

I seek appointment as an academic member of the University Council, with a strong commitment to contributing to the University's strategic governance, academic integrity, and long-term sustainability. I am an Associate Professor within the Business School and have held a range of academic leadership roles, including Discipline Head, Course Coordinator, and Offshore Program Coordinator. These roles have provided me with a broad and informed understanding of the academic, operational, and strategic challenges facing contemporary universities.

My academic career has been grounded in a commitment to high-quality teaching, curriculum innovation, and student success, supported by active industry engagement and scholarly research. Through leadership of teaching teams and participation in faculty-level committees, I have gained insight into the importance of aligning institutional strategy with the lived realities of staff and students, while maintaining strong academic standards and financial sustainability.

A key area in which I seek to contribute at Council level is the ongoing refinement of the University's Block Model of delivery. While the Block Model has delivered significant improvements in student engagement, retention, and learning outcomes, it has also introduced challenges related to academic workload, assessment practices, and administrative intensity. I am committed to advocating for a balanced and sustainable approach that preserves the pedagogical strengths of the model while addressing issues of workload equity, assessment integrity, and resource allocation. I would support evidence-based enhancements to scheduling, assessment design, and staff support systems to ensure academic quality is maintained.

I am also strongly motivated to represent the academic voice within governance processes. My experience mentoring staff and coordinating large teaching teams has reinforced the value of inclusive, consultative decision-making. As a Council member, I would work to ensure that academic perspectives inform institutional strategy, particularly in areas such as workload planning, digital transformation, offshore delivery, and the responsible integration of emerging technologies, including enterprise systems and artificial intelligence.

In addition, my experience in international and offshore program coordination provides insight into sustaining academic standards across diverse contexts while enhancing the University's global engagement and reputation.

I am committed to contributing to a responsive, forward-looking Council that supports staff, empowers students, and upholds academic excellence in a rapidly evolving higher education environment.