CONFIRMED MINUTES OF MEETING 21/5 OF
ACADEMIC BOARD – 10 NOVEMBER 2021

Meeting 21/5 of the Academic Board of the University of Technology Sydney held at 9am on Wednesday 10 November 2021 via Zoom:
https://zoom.uts.edu.au/j/85930695824
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PRESENT:	Professor Anthony Dooley (Chair), Dr Vitali Alekseev, Professor Shirley Alexander, Professor Debra Anderson, Associate Professor Matthew Arnold, Ms Hannah Arroyo (alternate to Ms Brooke Smith), Professor Monica Attard, Professor Ian Burnett, Mr Kurt Cheng, Associate Professor Alexandra Crosby, Professor Alan Davison, Dr Daniel Demant, Professor Sara Denize, Dr Rosalie Goldsmith, Mr Michael Gonzalez, Professor Lesley Hitchens, Associate Professor Christina Ho, Distinguished Professor Isabel Karpin, Mr Ricky Kirby, Mr Bevin Liu, Professor Michael McDaniel, Professor David McGloin, Ms Charlotte McHenry (present for 60 minutes), Associate Professor Jan McLean, Ms Bupe Mwamba, Dr Christina Nikitopoulos, Mr Aidan O'Rourke, Professor Andrew Parfitt, Ms Jessica Pierce, Professor Lisa Pont, Professor William Purcell, Ms Aishwaryalakshmi Rajeev (present for 40 minutes), Associate Professor Julie Robert, Associate Professor Tim Schork, Professor Peter Scott, Associate Professor Lynn Sinclair, Professor Joanne Tipper, Dr Nicole Vincent, Professor Stuart White, Professor Glenn Wightwick and Ms Jacqui Wise.

Mr Bill Paterson (University Secretary), and Ms Liezel Swart (Acting Executive Officer). |
IN ATTENDANCE:	Ms Deborah Crook (Executive Officer to UTS Council), the Hon. Verity Firth (Executive Director, Social Justice for item 7.3), Associate Professor Alex Munt (Acting Dean, Strategic Research School for item 6.1), Industry Professor Edward Santow (Centre for Social Justice and Inclusion), and Ms Sonal Singh (Executive Manager Student Equity for item 7.3).
OBSERVERS:	Ms Karen Groth and Professor Leona Tam.
APOLOGIES:	Dr James Cleverly, Associate Professor Maxine Evers, Professor Elizabeth Mossop, Ms Farah Rehman, Ms Brooke Smith, and Professor Anita Stuhmcke.
ABSENT:	Professor Xiangjing Sean He and Mr Ricky Kirby.

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1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 WELCOME/APOLOGIES

RESOLVED AB/21-5/75 – Welcome/Apologies

Academic Board resolved to note the apologies received from members as noted above and agree that these members be excused for their absence.

Note for the record

The Chair opened the meeting with an Acknowledgment of Country and of the Traditional Owners.

The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting (including observers and attendees) and thanked members for attending via Zoom. Student members present introduced themselves.

The Chair welcomed Lesley Hitchens, in the role of Acting Provost, Anita Stuhmcke in the role of Acting Dean of Faculty of Law, and Professor William Purcell, the Head of the TD School, who has become an ex officio member of Academic Board.

The Chair noted that 21/5 Academic Board (10 November) will be Professor Peter Scott, Pro Vice- Chancellor (Education) and Dr James Cleverly (Faculty of Science) last meeting and thanked them for their contribution to Academic Board.

The Chair congratulated Professor Andrew Parfitt, Acting Vice-Chancellor, and President, for being appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Technology Sydney. Professor Parfitt's term as Vice-Chancellor will commence on Monday 15 November.

The Chair thanked members of Academic Board and its committees for their service and valuable contribution in 2021.

The apologises as listed above were received and leave of absence from the meeting granted.

There were no declarations of interest.

