Dr Phil Meade was Head of School of Teacher Education and Campus Principal at the Mt Gravatt Campus of the Brisbane College of Advanced Education from 1985-1989. He played a key role in initiating and conducting the successful negotiations which led to the amalgamation of the campus with the University in 1990. Upon amalgamation, Dr Meade was appointed Professor and Foundation Dean of the new Faculty of Education, where he worked tirelessly to formulate and implement progressive academic and administrative policies. Under his strong leadership, the Faculty became a leader in the provision of education and teaching degrees in Queensland, as well as introducing innovative and flexible courses in Justice Administration and Policing.

Professor Meade’s personal commitment to the education discipline was reflected in his outstanding contributions to both teaching and research. As a Course Convenor in the Master of Education degree, he was dedicated to furthering the professional development of experienced teachers. As a researcher, he provided valuable insights into the evaluation of education systems, particularly the quality of the educational experience of secondary and higher education students.

From 1993-1995, Professor Meade served as the University’s first Pro Vice Chancellor (Quality Advancement). His substantial contributions in this position ensured a solid framework for the success of future quality advancement work. Phil Meade’s distinguished service to the University was recognised in 1995 when he was conferred the title ‘Professor Emeritus’.