Title	University Education Quality and Standards Committee, Terms of Reference
Owner	Academic Board
Approved By	Academic Board
Approval Date	23 March 2026
For what period	Indefinite
Next Review Date	12 months from implementation, and then as per section 6.
Version	1.0

1. Purpose

The University Education Quality and Standards Committee (EQSC) oversees, reports on, and advises the Academic Board on activities and initiatives across learning, teaching, education, and training. The Committee is responsible for guiding the planning, execution, and implementation of Adelaide University's Education Quality Framework matters across relevant areas of the curriculum lifecycle from program concept approval, delivery, review, and withdrawal. The Committee makes recommendations to the Academic Board, informed by Adelaide University's Education Quality Framework.

The EQSC holds responsibility for the adherence to the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021 (HESF) Domains:

Domain 1: Student Participation and Attainment

1.1 Admission

1.3 Orientation and Progression

1.4 Learning Outcomes and Assessment

1.5 Qualifications and Certification

Domain 2: Learning Environment

2.1 Facilities and Infrastructure

2.2 Diversity and Equity

2.3 Wellbeing and Safety

Domain 3: Teaching

3.1 Course Design

3.2 Staffing

3.3 Learning Resources and Educational Support

Domain 5: Institutional Quality Assurance

5.1 Course Approval and Accreditation

5.2 Academic and Research Integrity

5.3 Monitoring, Review and Improvement

5.4 Delivery with Other Parties

Domain 6: Governance and Accountability

6.3 Academic Governance

Domain 7 Representation, Information and Information Management
7.1 Representation

2. Objectives

The Committee will:

1. Recommend proposals to the Academic Board for internal program accreditation (i.e. new program proposals) and re-accreditation, program amendment or program withdrawal.
2. Monitor the status of external accreditation for relevant programs.
3. Advise the Academic Board on relevant matters to uphold academic integrity and educational excellence.

4. Consider new and revised Adelaide University policies and procedures under the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic's portfolio for recommendation to the Academic Board.
5. Receive curriculum related reports and submissions from College Education Quality Committees and Academic Portfolio Quality Committee for action as set out in the relevant policy or procedure. This may include, but is not limited, to Annual Program Monitoring and University Program Reviews.
6. Consider reports to ensure curriculum compliance with the HESF and ESOS requirements for reporting to the Academic Board.

3. Membership

Role	Position/Representative
Chair	Pro Vice Chancellor, Learning and Teaching
Deputy Chair	College Deans, on a rotating basis
Members	College Deans, Academic Dean, Adelaide University Online Associate Director, Education Quality Director, Domestic Pathways Director, International Pathways Director, Teaching and Learning Innovation Associate Director Student Governance Pro Vice Chancellor, Indigenous Education Academic Senior Business Partner Student Engagement and Success Senior Business Partner Depending on the initiative under consideration, and at the invitation of the chair, representation may be sought from relevant portfolios from across the University.
Attendees	Observers may be invited at the Chair's discretion.
Executive Officer	Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic

4. Meetings

1. The Committee will meet at least six times per year, and meetings will be held at least three weeks before each meeting of the Academic Board, as is practicable.
2. Additional meetings may be convened by the Chair as required.
3. Meetings may be held in person, online, or hybrid to facilitate participation.
4. A quorum shall consist of 50% of members (ignoring fractions) plus one.
5. Members must declare any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

5. Reporting

1. The Committee reports to the Academic Board and provides advice to Deputy Vice Chancellors and other senior leaders, as appropriate.
2. Minutes and key recommendations will be made available to all members.
3. An annual summary report of recommendations will be submitted to the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Provost and Deputy Vice Chancellor, and the Academic Board.

6. Subcommittees and Working Groups

The Committee may establish and approve subcommittees as required to facilitate its business and will report the establishment and activities of all subcommittees to the Academic Board.

The Committee may establish working groups to address specific focus areas.

7. Review

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed every five (5) years or as required by the Academic Board.