



What happened @ Academic Board

4 October 2023

Key decisions/actions by the Academic Board

Course Standards Committee

- Inherent requirements
 - It was unanimously agreed that the inclusion of Inherent Requirements, as a standard for professional programs, would become part of the application process at the Institute
 - These requirements are designed to help potential applicants reflect on the nature of working as a professional in the fields of psychology, and counselling and psychotherapy, so that they can assess, prior to applying, whether the course of study and profession is right for them
- Examination of Thesis policy
 - It was unanimously agreed that changes to this policy were appropriate. Moving forward, thesis examination will no longer receive a grade out of 100. Instead, for a Doctoral or AQF level 10 thesis, the examiner will make a recommendation in the following categories of:
 - Pass without further amendments
 - Pass with minor amendments
 - Major revision with re-examination
 - Fail
- Bachelor program
 - Changes around the timing of some unit offerings have been undertaken to align with the Graduate Diploma offerings and were unanimously approved
- Child, Youth and Family Mental Health and Wellbeing program
 - The changes reflect that this program is around family counselling rather than individual counselling. These changes were unanimously approved.

Policy Updates

- [RP008 Examination of Thesis Policy](#)
- Cairnmillar Student Society Terms of Reference (ToR)
 - It was agreed that this policy required additional information. As such, this ToR will be circulated out of cycle to the Academic Board Chair for approval when finalised

Report from the Chair of Academic Board

The Chair of Academic Board thanked the Student Representatives for attending Academic Board. He expressed how important it was to have their contribution.

Hot Topics

GOS-L & SES survey data

- In the short-term 62.5% of graduates were employed six months after graduation from the Institute. Three years later, almost 93% were in full-time employment.

- All graduates from Counselling and Psychotherapy were employed in occupations relevant to their qualification
- Of psychology graduates, all except two, were working in occupations relevant to their qualification
- Overall, 82.8% of students had a positive experience at the Institute; 6.1 percentage points above the national average. Teaching quality for the Institute was 89.3% positive, seven percentage points higher than the national average
- The Institute consistently ranks above the national average on the Student Experience Survey (SES) in relation to the quality of the entire educational experience

Planning day and end of year celebration

- The upcoming staff planning day is scheduled for half a day on Thursday 30 November. This will be followed by the Cairnmillar end of year celebration dinner at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

Report from the Dean

- Accreditation
 - The CRICOS application for the accreditation renewal has been submitted
 - The APAC response to conditions has been submitted
 - The PACFA accreditation meeting will go ahead on 16 November 2023

Staffing updates

- A new staff member has joined the Institute as the Learning Equity Officer and will start on 18 October 2023. They come with an excellent background and relevant experience within the higher education sector

Report from Student Services

- Student Services are currently managing admissions. Applications for most programs will close on 31 October 2023. It is anticipated that by the end of October, there will be 1000 applicants
- Re-enrolment and new enrolments will open on 24th November 2023
- Student Services are also prepping for the October 2023 student conferral

Other business

- Staff Representatives for Academic Board in 2024
 - Academic Board Staff Representatives, Dr David Butler and Michael di Mattia, were elected by their peers in 2022 for a term of two years. As such, their term is drawing to a close. A call for new Academic Board Staff Representatives will be sent out towards the end of this year.
- Student Representatives for Academic Board 2024
 - Academic Board Student Representatives, Victoria Arklie, Dilan Bas and Edy Xie were nominated by their peers in 2023 for a term of one year. As such, their terms are drawing to a close. A call out for new Academic Board Student Representatives will be sent out at the beginning of Semester 1, 2024. For further details regarding elections, see here: [Student Representation and Students Associations](#)

Upcoming meetings in 2023

Wednesday 6 December 2023