approve:**

- (i) The following course submissions, as detailed in Attachment One to AB15/64:

New Course

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce

- Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Agricultural Science.

Course Revisions

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce

- Master of Management (Sports Management) LMMSM.
 - Master of Business Analytics LMBAN.
 - Graduate Certificate in Management (Public Sector) LCMPS
 - Diploma in Business, LDBE and LDBH
 - Bachelor of Business (Marketing), LBBMK
 - Bachelor of Business, LBB, LMBBSY and LBBH
 - Bachelor of International Business, LBIB and LBIBSY
 - Bachelor of Accounting LBCD
 - Bachelor of Media and Communication ABMC
 - Bachelor of Business (Marketing) LBBMK (second revision)
 - Bachelor of Arts ABA
 - Bachelor of Media and Communications ABMC (second revision)
- College of Science, Health and Engineering
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) SHCEB and SHCE
 - Bachelor of Agriculture and Technology (SBATE)
 - Master of Nanotechnology (SMNT)

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The Board **resolved** to **approve** the Academic Course Review Reports and Action Plans as detailed in Attachment 2 to AB15/64 for :

- Bachelor of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery
- Computer Science and Information Technology

The Board **noted** that the Coursework Committee had suspended the following courses from 2016:

- Bachelor of Electronic Engineering (Honours) SHELE
- Bachelor of Electronic Technology SBET
- Bachelor of Mechatronic and Robotic Engineering (Honours) SHMRE
- Bachelor of Computer Systems Engineering (Honours) SHCSY
- Bachelor of Computer Science(Hons)/Bachelor of Electronic Engineering (Hons) SZCSEE
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering/Bachelor of Business SZCEBB
- Bachelor of Civil Engineering/Bachelor of Science SZCESB

481.3.4 Report of the Education Committee: 22 July 2015

The Board received report AB15/65 and noted that the Education Committee had considered the following items at a meeting held on 22 July 2015:

- (a) Acting Chair's Report.
- (b) Student Learning Experiences and Student Feedback on Teaching and Subjects.
- (c) Request for Exemption to the Double, Combined, Dual and Joint Qualifications Policy for the Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor Agricultural Science.
- (d) Proposed Revisions to the Subject Minimum Online Policy, Procedure and Guidelines.
- (e) Progress Report on the Distinctive Education Project.
- (f) Outcome of the 2014 University Experience Survey.
- (g) Future Ready Metrics- Learning and Teaching.

The Board **resolved to approve**;

- the change to the composition of the Education Committee as detailed in Attachment 1 to AB15/65

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The Board **noted**:

- 2014 University Experience Survey Outcomes, as detailed in Attachment 2 to AB15/65
- the Education Committee's granting of an exemption to the new double degree Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Agricultural Science under the Double, Combined, Dual and Joint Qualifications Policy.

481.3.5 Report of the Research and Graduate Studies Committee: 19 June 2015

The Board received report AB15/66 and noted that the Research and Graduate Studies Committee had considered the following items at a meeting held on 19 June 2015:

- (a) Research Policies and Procedures.
- (b) Selection of an Online Survey Platforms.
- (c) RGSC Annual Report for 2014.
- (d) Incentives Report.
- (e) Retention Strategy.
- (f) E-Research Strategic Plan.
- (g) Proposal for Establishment of Research Platforms.
- (h) Mentorship Program Updates
- (i) OGTR and Non-compliance.
- (j) Research Project Auditing
- (k) Sub-committee and Working Group Reports.
- (l) Research Centres and Institutes Annual Reports
- (m) Library Report

The Board **resolved to approve** the following policies, as detailed in Attachment 1 to AB15/66:

- Outside Work Policy and Procedures
- La Trobe Consulting Policy and Procedures
- Research Contracts and Grants Policy and Procedures

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The Board noted that the recorded outcomes for the 2014 Postgraduate Writing-up Award incentives appeared to be somewhat disappointing. The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Andrew Brennan advised the Board that the outcomes for the staff internal grant scheme were much more successful.

481.4 Other Matters

481.4.1 Emeritus Professor Nomination: Ramon Lewis

The Board received report AB15/67 and **resolved to approve** the proposal, as endorsed by the Vice-Chancellor, to confer the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Ramon Lewis.

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PART C – MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

481.5 Matters for Information

481.5.1 Adjunct Appointments

The Board received report AB15/68 and noted that the Vice-Chancellor and Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor had recently approved the following adjunct appointments:

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- a) Adjunct Professor: Professor Keith Tester, Thesis Eleven Centre for Cultural Sociology, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of ASSC (appointment – 3 years).
- b) Adjunct Professor: Michael Westerman, Department of Ecology, Environment and Evolution, School of Life Sciences, College of ASSC (re-appointment – 3 years).
- c) Adjunct Professor: Professor John Farrar, School of Law, College of ASSC (appointment – 3 years).
- d) Adjunct Associate Professor: Dr Michael Makdissi, Exercise Science, College of SHE (appointment – 2 years).
- e) Adjunct Professor: Professor John Dewar, La Trobe Law School, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Commerce (appointment – 3 years).
- f) Adjunct Professor: Professor Lawrie Moloney, School of Psychology and Public Health, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).
- g) Adjunct Associate Professor: Mr Kai Hsiang Lee, Department of Dentistry and Oral Health, La Trobe Rural Health School, College of SHE (re-appointment – 3 years).

481.5.2 Senior Academic Appointments Report: June 2015

The Board received the Senior Academic Appointments Report: June 2015 and noted that the senior appointments, as detailed in report AB15/69.

PART D – DISCUSSION

481.6 Update on the National Research Environment.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Keith Nugent spoke on the current changes in the national research environment, and in so doing, highlighted the following:

- The current review of Research Funding as part of the Government's *Boosting the Commercial Returns from Research*, focusing on proposed incentives to increase and improve engagement and collaboration with industry.
- The outcome of the Miles Review on the current Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs).
- The current return on investment for La Trobe's contributions to the CRCs and the potential for other collaborative opportunities.
- Various tools being developed overseas to measure research translation and application.

- The anticipated changes to La Trobe's current research strategies to ensure that the university capitalizes on the opportunities for industry engagement.
- The potential impact on PhDs in light of the Government's drive to ensure that research collaborates with industry.
- The establishment of a new position, PVC (Industry Engagement), to help maintain a strong research industry collaboration at LTU.

The presentation is located at the following link:

<https://unite.latrobe.edu.au/sites/sc/sgc/abc/abmeeting2015/Useful%20resources/5/Presentation-The%20Research%20Environment%20at%20La%20Trobe.pdf>

The meeting closed at 10.55am.

481.7 Next Meeting

9.30am
Wednesday 12 August 2015
Council Chamber
John Scott Meeting House
Melbourne Campus

Chair: _____

Date: _____