

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE BOARD

(a committee of the Academic Board)

## **Terms of Reference and Constitution**

**Person Responsible:** Pro Vice-Chancellor for Science, Engineering, Architecture &

Design

**Convenor:** Dean of Faculty of Science

**Purpose:** (1) To provide a forum for the discussion of matters relating to

academic and research matters relevant to staff and students in

the Faculty of Science.

(2) To advise the Academic Board, the Pro Vice-Chancellor of

Science, Engineering, Architecture & Design (PVC SEAD),

the Vice-Chancellor and the committees of the Academic

Board on all aspects of the academic qualifications, academic

programmes and research matters for which the Faculty has

responsibility and on any other academic and research matters

which may be referred to it.

**Scope:** (1) To advance and maintain the quality of academic programmes.

The Faculty Board will achieve this by providing a forum for

the discussion of good practice, initiatives and reviews relevant

to teaching, courses, programmes and majors to which Faculty

staff contribute.

(2) To originate and consider proposals, to initiate new

programmes and courses and to delete or change existing

programmes and courses, and to forward recommendations on

those proposals to the Senior Leadership Team and the

Academic Committee.

- (3) To monitor the implementation of the University's academic statutes and policies in the academic programmes for which it has responsibility, and in particular matters relating to:
  - the curriculum, teaching, student workloads and assessment of courses
  - the admission of students to programmes and courses
  - scheduling and timetabling of courses
- (4) To oversee the development of Faculty-specific research policy.
- (5) To consider and report on any academic matter including those referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor, PVC SEAD, University Research Committee, Academic Board or committees of the Academic Board.
- (6) To meet at least 5 times per year.

## **Constitution:**

- (1) Dean of Science (Convenor)
- (2) Associate Deans of the Faculty of Science
- (3) Manager, Student and Academic Services, Faculty of Science
- (4) All Faculty of Science Academic staff
- (5) All directors of the Faculty's academic programmes who are not members of the academic staff
- (6) All directors of the Faculty's research institutes who are not members of the academic staff
- (7) Director Āwhina
- (8) A member of Toihuarewa, nominated by Toihuarewa
- (9) Four (4) students currently enrolled in an academic programme for which the Faculty is responsible, appointed by the Convenor on the nomination of the relevant student body and including one (1) Ngai Tauira representative and one (1) PGSA representative
- (10) A member nominated by the Science Society

(11) Other persons as determined by the Convenor

In Attendance:

- (1) Faculty of Science School Managers
- (2) Faculty HR Manager
- (3) Finance Advisor, SEAD
- (4) Senior Communications and Marketing Advisor, SEAD
- (5) Development Manager, SEAD
- (6) Associate Director, Student Recruitment and Orientation
- (7) A Subject Librarian, nominated by the Librarian
- (8) Education Organiser, VUWSA

**Executive Officer:** Academic Programmes Manager

**Comments:** 

- (1) An Associate Dean, nominated by the Convenor, will deputise for the Convenor when required.
- (2) The PVC SEAD, Provost, Vice-Provosts (Academic & Equity) and (Research), the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori), the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika) and the Director of the Centre for Academic Development receive papers and may attend by invitation or at their own request.
- (3) Fifteen voting members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the faculty and more than fifty percent of those members must be academic staff of the Faculty (e.g. seven non-academic members and eight academic staff).

## **Approval / notification process**

Approval / notification	Date	Recorded by
Science Faculty Board	21 April 2016	Keith Willett
Academic Board (AB16/17)	31 May 2016	Martin Boswell