

Victoria University Act 2010

Academic Board Regulations 2021 (Amendment No. 2)

The Vice-Chancellor makes the following Regulations:

Dated: 3 September 2025

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1. Objective

The objective of this Regulation is to amend the *Academic Board Regulations 2021* made under the *Governance, Academic and Student Affairs Statute 2013* and Sections 28, 29 and 30 of the *Victoria University Act 2010*.

2. Commencement

This amending Regulation will come into effect on the day it is made by the Council under section 53 of the *Governance, Academic and Student Affairs Statute 2013*.

3. Amendments

- (1) In Part 1 regulation 5 **omit** the words "It is expected to work closely with the Compliance, Audit and Risk Committee and provide advice to Council"
- (2) **Insert** the following regulation after Part 1 regulation 5, and renumber the following regulations consequently:
 6. The Academic Board will work closely with the Audit and Risk Committee and provide advice to Council.
- (3) **Substitute** Part 1 regulation 7 with the following:
 7. The Academic Board may, by resolution:
 - (a) constitute, appoint and dissolve such committee as it thinks fit;
 - (b) determine the composition and terms of reference of its committees, and;
 - (c) elect a chair for each committee from amongst the members of the Academic Board.
- (4) **Omit** Part 1 regulation 8 and renumber the following regulations consequently.
- (5) In Part 1 sub-regulation 11(h) for "6" **substitute** "8".
- (6) In Part 1 sub-regulation 11(i) for "4" **substitute** "5".
- (7) In Part 1 sub-regulation 11(j) for "Polytechnic" **substitute** "TAFE".
- (8) In Part 1 sub-regulation 11 (p) for "7" **substitute** "9".
- (9) **Omit** Part 1 sub-regulation 11(r) and renumber the following sub-regulations consequently.
- (10) In Part 1 sub-regulation 11(w) for "2e" **substitute** "3a".
- (11) **Substitute** Part 2 regulation 1 with the following:

1. The Academic Board has particular responsibility for academic matters and is the ultimate authority on academic quality assurance for the University. It is tasked with ensuring the University maintains quality teaching, scholarship and research and upholding the University's academic reputation. As well as reviewing academic policy recommendations and approving and accrediting degrees and other awards, it provides a forum for critical inquiry and debate within the University and between the academic community and the Senior Executive.
- (12) **Insert** the following sub-regulation (c) after Part 2 sub-regulation 3(b) and renumber the following sub-regulations consequently:
 - (c) commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and embedding of First Nations knowledges and practices;
- (13) **Insert** the following heading and regulations after Part 2 regulation 4:

Fostering Leadership

 5. The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Academic Board are responsible for the strategic oversight and ensuring continuity of academic leadership on the Academic Board and its Standing Committees across both Higher Education and TAFE.
 6. The Standing Committees, and their respective Chairs, are responsible for fostering leadership in quality assurance and innovation in academic governance across both Higher Education and TAFE.
- (14) In Part 3 sub-regulation 1(a):
 - a. after the words "academic quality and outcomes" **omit** the word "and"; and
 - b. for "institutional standards" **substitute** "institutional governance standards".
- (15) **Insert** the following sub-regulation (b) after Part 3 sub-regulation 1(a) and renumber the following sub-regulations consequently:
 - (b) receive reports from delegates and management that assess the University's capacity to demonstrate it meets the academic-related standards of the Higher Education Standards Framework and the Standards for VET Accredited Courses and report to Council;
- (16) In Part 3 sub-regulation 1(c) for "the accreditation and reaccreditation of all academic programs of study offered by the University" **substitute** "the accreditation, reaccreditation and disestablishment of all academic programs of study offered by the University".
- (17) In Part 3 sub-regulation 1(d):
 - (i) for "maintain oversight of" **substitute** "consider and provide advice on"; and
 - (ii) **insert** at the end the words "and liaising with the Audit and Risk Committee".
- (18) **Insert** the following sub-regulation (j) after Part 3 sub-regulation (i) and renumber the following sub-regulations consequently:

- (j) monitor and report on the annual and strategic reviews of third-party arrangements, course delivery and agreements involving education programs delivery.