1.2 MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of meeting 21/4 held Wednesday 29 September 2021

RESOLVED AB/21-5/76

Academic Board resolved to confirm the minutes of meeting 21/4 of Academic Board held on Wednesday 29 September 2021, as detailed in Document 1.2, as a true record, after incorporating changes noted below.

Note for the record

Following amendment was noted for item 2.2 and approved by Academic Board:

All changes are in bold and underline.

- Dr Jiao Jiao **Li** who has won the sixth Falling Walls Lab Australia award.

1.3 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

1.4 RECEIPT OF TABLED PAPERS

There were no tabled papers.

1.5 STARRING OF ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
RESOLVED AB/21-5/77 – Starring of items

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   star items 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 6.1, 6.2 and 7.3; and

.2   adopt the remaining unstarred items as approved.

Note for the record

The following items were pre-starred: 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.5, 6.1, 6.2 and 7.3.

The Chair noted that agenda items 3.2 will be unstarred. The agenda item 6.2 UTS: AI Ethics and Initiatives will be considered after agenda item 7.3 UTS Access Scheme presentation.

Members were invited to star further items for discussion. No further items were starred.

2 REPORTS FROM THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR
*2.1 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR
RESOLVED AB/21-5/78 – Report from the Chair/Deputy Chair

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   receive and note the report as detailed in Document 2.1 – *Report from the Chair/Deputy Chair* and its attachment;

.2   note the executive action taken by the Chair of Academic Board on 3 November 2021 to approve the grading of awards for graduands in

November 2021 as listed in the following schedules presented by the faculties:

- Schedule 1 – Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
- Schedule 2 – UTS Business School
- Schedule 3 – Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building
- Schedule 4 – Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology
- Schedule 5 – Faculty of Health
- Schedule 6 – Faculty of Law
- Schedule 7 – Faculty of Science
- Schedule 8 – Graduate Research School
- Schedule 9 – Faculty of Transdisciplinary Innovation
- Schedule 10 – Graduate School of Health

.1   that graduands in their respective courses of the nine faculties indicated in recommendation 1. above, as listed in Schedules 1-10 be admitted to the appropriate degrees or awarded the appropriate diplomas and graduate certificates as designated; and

.2   that graduands, as designated, be awarded the University Medals.

.3   note the 2021 Academic Board Forward Plan as detailed in **Attachment 1** of Document 2.1.

Note for the record

The Chair noted that the 2021 Academic Board forum held on 13 October 2021 was a success with around 176 attendees present. The forum brought together groups and individuals with an interest in climate change and its impact, showcasing the distinctive depth and breadth of UTS's activity and expertise in this critical area. The Chair thanked the members for attending and the presenters for the informative presentations.

The Chair highlighted the 2021 Forward Plan and the executive action undertaken by the Chair.

The Chair noted that he attended the Committee of Chairs of Academic Board meeting where the following topics were discussed: Academic Governance; Institutional response to Academic Integrity; Foreign Interference; Self-Assessment of Academic Governance; and risk management of universities at a national level.

*2.2   REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

RESOLVED AB/21-5/79 – Report from the Vice-Chancellor

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 2.2 – *Report from the Vice-Chancellor*.

Note for the record

Professor Andrew Parfitt, Acting Vice-Chancellor, thanked the members of the Board for reaching out to congratulate him on his new appointment. The Acting Vice-Chancellor is looking forward to leading the UTS community and working with Academic Board particularly given the crucial role Academic Board plays in support of achieving the University's strategic objectives.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor spoke to his report, highlighting the following and noting that the rest of the report be taken as read:

- Professor Parfitt extended his congratulations to Emeritus Professor Andrew Jakubowicz who has been elected as a new Fellow of the Academy Social Sciences of Australia.

- **COVID-19 update:** The health and safety of our students, staff and wider community remains our number one priority. We are currently reviewing our own plans for reactivating the campus to make sure we stay aligned to the official health advice that underpins this framework, while providing increased access to the campus.

