ACADEMIC SENATE

Minutes of a meeting of the Academic Senate held from 9:33 am to 11.18 am on Tuesday 11 April 2017 in the Senate Room, Level 3, Lincoln Building (C8A), 16 Wally’s Walk.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Professor Mariella Herberstein (Chair)
Professor Jacqueline Phillips (Deputy Chair)
Dr Deidre Anderson
Professor Amanda Barnier
Associate Professor Ayse Bilgin
Dr Frank Carrigan
Dr Florence Chiew
Associate Professor Pamela Coutts
Professor Judith Dawes
Professor Catherine Dean
Professor Jim Denier
Professor S Bruce Dowton
Dr Paul Formosa
Associate Professor Barbara Griffin
Professor Antonina Harbus
Professor Norma Harrison
Professor Lesley Hughes
Professor Kevin Jameson
Brayden Jones
Professor Nick Mansfield
Judith McKay-Tempest
Professor Patrick McNeil
Professor Barbara Messerle
Professor Kathryn Millard
Dr Kerry-Ann O’Sullivan
Dr Mitch Parsell
Simon Populin
Professor Sakkie Pretorius
Dr Peter Roger
Professor Neil Saintilan
Cissy Shen
JoAnne Sparks
Professor Lucy Taksa
Professor David Wilkinson
Professor Sherman Young
Professor Stephen Brammer
Professor Enrico Coiera
Soujanya Datta
Professor Simon Handley
Thomas Hedl
Dr Timothy Kyng
Professor Lisa Magnani
Paris Manson
Professor Martina Möllering
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APOLOGIES

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IN ATTENDANCE

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1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

A meeting of the Academic Senate commenced at 9:33 am. Judith McKay-Tempest acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land and acknowledged her ancestors and those of her colleagues on Academic Senate.

The Chair invited members to volunteer to give the acknowledgement of country at the next meeting of Academic Senate.

2. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair noted the apologies listed above, and welcomed observers to the meeting. The Chair also reminded those present of their role and purpose as members of the Academic Senate and encouraged members to engage with and discuss the items on the agenda.

The Chair thanked two departing members of Academic Senate: Dr Deidre Anderson, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar) who is leaving the University at the end of the month, and Budhaditya Majumdar, the HDR student representative who has now completed the requirements for his PhD.

3. **ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA**

3.1 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3.2 Adoption of unstarred items

The following additional items were starred for discussion: 10.4, 10.5.

**Resolution 17/17**

Academic Senate resolved that the items not starred for discussion (Items 5, 10.1 10.2, 10.3, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.9, 12, 13.1, 14.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.4, 14.5, 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 and 16.1) be noted and, where appropriate, be adopted as recommended.

Professor Patrick McNeil joined the meeting at 9:37 am.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The Minutes of the meeting held 21 February 2017 were provided.

**Resolution 17/18**

Academic Senate resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting held 21 February 2017 as a true and correct record.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair outlined the role of members in communicating the work of Academic Senate more broadly across the University and through their electorates and encouraged them to use the meeting documents and Senate website to do this. Members were directed to the Senate In brief and a new page on the Academic Senate website outlining the projects for 2017.

7. **VICE-CHANCELLOR ORAL UPDATE**

The Vice-Chancellor updated members on the following issues:

- While final data for Session 1 enrolments are still being finalised, early reports indicate that the total student load higher than for 2016, commencing student load has also increased and the recovery in international student numbers continues. MUIC enrolment figures are also strong with unexpectedly high interest from domestic students seeking a pathway program.

- The interim arrangements for the Students and Registrar portfolio will shortly be announced with the new structure integrating the academic and non-academic elements of the student experience. The Vice-Chancellor thanked Dr Anderson for her extraordinary work developing and leading this portfolio.

- Dr Mary Davis, Chief Information Officer, has retired and the Vice-Chancellor thanked her for her work in developing a new structure for the University’s Information Technology services.

- The 2017 Universities Australia Higher Education Conference included a key note address from the Minister for Education and Training, Senator Simon Birmingham. The address referred to an increase in the average cost of delivery of student programs at universities of 9.5% in the years 2010 to 2015, whilst income rose by 15% over the same period. The Vice-Chancellor suggested this gap may be targeted in the 2017-2018 Federal budget but may not have the support of Federal Senate.

- Leonie Nahhas, a 2016 New Colombo Plan (NCP) Scholarship holder from the University spoke at the
Australia Global Alumni Launch Engagement Strategy in Singapore in March in front of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Julie Bishop.

- Preparations for the Engagement and Impact Assessment Trials continue, and the Vice-Chancellor emphasised the challenges for the University in improving research impact, and performance in obtaining external research funding.
- A joint event for the University’s teaching and research awards is being planned for later in the year, with the combined event emphasising the importance of the balance between both areas of scholarly endeavour at the University.
- The implementation of the National Disability Insurance Scheme is currently in the news, and the Vice-Chancellor noted that some of the challenges facing the scheme may have an impact on certain programs in the Faculty of Human Sciences.

8. **QUESTION TIME**

   No questions were raised.

