

Academic Board (AB)



Notice of Meeting: The next AB meeting will be held on:

DATE: Tuesday 17 March 2026
TIME: 10am – 12.30pm
VENUE: **HYBRID: Level 3 Boardroom, Chancellery and via Microsoft Teams**
CHAIR: Professor Alex Steel, Academic Board President

Quorum: 20

AGENDA

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
A	INTRODUCTORY MATTERS	
1.	Acknowledgement of Country	Discuss
2.	Recognition	Discuss
B	PROCEDURAL MATTERS	
3.	Welcome, apologies and leave of absence	Discuss
4.	AB Membership, March 2026	Discuss
5.	Declarations of Conflicts of Interest: Disclosure Policy	Discuss
6.	Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 November 2025	Note
7.	Matters arising and business carried forward, other than business covered on the agenda and/or in the minutes	Discuss
8.	AB Roles and Functions (ToR) and Standing Orders	Discuss
9.	Responsibilities of Officership	Discuss
10.	Adoption of unstarred items, starring of items, rearrangement of the agenda and confirmation of confidential items	Approve
C	AB PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS	
★	11. Report of the Academic Board President	Discuss
★	12. Report and Results of the AB 2025 Self- evaluation Survey	Discuss
★	13. Amendments to the UNSW Rules – Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Academic Board and University Committees and of the Board of Studies	Endorse & recommend for Council approval
	14. AB Annual Workplan 2026	Note
	15. Academic Promotions Report: Professors, effective from 1 January 2026	Note

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16.	Questions on notice – Nil	
★ 17.	Report from the Student Representatives	Discuss
D	VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT	
★ 18.	Report of the Vice-Chancellor (VC)	Discuss
E	DISCUSSION TOPICS	
★ 19.	2026 University Annual Plan	Discuss
★ 20.	Anti-racism and Anti-discrimination Workplan 2026	Discuss
★ 21.	Research Strategy Update • 2026 URC-UHDRC Strategy Day • New UNSW Missions Framework	Discuss
★ 22.	Progress Partners Initiative	Discuss
F	PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS	
★ 23.	UNSW Flex-Semester Transition Governance	Discuss and approve
★ 24.	2025 QILT Student Experience Survey (SES) UNSW Internal outcomes and MyExperience summary	Discuss
★ 25.	UNSW College Strategy Update 2026	Discuss
26.	Lifelong Learning Annual Report 2025	Note
27.	Annual reports of Committees of the Academic Board and University Committees, 2025	Note
G	DVC STANDING REPORTS	
★ 28.	Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education & Student Experience (DVCESE)	Discuss
★ 29.	Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Quality (DVCAQ)	Discuss
★ 30.	Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Enterprise (DVCRE)	Note
H	POLICIES AND PROCEDURES	
31.	Policy Transformation Program (PTP) Update	Note
32.	Policies and Procedures Report	Note

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33.	Creation of a new Research Withdrawal (RW) Grade to address HDR Candidature Discontinuation	Endorse
I	ACADEMIC OFFERINGS – FACULTIES AND BOARD OF STUDIES	
34.	Academic Programs & Specialisations (new & revised), as detailed in ECLIPS and recommended at the ABPC meeting of 20 February 2026 (minutes, agenda item 35.2)	Approve (59)
	Disestablishments and Suspensions	Note
J	MINUTES	
35.	AB Committees, University Committees, Board of Studies (BoS) & Faculty Boards (FBs)	Note
35.1	Program Review Committee	
	35.1.1 20 November 2025 (confirmed)	
	35.1.2 19 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.2	Academic Board Programs Committee	
	20 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.3	University Academic Quality Committee	
	25 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.4	University Higher Degree Research Committee	
	35.4.1 27 November 2025 (confirmed)	
	35.4.2 26 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.5	University Research Committee	
	2 March 2026 circular resolution (confirmed)	
35.6	Arts, Design & Architecture	
	24 November 2025 (confirmed)	
35.7	Business School	
	5 March 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.8	Engineering	
	28 November 2025 (confirmed)	
35.9	Law & Justice	
	12 November 2025 (confirmed)	
35.10	Medicine & Health	
	35.10.1 16 December 2025 (confirmed)	
	35.10.2 9 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.11	Science	
	12 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
35.12	University Board of Studies (BoS)	
	35.12.1 9 October 2025 (circular)	
	35.12.2 17 December 2025 (confirmed)	
	35.12.3 11 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	
	35.12.4 19 February 2026 (confirmed)	
35.13	UNSW Canberra	
	19 February 2026 (unconfirmed)	

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K	OTHER BUSINESS		
36.	UNSW Council Staff and Student Elections – 2026 election schedule and notice	Note	
37.	Proposed Meeting Dates for 2026 and Governance Approval Timelines for 2027 Offerings	Note	
★ 38.	Business without notice	Discuss	12.25pm

Next scheduled hybrid meetings in 2026 Level 3 Boardroom, Chancellery
Tuesday from 10am to 12.30pm
5 May 2026
23 June 2026
11 August 2026
29 September 2026
17 November 2026