

AUCS Inc Board – Governance policy 1.1

Responsibilities of the board

AUCS Inc object

The Board acknowledges that the principal object of University of Adelaide Child Care Services Inc is the conduct and management of child care and related services for the children of staff, students and other members of the University and wider community in accordance with the AUCS Inc philosophy¹.

In carrying out this object, the AUCS Board is bound by its agreement with the University to manage and operate the Waite and Adelaide Campus Childrens Centres².

Mission Statement

AUCS Inc is committed to providing child care services to campuses of the University of Adelaide.

Children are the focus of our services.

Philosophy

AUCS child care centres will provide safe, stimulating and secure places where children are cared for in a friendly and professional manner, through programs that aim to meet the educational, developmental and emotional needs of each child.

All children, families and staff will receive recognition of and respect for individuality and individual needs and their diversity of culture, customs and beliefs.

General principle of governance

In acknowledging its overall responsibility for ensuring the AUCS objects are carried out lawfully and responsibly, the AUCS Board adopts as its guiding principle a governing rather than managing approach. It makes every effort to separate the twin roles of governance and management and to maintain a focus on strategic issues and those associated with furthering the AUCS mission and philosophy rather than on day-to-day management.

Board responsibilities

Strategy

- ❑ Setting long-term strategic directions to promote the AUCS mission and philosophy
- ❑ Reviewing and approving organisation plans, budgets and major strategies

Governance policies

- ❑ Appointing, remunerating, and assessing the performance of the Centre Directors
- ❑ Developing and monitoring policies which provide direction and boundaries for both its own and the Directors' functions

Performance and compliance monitoring

- ❑ Monitoring organisation performance against plans and budgets
- ❑ Addressing risk management issues to safeguard the organisation's children, parents, staff and assets
- ❑ Monitoring compliance with relevant laws, and funding and licensing requirements
- ❑ Approving major asset purchases/divestments and investments
- ❑ Approving annual reports including audited financial statements
- ❑ Appointing and removing the external auditor

Approved by the AUCS Board on 30 July 2007.

¹ Clause 3, AUCS Inc Rules

² Clause 3, Child Care Services Agreement between AUCS and the University, 1 July 1995 (expires 30 June 2015).