ACADEMIC BOARD OUTCOMES

Meeting 03/19

Outcomes of the Academic Board meeting held at 10.00 am on
Friday, 31 May 2019 in Council Chambers, Level 3 Chancellory Building, Bentley Campus.

INTRODUCTION:

Following is a list of outcomes of the Academic Board meeting held on Friday, 31 May 2019:

APPROVALS:

- New course English Language Bridging Course (BR-ENGL1), for commencement in ELB Academic Session 2, 2019, and the English Language Enabling Course for Domestic Students (EN-ENGL1), for commencement in ELB Academic Session 2, 2019.
- Academic Calendar Policy with minor amendments.
- Class Scheduling Policy with minor amendments.
- Successful completion of the Mauritius Higher School Certificate Professional (HSC Pro) meets Curtin University's minimum academic requirements based on the proposed notional ATAR conversion and English Requirements.
- Master of Midwifery (MG-MIDW), effective 01 January 2020, for commencement in Semester 2 2020
- Graduate Certificate in Forensic Psychology (OpenUnis) (OC-PSYFR) for commencement in Open Universities Australia Study Period 3, 2019
- Graduate Certificate in Health Psychology (OpenUnis) (OC-PSYHB), as at Attachment A to Item 12.4, for commencement in Open Universities Australia Study Period 3, 2019
- Graduate Certificate in Digital Marketing (GC-DMKT), for commencement in Semester 1, 2020.
- Innovative School Scholars Program (NA-ISSP).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Note the following:

- Curtin Singapore –Strategic Plan Update and Monitoring Report.
- Strategic Plan Update and Monitoring Report on the Faculty of Business and Law.
- Scholarships 2018 Annual Report.
- Accreditation letter of approval for the Bachelor of Commerce Finance and Financial Planning Double Major (MJDU-FNPLN)
- Progress of Curriculum Analysis Review and Renewals (CARRs). Academic Board requested a high level one-page status report be provided for distribution prior to each meeting for the remainder of 2019 to monitor progress.
- Report on Academic Integrity and Student Misconduct for 2018.
- Quality and Excellence in Learning and Teaching, March 2019 Report.
- Campus and Transnational Programs Quarterly Reports for Curtin Singapore, Curtin Malaysia, Hong Kong University (HKU) School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE), Faculty of Humanities, Quarter 2, 2019 Report and SEAMEO RETRAC, Faculty of Humanities, Quarter 2, 2019 Report.
Recommend the following:

- Consequent on the approval of new courses as noted above, that the DVC-A be authorised to approve new units and deactivate redundant units and courses once all student issues are finalised.
- That the DVC-A approve the draft Class Scheduling Procedures, with minor amendments.
- That the DVC-I approve the Campus and Transnational Program Quarterly Reports noted above.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- **Academic Board Chairperson’s Report**: Chair’s diary of meetings; the Chair also highlighted the following matters:
  - The TEQSA revised note on Academic Integrity which included references to the Research Code of Conduct and foreshadowed a future guidance note on Exam Integrity which would be issued by TEQSA and which is being contributed to by Jon Yorke and others at Curtin;
  - Draft legislation, including foreshadowed amendments to the TEQSA Act dealing with contract cheating which were expected to progress following the recent Federal election;
  - Progress on the implementation of the External Review of Academic Governance; noting meetings had recently been held with the Vice-Chancellor and Provost; and
  - The Chair advised of a health check conducted in relation to English Language requirements, as a follow on from the *Four Corners* Report.
  - An update on a contract cheating workshop was provided by Professor Jon Yorke.
  - Professor Jill Downie provided the Board with a summary of the recently held Deans of Teaching and Learning Summit held in Singapore.

- **Vice-Chancellor’s report**: The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following matters in the Report:
  - Thanks were conveyed to Professor Marion Kickett for the Welcome to Country provided during reconciliation week. Professor Terry highlighted the University’s public support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the launch of the Elevate Reconciliation Action Plan.
  - Congratulations were extended to re-elected and newly elected members of the Board and also to the Pro Vice-Chancellor’s from Singapore and Mauritius who were able to join the meeting reflecting the One Curtin approach.
  - The newly formed Federal Government, noting congratulations had been extended to the Minister for Education and the Minister for Industry, Science and Technology.
  - The health check undertaken in relation to English language requirements; members were encouraged to express concerns to the Chair, Academic Board.
  - Noting the External Review of Academic Governance, the Vice-Chancellor requested the Chair, Academic Board circulate the summary of key recommendations to the Board at a future meeting.
  - Discussions relating to conditions imposed by TEQSA upon Charles Sturt University demonstrated the importance of Academic Board and its oversight as a governing committee of the University.

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