- **International students:** The NSW Government announced the International Student Arrival Pilot program, which will welcome 500 continuing students back to NSW. This phased return of fully vaccinated international students to NSW has also been approved by the Federal Government. The Prime Minister also recently announced a Singaporean/Australian international travel bubble, meaning fully vaccinated Singaporean students entering New South Wales as part of the pilot program would not have to quarantine.

- **Intellectual Property Framework:** The Acting Vice-Chancellor noted the recent release of the Federal Government's proposed Intellectual Property Framework. The ATN (Australian Technology of Universities Network) has expressed our position that it may not be fit-for-purpose, and that there is a real risk that if the commercialisation environment is too tightly regulated and subject to onerous reporting burdens, the Government will discourage the kind of commercialisation activities we intend to promote and pursue.

3   **PRIORITY ISSUES**

*3.1   UTS 2027 Strategy and Fit for 2027

RESOLVED AB/21-5/80 – UTS 2027 Strategy and Fit for 2027

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the presentation on UTS 2027 Strategy and Fit for 2027.

Note for the record

Academic Board received a presentation from Professor Andrew Parfitt, Acting Vice-Chancellor, on UTS 2027 strategy. The Board noted the 2022-2024 initiatives and launch overview, and the prioritisation update.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor highlighted the following updates from the Fit for 2027 project:

- **Portfolio Realignment**: Mr Glen Babington has been appointed as the new Chief Operating Officer (COO). He is working with the leaders of the various units to ensure we have resources in the right place to deliver strategic outcomes for the university, and to drive a shared service approach that covers accessibility to all areas across the university.

- **Data Strategy**: The Data Analytics and InsightS Centre (Stage 1) of this strategy is complete.

- **Faculty Academic Staffing**: Final Faculty change plans have been progressively developed and approved and implementation is commencing with a view to being completed by the end of the year

- **Property and space utilisation**: Work is ongoing to develop a new work environment model for UTS through the pilots in Building 10 and Building 7, with stakeholders in Health and FASS looking at opportunities for increased collaboration across faculties in the use of facilities.

- **UTS College alignment**: The relocation of UTS College to campus from late 2022 is still on track and work is ongoing in relation to the integration and alignment of systems and processes.

- **Hubs project**: The Hubs project team are working on a phased implementation that will ensure change is sustainable and project vision can be realised.

- **Financial update**: The University had to save approximately $100 million across 2021 and 2022 to move towards financial sustainability in future years. UTS is on track to deliver on this target.

The Board requested further clarification of the space utilisation protocol, specifically the engagement of external consultants to facilitate these processes. The Acting Vice-Chancellor stated that the approach the Facilities Unit use, is the approach we use for UTS space design more broadly.

3.2   COVID-19 Decision Register

RESOLVED AB/21-5/81

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.2 – *COVID-19 Decision Register*.

*3.3   Strategic Risk Assessment for Academic Board

RESOLVED AB/21-5/82 - Strategic Risk Assessment for Academic Board

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   receive and note the report as detailed in Document 3.3 – *Review of Strategic Risk Assessment* and its attachments;

.2   approve the amendments to the Strategic Risk Assessment for Academic Board, as detailed in **Attachment 1** of Document 3.3;

.3   note the feedback received from Academic Board committees on the Strategic Risk Assessment for Academic Board, as detailed in **Attachment 2** of Document 3.3; and

.4   recommend Academic Board to present the updated Strategic Risk Assessment for Academic Board to Council for noting (via the Audit and Risk Committee).

Note for the record

The Chair noted the amendments to the Strategic Risk Assessment (SRA) in response to:

- feedback received from standing committees of Academic Board
- incorporating risks identified under the review of research risks project undertaken by the Research Committee.

The updated SRA will be considered by Council (via the Audit and Risk Committee) in 2022.

