ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 24 May 2016

Overview

The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available on the Academic Senate website. The resolutions and minutes of the meeting will also be published on the website.

Key agenda items, outcomes and resolutions are highlighted in this brief and are not intended to replace the full minutes.

Matters resolved

Academic Senate passed 22 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

PROGRAMS: NEW AND CHANGE OF NAMES

Academic Cases for 2017 New Programs:
- Master of Accounting (Extension) (Res 16/173)
- Graduate Diploma and Graduate Certificate of Public Health (Exit Awards) (Res 16/174)

Major Change to Program for 2016:
- Bachelor of Engineering with Honours (Res 16/175 and Res 16/176) – From 1 January 2016, students will graduate from the Bachelor of Engineering with Honours. The Bachelor of Engineering (pass degrees) was approved for deletion from 31 December 2015.

Change of award names: (Res 16/177)

From
- Master of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism with the degree of Master of International Security Studies

To
- Master of Cyber-Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism with the degree of Master of International Security Studies

Change of specialization names: (Res 16/178)

From
- EDL11S Educational Leadership
- LET31S Leading Teaching
- ADP11S Advanced Practices in Learning and Teaching
- ADP31S Advanced Practices in Learning and Teaching

To
- Leading Teaching and Learning (Master of Education)
- Leading Teaching and Learning (Graduate Certificate of Education Studies)
- Advanced Practices in Teaching and Learning (Master of Education)
- Advanced Practices in Teaching and Learning (Graduate Certificate of Education Studies)

Awards for Deletion: (Res 16/179)
- Master of Accounting (Professional);
- Master of International Accounting;
- Bachelor of Arts – Media;
- Bachelor of Arts – Media with the Bachelor of Laws;
- Bachelor of Arts – Media with the Bachelor of Laws with Honours; and
- Master of Accounting (Professional) with the Master of Commerce.

Joint PhD Program: (Res 16/180)
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven approved as a partner institution for the purpose of a joint PhD degree.
POLICY

• **Academic Progression: Progress Report**
  Academic Senate noted the progress report on Academic Progression.

• **Academic Prizes and Awards: Progress Report**
  Academic Senate noted the progress report on Academic Prizes and Awards.

• **Grade Appeal Policy** (Res 16/183)
  Academic Senate approved an amendment to the Grade Appeal Policy to delete the ground of appeal ‘the assessor’s judgement was not objectively applied’ with immediate effect. Members noted that students wishing to appeal a Final Grade on this ground will be referred to the Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public.

GOVERNANCE

• **Research and Research Training Committee and Thesis Examination Subcommittee** (Res 16/167, Res 16/168 and Res 16/169)
  Academic Senate approved the terms of reference for the Research and Research Training Committee (which will be chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)) and Thesis Examination Subcommittee, and agreed that the Higher Degrees Research Committee and the Program and Examination Subcommittee will be disestablished.

• **Casual Vacancies Faculty Elected Representatives to Academic Senate** (Res 16/170)
  The Chair reported on the processes to fill casual vacancies for the Faculty elected representative to Academic Senate from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

• **Student Representatives to the Academic Senate** (Res 16/171 and Res 16/172)
  Academic Senate noted the update on the elections for Student Representatives to the Academic Senate was provided.

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

• **Committees of Academic Senate**
  Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Academic Senate Standing Committee, the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Higher Degree Research Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee throughout March, April and May 2016.

• **Faculty Boards**
  Academic Senate noted the reports of the Faculty of Business and Economics, the Faculty of Human Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board meetings held in April 2016.