



APAC BOARD COMMUNIQUÉ

November 2021

The APAC Board met on 29 November 2021 via Zoom.

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

The meeting began with an Acknowledgment of Country. We had nine 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 decide to approve each program for the purpose of registration.

Determinations

Determination type	Number of providers	Number of programs
Initial accreditation	6	34
Re-accreditation	7	92
Program monitoring	6	36
Programs in teach out	1	1
Discontinued programs (completely taught out)	2	12
Additional campus to deliver an accredited program	2	4
Extension of accreditation expiry	2	33



Other business

The Board discussed what circumstances might lead to a decision to revoke program accreditation and what principles would underpin such a decision. A working group was established to draft guidelines for further discussion.

The Board received a report on the work of the Cultural Responsiveness Working Party, formed with colleagues from the Australian Indigenous Psychology Education Project (AIPEP). The Working Party is developing principles and exemplars to support and guide higher education providers in meeting the Accreditation Standards in this area.

The Board welcomed the launch of a refreshed APAC website.

A draft budget for the 2022-23 year was adopted.

The CEO reported on the drafting of a policy around COVID-19 in relation to the APAC office.

Professor Craig Gonsalvez is stepping down from the Board after three years. The Board thanked Professor Gonsalvez for his service as a Director.

On a personal note, I was pleased to be elected by my fellow Directors to a further two-year term as Chair of the Board.

Professor John Dunn
Chair, APAC