4   COMMITTEE BUSINESS

*4.1   Courses Accreditation Committee Report

RESOLVED AB/21-5/83 – Courses Accreditation Committee Report

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.1 – *Courses Accreditation Committee Report* and its attachments;

New courses/course arrangements

Accreditation

.2 approve the accreditation of the following new courses for recommendation .2.1, as detailed:

Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

.2.1 C04430 Master of Cybersecurity
C04431 Master of Cybersecurity (Extension)

from Autumn Session 2022 until 31 December 2026.

(file: TBC) [OCAP #1659]

Reaccreditations

.3 approve course accreditation for the reaccreditation of the following courses for recommendations .3.1 to .3.4, as detailed:

Full Reaccreditation

Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology

.3.1 C09119 Bachelor of Computing Science (Honours)

from Autumn Session 2022 until 31 December 2026.

(file: UR16/561) [OCAP #1710]

UTS Business School

.3.2 C04426 Master of Finance [offshore]
C11334 Graduate Certificate in Finance [offshore]

from Autumn Session 2022 until 31 December 2026.

(file/s: UR04/138, UR20/274) [OCAP #1529]

Short Reaccreditation

Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building

.3.3 C10271 Bachelor of Design in Interior Architecture
C10272 Bachelor of Design in Interior Architecture BAIS
C10322 Bachelor of Design in Interior Architecture BCII

C09055 Bachelor of Design (Honours) in Interior Architecture (2020)

From Autumn Session 2022 until 31 December 2026

(file: 97/450-2, UR10/380, UR13/307) [OCAP #1515]

.3.4   C10004 Bachelor of Design in Architecture
C10325 Bachelor of Design in Architecture BCII
C09048 Bachelor of Design (Honours) in Architecture (2020)

from Autumn Session 2022 until 31 December 2026

(file: UR94/0551) [OCAP #1513]

Phasing Out and Discontinuation

.4   approve course accreditation for the phasing out and discontinuation for the following course for recommendations .4.1 to .4.3, as detailed:

Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building

.4.1   C11215 Graduate Certificate in Public Leadership and Management

from Autumn session 2022.

file: UR10/156 [OCAP #1776]

Faculty of Health

.4.2   C04140 Master of Health Services Management
C04246 Master of Advanced Health Services Management
C07048 Graduate Diploma in Health Services Management
C11107 Graduate Certificate in Health Services Management

from Autumn session 2022.

(files: UR01/282 (C04140, C07048), UR10/511 (C04246), UR09/309 (C11107)) [OCAP #1758]

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

.4.3   C10264 Bachelor of Global Studies

from Autumn session 2022.

(file/s: UR06/281) [OCAP #1668]

Extension of Accreditation

There are no proposals under this heading.

Other matters for Approval

There are no proposals under this heading.

Note for the record

Academic Board approved 2 new courses, 10 course reaccreditations, phasing out and the discontinuation of 6 courses.

*4.2 Executive Committee of Academic Board Report
RESOLVED AB/21-5/84

Academic Board resolved to:

.1 receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.2 – *Executive Committee of Academic Board Report* and its attachment*;*

.2 note the approval by Executive Committee of Academic Board of the accreditation of various courses as detailed in this report;

.3 approve the changes to the Strategic Risk Assessment, as detailed in **Attachment 1** of Document 3.3; and

.4 approve the changes to the Academic Standards Framework, as detailed in **Attachment 2-4.**

Note for the record

The Chair noted the course accreditation approvals undertaken by 21/7 ECAB. The Academic Standards Framework (ASF) has been updated to reflect the changes in the Threshold Standards that were made earlier in 2021.

4.3 Higher Degree Research Board Report
RESOLVED AB/21-5/85

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.3 – *Higher Degree Research Board Report*.

4.4   Research Committee Report

No report.

