ELECTION OF MEMBER OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD TO THE ACADEMIC BOARD EXECUTIVE (CASUAL VACANCY)

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

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Sherry BAWA 	Associate Professor Sherry Bawa is the elected HoS/DHoS, Faculty of Business and Law, member of the Academic Board. Sherry is also co-Chair of Curtin Academy and Senior Fellow, Advance HE (UK), with previous roles including Discipline Lead and Director, Learning and Teaching. Sherry serves on various committees/boards, including LSEC (2024-2026), Curtin Academy Advisory Board, School of Accounting, Economics and Finance Advisory Board, and Economics Discipline Industry Board. Sherry has delivered multiple research projects and papers on equity and diversity in Higher Education, with her research featured in World Economic Forum and cited in sources including Australian Universities Accord Final Report. Sherry is a passionate educator, with her recent awards including, *Programs that Enhance Student Learning Team Award* (CEIT 2026), *University Teaching Excellence Award* (CEIT 2025), *Teacher of the Year* (FBL 2025), *Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning* (CEIT 2024), and *Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning* (FBL 2023). Associate Professor Sherry Bawa Curtin ID: 251210F sherry.bawa@curtin.edu.au
Sagi MATHEW 	Dr Sagi Mathew is a member of the Academic Board. Within the Board, he serves as observer to Learning & Student Experience Committee (LSEC), and Research Committee. Sagi is a lecturer in the School of Management and Marketing (SoMM) within the Faculty of Business and Law (FBL). His academic experience spans Vietnam and India, as well as Australian universities including Swinburne University and University of South Australia (UniSA). Sagi's leadership and service roles include: • Deputy Chair of the FBL Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Working Group; • Course Leader of Human Resources Management; • Member of the FBL Gender Equity and Diversity Group; and • Member of the SoMM Research Committee. Sagi is actively involved in the Curtin Early and Mid-Career Research Network and serves on the Curtin Scholarship Application panel. Sagi holds the distinguished position of Academy of Management HR Ambassador; and is a keynote speaker and regular presenter at international conferences. Dr Sagi Kunju Kunju Mathew Curtin ID: 279891G sagi.kunjukunjumathew@curtin.edu.au

Penny MOSS 	Dr Penny Moss has been an academic at Curtin since 2004 and feels that she can bring to Academic Board Executive a breadth of experience in research, teaching and leadership roles, at School, Faculty and University level. She is in her second term as elected Academic Board Representative for Health Sciences and currently Director of Learning & Teaching for the School of Allied Health, but at different times has focused on clinical pain research, Unit Coordination, teaching and curriculum design, Course Coordination and student engagement / pastoral care. She has always valued inter-disciplinary collaboration, for example as the Faculty Director Interprofessional First Year (as was) or more recently as a member of the University-wide Assessment 2030 Innovations team. Penny brings an understanding of current issues related to research, learning and teaching, University systems and processes and student challenges. She has long-standing connections with many academic and professional staff across the University. Penny feels she can bring to Academic Board Executive a robust awareness of differing perspectives on current concerns. Dr Penny Moss Curtin ID: 213697B P.Moss@curtin.edu.au
Samantha OWEN 	Samanta brings leadership and governance experience and an understanding of Curtin from School to the centre. As Curtin's Director, Gender Equity and Inclusion (2023–26), she reported to the Provost and then the Chief People Officer, and worked with and presented regularly to university-level committees and senior leaders. Before that, she led the Master of Teaching through Comprehensive Course Review and reaccreditation. She now sits on Academic Board, the University Research Committee, and Faculty and School research committees, and understands how decisions move between Schools, Faculties, Senior Executive, Council and the Board. She co-founded the Curtin Gender Research Network in 2020 and still co-lead it, and has served on equity committees since 2017, and on external boards and committees. Samantha is an active contributor to every committee she serves on and would bring to the Executive thorough preparation, candid advice when needed, and accountability. Associate Professor Samantha Owen Curtin ID: 263827I samantha.owen@curtin.edu.au

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