

What happened @ Academic Board

27 NOVEMBER 2024

1. WELCOME

- The Cairnmillar institute welcomes:
 - Professor Catriona Davis-McCabe has commenced at the Institute as part of the Post Registration team
 - Fairlie Morgan will commence in January 2025 as the new Aboriginal Scholar
- Farewell to:
 - Professor Peter Norton was farewelled and thanked for his contribution to the Institute

2. KEY DECISIONS/ACTIONS BY THE ACADEMIC BOARD

- Major Course Reviews
 - The Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science MCR received very positive reviews from the panel
 - It was noted that this course is competitively priced and one of the shortest courses available
 - Additional marketing is needed to increase the student numbers
 - The Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) course was also received with very positive reviews from the panel
 - The use of artificial intelligence was discussed extensively
 - It was agreed that embedding AI into assessments would be best for student learning outcomes, but to also include viva voce assessments to evaluate learning objectives
- Course Standards Committee unanimously approved:
 - Bachelor of Psychology and Counselling
 - Unit changes to the Bachelor of Psychology and Counselling program; retiring one unit to be replaced with a Research Capstone unit
 - Changes to the assessment requirements
 - Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science
 - Unit changes to the Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science
 - Changes to the assessment requirements
 - Graduate Diploma of Psychological Science and Bachelor of Psychology and Counselling
 - Changes to the alignment of these courses so that the units are aligned between courses
 - A change in strategy so that units across these two programs, at different AQF Levels are taught together
 - Combining units across these two programs is a shift in the Institute's strategy. This change brings the Institute into alignment with other higher education providers that combine AQF levels



- New View Psychology

Academic Board have received feedback in relation to the student support from New View Psychology. This is currently being investigated by Prof Kathryn von Treuer

3. STAFF REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

- There were no updates, however it was noted that staff are very busy at the moment managing the selection process for next year's cohort of students

4. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

- Student Placement
 - Academic Board received comments in relation to student placement experiences and this is currently being investigated
 - Student placement experiences and student anxiety will be a priority discussion at upcoming Clinic meetings
 - Student etiquette will continue to be discussed as a priority, in relation to communication, attitudes and respectfulness towards administration staff
- Artificial Intelligence
 - The use of artificial intelligence and staff and student training continues to be a discussion point, with the aim being to provide greater clarity to staff and students moving forward

5. POLICY UPDATES

- Examination Policy and Procedure
 - The new Examination Policy and Procedure were unanimously approved
 - Online invigilation of exams and exam centres will no longer be part of the exam process

6. REPORT FROM THE DEAN

- Trauma Connect
 - The Institute now has the Graduate Diploma of Trauma Informed Care which will start in 2025
 - This program is being funded by a tender
 - There is already student demand for this program
- International Students
 - The International student cap has changed for the Institute
 - Student Services are currently working to adjust to these changes and increase international students numbers

7. SHORT COURSES – VET

- There are short courses running every week now and these are becoming very consistent
- The Assist program is particularly popular.



- The Institute have received a tender for the G-PIP (Graduate Placement Internship Program) and BAS programs.

8. REPORT FROM STUDENT SERVICES

- Applications
 - Applications opened early this year and numbers are tracking very well
 - Student Services are monitoring international enrolment legislation to ensure students coming to the Institute receive dedicated support
 - Meng Lim has been working closely to leverage partnerships with international agencies
 - David Butler is working closely with international students to offer support

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Prof Simon Crowe thanked the Academic Board for running so well. He said that the Academic Board is the gatekeeper for important decisions and discussions and it is here to ensure that students receive a high-quality experience and that the Institute meets its expectations in delivering what is required.

10. MEETINGS IN 2025

- Wednesday 12 February
- Wednesday 16 April
- Wednesday 4 June
- Wednesday 13 August
- Wednesday 8 October
- Wednesday 26 November