*4.5   Teaching and Learning Committee Report

RESOLVED AB/21-5/86 – Teaching and Learning Committee Report

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   receive and note the report as detailed in Document 4.5 – *Teaching and Learning Committee Report* and its attachments;

.2   recommend that Academic Board rescind the Scholarships and Prizes Policy (approved on 4 June 2014, AB/14-2/32.5) and approve the new Scholarships and Prizes Policy as outlined in the report and detailed in **Attachment 1** of Document 4.5;

.3   note the new Scholarships and Prizes Procedures as detailed in **Attachment 2** of Document 4.5 for approval by the Provost in line with the Policy Framework;

.4   note the Nested Degrees Working Group Terms of Reference, composition and membership as detailed in **Attachment 3** of Document 4.5; and

.5   note report on the work of the Student Complaints Resolution Office as detailed in **Attachment 4** of Document 4.5.

Note for the record

Professor Shirley Alexander, Chair of Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) recommended that Academic Board rescind the Scholarships and Prizes Policy and note the new Scholarships and Prizes Policy that was approved by the Provost. The Board noted the Nested Degrees Working Group and the report on the work of the Student Complaints Resolution Office.

5   FACULTY/BOARD MATTERS

RESOLVED AB/21-5/87

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   receive and note the report as detailed in Document 5.1 - *Composition and membership of the TD School Board* and its attachments; and

.2   approve the *Composition of the TD School* Board as outlined in **Attachment 2** of Document 5.1, with effect 1 January 2022.

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6   PRESENTATIONS

*6.1   UTS Research Strategy and Connected HDR Experience Project

RESOLVED AB/21-5/88 – **UTS Research Strategy and Connected HDR Experience Project**

Academic Board resolved to:

.1   receive and note the presentation on UTS Research Strategy and Connected HDR Experience Project; and

.2   receive and note the **Attachments 1-4**, to support the presentation that will be given at the Academic Board meeting on 10 November 2021.

Note for the record

The Board noted an overview of the Connected HDR Experience (CoHDRe) Model (a sub-project within Fit for 2027), which aims to develop a new, connected, and coherent model for the structure and implementation of UTS's graduate research programs (Masters by Research and Doctorates). The Board further noted the overview of the UTS 'One PhD' CoHDRe Proposal. This proposal will aim to articulate what the UTS PhD student experience provides and presents opportunities for recruitment in a challenging post-COVID 19 market.

*6.2   UTS: AI Ethics and Initiatives

RESOLVED AB/21-5/89 – **UTS: AI Ethics and Initiatives**

Academic Board resolved to receive and note the presentation on UTS: AI Ethics and Initiatives.

Note for the record

Academic Board noted the presentation on the major UTS initiative to build Australia's strategic capability in artificial intelligence (AI) and new technology. This initiative will support Australian business and government to be leaders in responsible innovation.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 Late conferrals and corrections to awards

RESOLVED AB/21-5/90

Late conferrals and corrections to awards

Academic Board resolved to:

1. receive and note the report as detailed in Document 7.1 – *Report on Late Conferrals, Corrections to Awards and Rescission of Awards – Spring 2021* in accordance with Delegations 4.10.3, 4.10.4 and 4.10.8; and

2. recommend Council to note the *Report on Late Conferrals, Corrections to Awards and Rescission of Awards – Spring 2021*.

7.2 Preliminary report on 2022 Student Applications

RESOLVED AB/21-5/91

Academic Board resolve to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 7.2 – Preliminary report on 2022 Student Applications and its attachments.

*7.3 UTS Access Schemes

RESOLVED AB/21-5/92 - UTS Access Schemes

Academic Board resolve to receive and note the report as detailed in Document 7.3 – *UTS Access Schemes Report*.

Note for the record

Academic Board noted the progress of the various access schemes that have been developed and implemented in accordance with the university's social justice and inclusion strategic priorities.

8 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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CLOSURE

The Chair thanked all members for their attendance and participation.

The Chair closed the meeting at 11am.

SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD

A.H. Dooley

CHAIR

30/03/2022

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