



ELECTION OF A HEAD OF SCHOOL OR DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL FROM THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TO THE ACADEMIC BOARD (CASUAL VACANCY)

Terms of office: commencing upon election and concluding 31 March 2028.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Simon LEWIS



I have been a teaching and research academic in Forensic Science and Chemistry at Curtin University for over 20 years. I have had extensive leadership and management experience over that time in various administrative and leadership roles at the Discipline (Department), School, Faculty and University level. I was the Deputy Head of School, Molecular and Life Sciences from December 2023 – October 2025 and Interim Head of School from November 2025. This has provided me with a solid grounding in governance arrangements within the institution, as well as significant experience in working on a variety of committees and working parties at all levels.

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Martin VAN KRANENDONK



I am the Head of School of Earth and Planetary Sciences since start of 2024 and Dean of Science for 1 year. In these roles, and in my previous academic role as Teaching and Research Professor at UNSW (12 yrs), I have led large research teams, engaged in teaching and curriculum review, dealt with a wide variety of complex professional and personal situations, and engaged in Faculty-level strategic planning. Through this, I have learned the workings and challenges of a university environment that will be of value to the Academic Board.

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