

## What happened @ Academic Board

9 August 2023

### Key decisions/actions by the Academic Board

#### Annual Course Reviews (ACRs)

- Annual Course Reviews were approved

#### 2024 Course Handbooks

- Course handbooks were approved
- Embedding more indigenous content across all courses at the Institute was identified as a priority

#### GPA and Inherent Qualities

It was agreed that:

- Students in the first year of the Counselling and Psychotherapy program will be advised via the handbook that progression to their second year in the Master program is contingent upon achieving a distinction level GPA
- The board discussed the need to introduce inherent requirements for professional training requirements. These will be brought back to the board later in the year for approval.

#### VET Programs

- Short courses report was discussed and accepted
- A suite of courses will be available next year and the TAS (Training and Assessment Schedule) for each VET program will be sent to Academic Board

#### Policy Updates

- [SSP014 international Students Transfer Policy and Procedure](#) was approved

### Report from the Chair of the Academic Board

- Professor Simon Crowe was welcomed as the new Chair of Academic Board
- Prof Crowe will also be a member of Council
- Prof John Catford, the previous Chair of Academic Board, is now Chair of Council

### Hot Topics

#### 2022 QILT survey data

- QILT Data showed that student satisfaction at the Institute was high

#### Planning Day

- Staff feedback from Planning Day indicated a high level of satisfaction with the format

#### Strategic Plan

- A new strategic plan is being formulated
- The three pillars of education, practice and research are being integrated as a triple helix into practice across the Institute

## **Report from the Dean**

- Prof Byrne is working closely with the leadership team, looking at the priorities around individual course learning outcomes and graduate learning outcomes
- Prof Byrne has started consolidating some of the meetings to ease time constraints
- Work towards exploring new opportunities for courses will start later in 2023

## **CRICOS and Accreditation**

- The Institute has submitted CRICOS and APAC accreditation documents
- Two new Bachelor courses are under consideration by TEQSA
- The Institute is looking towards the next accreditation cycle in 2026
- It is the Institute's objective to ensure that all of the courses are without conditions

## **Student Services**

- The new application portal will be open shortly
- Applications open for February 2024 on 16 August 2023
- The 2022 TCSI verifications data was recently completed. Prof von Treuer thanked the Student Services team for the extraordinary job they had done dealing with this challenge behind the scenes

## **Staffing updates**

- A new staff member, Macarena Verdugo, has joined the Student Services team as the Data and Compliance Officer

## **Upcoming meetings**

- 4 October 2023
- 6 December 2023