ACADEMIC BOARD OUTCOMES
Meeting 07/19

Outcomes of the Academic Board meeting held at 10.00 am on Friday, 27 September 2019 in Council Chambers, Level 3 Chancellory Building, Perth Campus.

INTRODUCTION:
Following is a list of outcomes of the Academic Board meeting held on Friday, 27 September 2019.

APPROVALS:

- Proposed Academic Calendar 2023.
- Graduate Diploma in Environment and Climate Emergency (GD-ENVCLM) for commencement in Semester 1, 2020.
- Graduate Certificate in Environment and Climate Emergency (GC-ENVCLM) for commencement in Semester 1, 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic that she approves the creation of new units consequent upon course approvals noted above.
- To the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic that she approves the deactivation of units and courses consequent upon course approvals noted above and once all student issues are finalised and OUA requirements met where applicable.
- To the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, International that he approves the Campus and Transnational Programs Annual and Quarterly Reports for the Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology Annual Report for 2018; and Curtin Malaysia, Faculty of Humanities, Quarter 4, 2019 Report.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Curtin Mauritius - Strategic Plan Update and Monitoring Report.
- Strategic Plan Update and Monitoring Report on the Faculty of Science and Engineering.
- Compliance Update and the status of academic policy reviews and statute reviews.
- A grade result of 4 in the subjects of English Language, or English Literature, or English as a Second Language in the qualification of General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) and/or International General Certificate of Secondary Education will be considered to meet Curtin University’s minimum undergraduate English language proficiency.
- Faculty of Business and Law Academic Communication Development summary report.
- The requirement to ensure a sustainable curriculum strategy, including the requirement for cross-faculty specialisations for course approvals noted above.
- Strategic overview of the Graduate Research School.
• August 2019 report of HDR milestones and progression reports.
• The establishment of the Informal Research Activities Working Group.
• eVALUate University Report, Semester 1 2019.
• The IRIS (Intelligent Remote Invigilation System) Implementation at Curtin.
• Report on English language concession procedures (coursework).
• Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (Cth) (ESOS Act) Audit Follow-Up Internal Audit Report.
• Campus and Transnational Programs Annual and Quarterly Reports for Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology Annual Report for 2018; and Curtin Malaysia, Faculty of Humanities, Quarter 4, 2019 Report.

REPORTS AND UPDATES:

• Academic Board Chairperson’s Report: Chair’s diary of meetings; update on the implementation of the External Review of Academic Governance; update on Faculty consultative process including ‘town hall’ meetings held in mid-September as part of the Academic Freedom and Freedom of Expression Policy consultation process.

• Vice-Chancellor’s report: The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following matters in the Report:
  
  • External Review: The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the work of the Chair, Professor Dale Pinto, Secretariat staff and members of the Academic Board Executive for their work on implementing the recommendations of the External Review of Academic Governance at Curtin University. She noted that while the panel’s feedback was overwhelmingly positive the changes recommended are expected promote improved governance framework and processes across the University.
  
  • Staff Achievements: Congratulations were extended to Dr Katarina Milijkovic from the Faculty of Science and Engineering, the recipient of the 2019 WA Young Poppy of the Year in recognition of her contribution to the planetary sciences.
  
  • Grants: Details of those recently awarded NHMRC grants was highlighted.
  
  • Academic Freedom: The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged the work of the Provost, Professor John Cordery and the Chair, Professor Dale Pinto in the consultation process in relation to the draft Academic Freedom and Freedom of Speech Policy arising out of the French Review and development of the Model Code for Universities. It was noted Council will consider the draft Policy at its final meeting of 2019.
  
  • Higher Education The Vice-Chancellor noted the Federal Education Minister had accepted the seven recommendations of the final report of the National Regional, Rural and Remote Tertiary Education Strategy.
  
  • Foreign Interference: The Federal Government has established a new taskforce to provide greater protection for universities from foreign interference. Curtin will appoint a lead Deputy Vice-Chancellor to be involved in the taskforce and associate working groups to ensure researchers and academics across Curtin are informed of any relevant changes.

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