



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

October 2020

The APAC Board met on October 19th, 2020 via Zoom.

Our post-Board communiqué is designed to give stakeholders a greater insight into the workings of the APAC Board meetings.

Our meeting began with an Acknowledgment of Country and we had eleven Board members in attendance.

Accreditation business

The Board considered recommendations from the Accreditation Assessment Committee (AAC) on a wide range of matters including cycle and out-of-cycle accreditation reviews, monitoring of accredited programs, annual reports, programs placed into teach out as well as a range of more administrative decisions such as changes to existing program titles. The type and number of determinations made by the Board are shown below. These are reported to the Psychology Board of Australia who will then make a decision to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of programs
Accreditation / re-accreditation	8	57
Program monitoring	3	3
Programs in teach out	3	10 #
Change to accredited program title	0	0
Addition of new program titles	4	5
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	1	6
Extension of accreditation expiry	0	0

includes 3 discontinued programs (completely taught out)

Other business

The CEO spoke to the FY 2019/20 Audit, noting that the most recent audit had been conducted remotely due to COVID-19 restrictions. Mr Matthew Hung (Auditor) addressed the Board indicating there was very little concern in the reports for the financial year. All audited Financial Statements for FY19/20 were adopted by the Board.

Associate Professor Meredith McKague has been appointed to the Accreditation Assessment Committee from 1 January 2021 until 31 December 2023. Professor Kimberley Norris and Associate Professor Gavin Beccaria have been re-appointed as APAC assessors until 31 December 2023.



We also discussed a new APAC website. Work is set to commence in a few weeks, and we look forward to a much-improved online presence.

The Board discussed Accreditation Fees for 2021. Because of the financial pressures currently being experienced by many providers as a result of the COVID pandemic, we decided to postpone consideration of any further increase for 12 months.

The Board also endorsed the use of an online survey to evaluate the conduct of its meetings and to continually improve its processes.

The next meeting will be held in November and as it stands it will be via Zoom.

Professor John Dunn

Chair, APAC