

AUCS Inc. Board – Governance Policy 1.1

Responsibilities of the Board

AUCS Inc. Object

The Board acknowledges that the governing principal objective of University of Adelaide Child Care Services Inc. is the 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. philosophy.ⁱ

In carrying out this objective, the AUCS Board is bound by its agreement with the University to manage and operate the Waite and Adelaide Campus Children's Centres.ⁱⁱ

Mission Statement

Adelaide University Childcare Services Incorporated (AUCS) is committed to providing children with high quality education and care at the Adelaide and Waite campuses of the University of Adelaide.

Philosophy

We foster reciprocal connections between children, families, educators and staff to create a welcoming and safe learning environment.

We promote relationships that support the children to:

- Develop a sense of belonging and community
- Respect and care for each other and the environment
- See themselves as confident, adaptable and capable

We provide a positive environment to promote active learning and development through play. We recognise and celebrate our diverse backgrounds and the abilities that we all bring to our community. We respectfully acknowledge that the land we learn upon is the traditional land of the Kaurna people and we value and support the principles of a reconciled Australia.

Governance

Governance is the responsibility, of the AUCS Inc. Board for the strategic oversight of operations of AUCS and accountability for meeting its ethical, legal and financial obligations.

Management

The Child Care Centre Directors are responsible for the management of effective supervision and coordination of the day-to-day operations of AUCS to meet its objectives.

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 accreditation requirements.
 - Approving major asset purchases, divestments and investments.
 - Approving annual reports including audited financial statements.
 - Appointing and removing the external auditor.
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Approved by the AUCS Board on 30 April 2024

ⁱ Clause 3, AUCS Inc. Rules

ⁱⁱ Clause 3, Child Care Services Agreement Extension between AUCS and the University, 1 July 2018.