

Academic Board – Items for consideration by the Board

Background

As an apex governance committee, Academic Board has the capacity to examine issues from the perspective of research, education, and access and equity, as well as bringing cross-College viewpoints to bear. At each meeting the Board discusses a '[Hot Topic](#)'. To ensure Academic Board plays the significant and active role envisaged above, it needs to discuss, on a regular basis, major issues — which may be difficult or controversial in nature — bearing upon the University's academic mission, and the values and ethos by which that mission is pursued. This discussion should be in addition to the Board's program accreditation role and its oversight of academic standards and quality, and associated policy development, coming forward from its Committees. Hot Topics can be suggested by any Board Member. Their success relies on finding a 'champion' willing to prepare a short paper and to lead collegiate discussion.

Academic Board is trialling a process for submission of items from the ANU community.

Trial Process

Issues raised for consideration by the Board will be reviewed by the Academic Board Steering Committee. The Steering Committee looks for emerging themes that suggest the issue is of broad concern across the campus.

Academics are represented by academic staff elected from within their Colleges. Professional staff are represented by two members of the general staff elected from among their number. The list of Board members is available on the [Board Web Site](#). If you want to raise an issue for the Board to discuss please contact your representative on the Board.

Submissions

Format for Submission of issues:

- Summary of the issue
- Expansion of the issue
- Clearly state the impact on the broad University community. Highlight which areas it impacts and how it impacts them
- Maximum submission length = 350 words.

Issues for consideration are to be submitted by Board members to secretary.academic.board@anu.edu.au. Items will be considered by the Steering Committee. A decision will then be made on whether or not the issue should then be referred to the Board for further discussion or perhaps developed into a formal agenda item or Hot Topics Paper.

For further information please contact Megan Easton via secretary.academic.board@anu.edu.au.