

La Trobe University has four regional campuses at Bendigo, Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton. Each campus has a Regional Advisory Board

Purpose

1. To be a source of advice to La Trobe University on the strategic direction and local priorities of the campus.
2. To review and provide advice on the campus plan and receive and review University performance reports against the plan.

The Board may request the attendance of people from both within and external to the University with special expertise as required.

Staff and students have the opportunity to make representations on issues of local importance to the RAB; however this does not replace the formal internal structures already in place for the provision of staff input and provision of a student voice

Membership & Appointment

1. Up to ten community members who:
 - are external to the University, and;
 - have an interest in higher education and its relationship with the region, and ;
 - bring special skills relevant to the strategic direction of the Campus and the University
2. In Attendance: Campus Director (or nominee)

Membership of the RAB is by invitation of the Vice-Chancellor and for a term of three years.

The Chair and Deputy Chair are appointed by the Vice-Chancellor.

1. Members
 - Mr Fabian Reid (Chair)
 - Mr David Richardson
 - Ms Sue Clarke
 - Mr Darren McGregor
 - Mr Stan Liacos
 - Mr Jim Dannock
 - Mr Dale Pearce
 - Ms Alex Gartmann
 - Ms Claire Flanagan-Smith
 - Ms Janet Russell
 - Ms Kim Sykes
2. In Attendance
 - Mr Andrew Skewes

Meetings

The board will meet at least twice per year.

The meeting dates and agenda are to be approved by both the Chair and the Campus Director prior to meeting.

The Chair of the Regional Advisory Board will meet with the Chair of other Regional Advisory Boards as a group with the Vice-Chancellor at a minimum six monthly.

Reporting

The board provides advice to the Vice-Chancellor through the Campus Director. The Vice-Chancellor provides a report to University Council on at least a six monthly basis regarding key issues raised by the RAB.

In relation to the campus plan the reporting cycle is as follows;

1. The University, through the campus director, provides the RAB with the draft campus plan and any other information deemed relevant by the University.
2. The RAB provides advice to the University through the Campus Director on the content of the plan.
3. Performance reports against the campus plan are provided to the RAB at least once per year by the University through the Campus Director.
4. The RAB provides advice and commentary on the performance reports through the Campus Director to the University.

In relation to the Chairs meeting with the Vice-Chancellor:

An annual report prepared by the RAB and the Campus Director is to be developed for discussion and included at the Chair's second meeting with the Vice-Chancellor. The report will outline the activities and contribution of the local RAB. These reports are presented at the November meeting of the University Planning and Resources Committee for noting and /or action as appropriate.