9. **STUDENT LED BUSINESS**

   There were no items of student-led business.

10. **ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

   10.1 Academic Senate membership: Nomination to fill casual vacancy

   **Resolution 17/19**
   
   Academic Senate resolved to appoint Professor Norma Harrison to fill the casual vacancy for an academic staff member from the Faculty of Business and Economics, for a period of membership expiring 31 December 2018.

   10.2 Request for change of name: Master of Accessible Media and Intercultural Communication (AMIC) (ASQC)

   **Resolution 17/20**
   
   Academic Senate resolved to approve:
   
   i. the Master of Accessible Media and Intercultural Communication (AMIC) to be renamed as the Master of Accessible Communication (MAC) effective from 1 January 2018; and
   
   ii. the Master of Accessible Media and Intercultural Communication (AMIC) to be deleted effective from 31 December 2017.

   10.3 2018 Schedule: New Programs for approval (ASQC)

   **Resolution 17/21**
   
   Academic Senate resolved to approve the academic case for the following programs from 1 January 2018, subject to the approval of the business cases by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic):

   1. Graduate Certificate of Applied Statistics
   2. Graduate Certificate of Communication Disability (Exit Award for the Master of Speech Pathology)
   3. Graduate Diploma of Geoscience
   4. Graduate Certificate of Security Studies and Criminology
   5. Graduate Certificate of Security Studies and Criminology (OUA)
   6. Graduate Diploma of Security Studies and Criminology (OUA)
   7. Graduate Diploma of Security Studies and Criminology
   8. Master of Counter Terrorism
   9. Master of Counter Terrorism (OUA)
   10. Master of Cyber Security
   11. Master of Intelligence
   12. Master of Intelligence (OUA)
   13. Master of Policy and Applied Social Research with the Master of Development Studies
   15. Master of Politics and Public Policy with the Master of Development Studies
   16. Master of Politics and Public Policy with the Master of International Relations
   17. Master of Security and Strategic Studies
   18. Master of Security and Strategic Studies (OUA)

   10.4 2018 Schedule: Programs for deletion (ASQC)

   The Chair advised members of a typographical error on page 210 of the agenda: in the list of programs for deletion, the Graduate Diploma in International Security Studies was listed twice, and one instance should refer to the Graduate Certificate in International Security Studies. Members approved the list of programs for deletion as amended.
Resolution 17/22
Academic Senate resolved to approve the deletion of the following programs effective from 31 December 2017:
1. Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism with the Master of International Security Studies
2. Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism with the Master of International Security Studies (OUA)
3. Graduate Certificate of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism
4. Graduate Certificate of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence & Counter Terrorism
5. Graduate Diploma of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism
6. Graduate Diploma of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence & Counter Terrorism (OUA)
7. Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA)
8. Graduate Certificate in International Security Studies (OUA)
9. Graduate Certificate in International Security Studies
10. Graduate Diploma in International Security Studies
11. Graduate Diploma in International Security Studies (OUA)
12. Graduate Certificate of Intelligence
13. Master of International Security Studies

10.5 Master of Disability Studies: Recognition of Prior Learning Exception (ASQC)
Members noted that the Master of Disability Studies is offered as a one-year master’s degree as an AQF Level 8 qualification is required for admission to the program. Members approved the exception.

Resolution 17/23
Academic Senate resolved to approve the following exceptions to the Recognition of Prior Learning at Macquarie University:
1. A student entering the Master of Disability Studies (32 credit points) is eligible for RPL of a maximum of 8 credit points towards the Master of Disability Studies, effective 1 January 2017; and
2. A student must complete 24 credit points in the Master of Disability Studies at Macquarie University.

10.6 2018 Schedule: New Programs for approval: Master of Policy and Applied Social Research with the Master of Development Studies, and Master of Applied Finance (Advanced) (ASQC)

Resolution 17/24
Academic Senate resolved to approve the academic case for the following programs effective from 1 January 2018, subject to approval of the business cases by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic):
1. Master of Policy and Applied Social Research with the Master of Development Studies

10.7 Research and Research Training Committee membership: Nomination to fill casual vacancy (RRTC)

Resolution 17/25
Academic Senate resolved to appoint Dr Alys Moody to fill the casual vacancy for an Early Career Researcher member on the Research and Research Training Committee, for a period of membership expiring 25 July 2018.

10.8 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee membership: Nominations (SLTC)

Resolution 17/26
Academic Senate resolved to appoint the following nominees to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee:
1. Dr Yvonne Breyer co-opted as the Chair of the Learning Technologies and Spaces Subcommittee for a term of office of 1 year; and
2. Professor Joanne Lind as the nominee of the Executive Dean from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences for a term of office of 2 years.

10.9 Professional Development Framework for Learning and Teaching (SLTC)

Resolution 17/27
Academic Senate resolved to endorse the academic principles outlined in the proposed Professional Development Framework for Learning and Teaching.

