The Academic Board is established as a committee of the Council under the provisions of s.182(2) of the Education Act 1989 to advise the Council on matters relating to courses of study or training, awards and other academic matters, and to exercise powers delegated to it by the Council. These powers, defined in detailed terms of reference below, are delegated by the Council under the provisions of s.222(1) of the Education Act 1989.

Terms of Reference

1. To advance and coordinate the academic activities of the University.

2. Informed by participation and communication with the wider academic community through its membership, Faculty Boards and other committees, to serve as a forum within which to initiate and engage in discussion focused on strategic and other academic matters of importance to the University, and, where required, to provide advice to external authorities on behalf of the University with respect to academic matters.

3. To foster across the University
   (a) a constructive and collegial academic culture and effective academic leadership
   (b) high standards in teaching, supervision and research.

4. To consider and make recommendations to Council, either at its own initiative, an initiative of its Faculty Boards or other committees, or by invitation, with respect to
   (a) strategic objectives relating to teaching, learning, supervision and research in the University, and
   (b) any other academic matter.

5. On the basis of consultation with the Faculty Boards and other relevant committees, to approve proposals for new qualifications and programmes of study, for changes to existing qualifications and programmes of study and for the discontinuation of existing qualifications and programmes of study.

6. Informed by the University’s strategic planning framework and priorities, and on the basis of consultation with the Faculty Boards and other relevant committees, to approve new policies, regulations and standards, or changes to existing policies, regulations and standards, relating to
   (a) admission, re-enrolment and credit
   (b) the requirements for the award of qualifications, honorary degrees and other academic distinctions
   (c) assessment
   (d) the appointment of examiners, assessors and moderators
   (e) the granting of scholarships, prizes and similar awards
   (f) research
   (g) agreements in support of academic cooperation and collaboration with other institutions and organisations
   (h) student discipline
   (i) any other academic matter.
7. To make recommendations to Council with respect to
   (a) the Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates Statute
   (b) the Delegation of Powers Statute.

8. To consider recommendations from the Honours Committee with respect to nominations for
   the awards of Honorary Doctor, Emeritus Professor and Honorary Fellow and make comment
   on them to Council with respect to the approval of those nominations.

9. On the basis of consultation with the Faculty Boards, the Animal Ethics Committee and the
    Human Research Ethics Committee, to make recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor with
    respect to policies, regulations and procedures for ethical conduct in research involving
    animals and humans.

10. To serve as a forum for discussion and formulation of advice to the Vice-Chancellor, either on
    its own initiative, an initiative of its Faculty Boards or other committees, or by invitation, with
    respect to the academic implications of alternative structural or organisational arrangements
    in the University.

11. To exercise any powers or functions delegated to it by any statute, policy or regulation or as
    prescribed from time to time by the Council.

12. To receive annual reports from relevant staff of the University on decisions taken by them
    under authorities delegated by the Academic Board under the Delegation of Powers Statute.

13. To report to its committees (Faculty Boards, Research Committee and Education Committee)
    and Council following every meeting with respect to its business under these terms of
    reference.

Approved by
Council, 12 December 2013