- (19) In Part 5 sub-regulation 2(a) for "Polytechnic" **substitute** "TAFE".
- (20) In Part 5 sub-regulation 2(a)(iv) for "Polytechnic" **substitute** "TAFE".
- (21) **Omit** Part 5 sub-regulation 2(b)(ii) and renumber the following sub-regulations consequently.
- (22) In Part 5 sub-regulation 3(a) for "Polytechnic" **substitute** "TAFE Student".
- (23) In Part 5 sub-regulation 3(b)(ii) for "DVC, Higher Education or equivalent" **substitute** "Senior DVC and Chief Academic Officer or equivalent".
- (24) In Part 5 sub-regulation 3(b)(iii) for "DVC, Vocational Education or equivalent" **substitute** "Chief TAFE Officer and CEO of VU TAFE or equivalent".
- (25) In Part 5 sub-regulation 3(b)(v) for "DVC, People & Organisation or equivalent" **substitute** "DVC, Enterprise and Digital or equivalent".
- (26) **Insert** the following sub-regulation (b) after Part 5 sub-regulation 4(a):
 - (b) One member of the Academic Staff employed by VU Online, who will be appointed by the Chief Executive Officer of VU Online.
- (27) **Insert** the following heading and regulations after Part 5 regulation 6 and renumber the following regulations consequently:

Proxies

- 6. Each member of the Academic Board may, by notice in writing to the Academic Board Secretary, nominate a proxy and such proxy may attend and vote at a meeting of the Academic Board provided that:
 - (a) such proxy is not a current proxy of any other member; and
 - (b) their proxy is within the same category and sub-category as the nominating member.
- (28) **Substitute** Part 5 regulation 9 with the following:
 - 9. The Academic Board must elect one person from among its elected members to be the Deputy Chair of the Academic Board.
- (29) **Insert** the following regulations after Part 5 regulation 10 and renumber the following regulations consequently:
 - 11. Nominations for the Chair and Deputy Chair will be encouraged to reflect:
 - (a) Cultural and linguistic diversity
 - (b) LGBTIQ+ people;
 - (c) gender diversity in line with State Government Guidelines
 - (d) People with a disability; and
 - (e) age diversity.

12. In periods of leave, the Deputy Chair will be appointed to act as the Chair of the Academic Board, in order to fulfil relevant academic and corporate governance responsibilities.
- (30) In Part 5 regulation 17 for “an unanimous” **substitute** “a unanimous”.
- (31) In Part 5 regulation 17(a) for “member,” **substitute** “member; or”
- (32) **Substitute** Part 5 regulation 19 with the following:
19. If an elected member vacates the office prior to the end of term of the office, the vacancy will be filled in accordance with section 35 and 36 of the Elections Regulations 2016.
- (33) In Part 5 regulation 20:
- (iii) **omit** the words “or appointed” and
 - (iv) for “3” **substitute** “6”.
- (34) In Part 6 regulation 11 **insert** the words “(or equivalent)” after the words “Student Charter Policy”.
- (35) In Part 6 regulation 32 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.
- (36) In Part 6 regulation 49(b) **insert** at the end the word “and”.
- (37) In Part 7 regulation 7 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.
- (38) Part 7 regulation 8 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.
- (39) Part 7 regulation 11 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.
- (40) In Part 7 for the heading “Executive Officers” **substitute** “Secretaries”.
- (41) In Part 8 regulation 1 **insert** the words “and committees” after the words “all newly elected members to the Academic Board”.
- (42) In Part 9 regulation 4 **insert** at the end the words “and may be re-elected, with no more than 3 consecutive terms”.
- (43) **Insert** the following regulation after Part 9 regulation 6 and renumber the following regulation consequently:
7. The term of a person’s membership of a Committee, where that person is elected to the Committee, is two years and is eligible for re-election to the Committee, while serving no more than 3 consecutive terms.
- (44) In Part 10 regulation 1 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.
- (45) In Part 10 regulation 4 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.
- (46) In Part 10 regulation 5 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.

(47) In Part 11 Regulation 1 **insert** the words “referred to in Part 10(5)” after the words “and its committees”.

(48) In Part 11 Regulation 2 for “Executive Officer” **substitute** “Secretary”.