Dr Kerry-Ann O’Sullivan arrived at 9:58 am

11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

11.1 Presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement)
The Chair invited Professor Wilkinson to give his presentation (refer to attachment). Members noted the following issues:
- The NSW Government has announced a Sydney School of Entrepreneurship, which could be both an
opportunity and a threat for the Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) and is an incentive for the University to firmly establish the MPID as soon as possible.

- Social entrepreneurship will be a point of distinction for the MPID and has support from the CEOs of the founding partners.
- The MPID will offer the University a unique opportunity to capitalise on the fastest growing technology and corporate corridor in Australia.
- The MPID needs to be promoted across the University, and there will be support staff located in each faculty. Co-ordination will be crucial to the success of the MPID to ensure the University presents a consistent message and approach to the partner companies.

Resolution 17/28
Academic Senate resolved to note the presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement) on the Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID).

Professor David Wilkinson left the meeting at 10:40 am

11.2 Academic Senate: 2017 Priority Project Overviews

The Chair reminded members that this would be a final opportunity to confirm the purpose and methodology for each of the eight projects for 2017. She then invited several members of Academic Senate speak to each of the projects. Members made the following comments:

- Developing the Model for Shared Responsibility of Academic Governance – members noted this would be a far-reaching project.
- Purpose and Composition of Academic Senate – a key issue will be ensuring the balance between elected and ex-officio members. The Vice-Chancellor will be asked to nominate a member of Executive to be on the working group.
- Partnership With and Recognition of Student Members – a second student chair is to be identified for this working group.
- Establishing Principles for Program Reviews – while program reviews already scheduled for 2017 are not covered by this working group, it will engage with these review teams to obtain feedback.
- Review of Quality Assurance and Quality Enhancement Policy and Processes – the reference to the Quality and Planning Manager, Library on the working group will be amended to the University Librarian or their nominee, and the references to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar) will be amended once the new arrangements for that portfolio are confirmed.
- Academic Integrity Framework – the Vice-Chancellor advised the meeting that the University Council is deeply interested in this issue and is expecting Academic Senate and the University to take action on this matter.
- Eligibility and Selection Criteria for the University Medal – this working group will consider whether the University Medal should be available to postgraduate students (both coursework and HDR).
- Policy Review – this working group will look at academic policies and how they can be simplified.

Members approved the project overviews, and the establishment of the steering and working groups and their membership with the amendments outlined above.

Dr Deidre Anderson left the meeting at 10:42 am.

Cissy Shen arrived at 10:44 am, and Professor Judith Dawes arrived at 11:00 am.

Resolution 17/29

Academic Senate resolved to approve:

- the 2017 Priority Project overviews; and
- the establishment of the identified steering and working groups and their membership compositions.

11.3 Student Advisory Group on Academic Integrity: Progress Report

Cissy Shen provided an overview to the meeting of the Student Advisory Group’s work and the draft Academic Integrity statement, with the Chair noting a final version of the statement will come to the next meeting of Academic Senate for approval. Members expressed strong support for the Advisory Group’s work, and suggested some minor changes to the document, including the addition of the term “engagement” under the section on support. The Vice-Chancellor recommended consulting with the Director of Human Resources on staff-related issues in the draft statement.

Resolution 17/30

Academic Senate resolved to:

- note the progress report of the Student Advisory Group on Academic Integrity;
- discuss the draft Academic Integrity Statement (Appendix A); and
- refer the feedback detailed within the report to the Academic Integrity Steering Group for consideration.
12. **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**
No questions on notice were received.

13. **ITEMS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR**
13.1 Award of Vice Chancellor Commendations for Academic Excellence: List of Recipients

Resolution 17/31
Academic Senate resolved to ratify the award of the Vice-Chancellor's Commendation to the list of Master coursework graduands circulated.

14. **REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**
14.1 Academic Senate Standing Committee

Resolution 17/32
Academic Senate resolved to:
i. ratify resolutions ASSC 17/10, ASSC 17/11 and ASSC 17/12 of the Academic Senate Standing Committee; and
ii. note the report of the Academic Senate Standing Committee meeting held by circular resolution in March 2017.

14.2 Academic Standards and Quality Committee
Academic Senate noted the reports of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee (ASQC) meetings of 28 February and 28 March 2017.

14.3 Research and Research Training Committee
Academic Senate noted the reports of the Research and Research Training Committee (RRTC) meetings of 15 February and 14 March 2017.

14.4 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee
Academic Senate noted the report of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC) meeting of 6 March 2017.

14.5 University Medal Committee
Academic Senate noted the report of the University Medal Committee (UMC) meeting of 22 February 2017.

15. **REPORTS FROM FACULTY BOARDS**
15.1 Faculty of Human Sciences Faculty Board
Academic Senate noted the report of the Faculty of Human Sciences Faculty Board meeting of 7 February 2017.

15.2 Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Board
Academic Senate noted the report of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Board meeting of 6 February 2017.

15.3 Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board
Academic Senate noted the report of the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board meeting of 7 February 2017.

16. **CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**
16.1 University Hearing Committee
The confidential minutes of the University Hearing Committee meeting of 23 February 2017 were tabled.

17. **OTHER BUSINESS**
17.1 Academic Senate elections to be held in 2017
The Chair referred to the information on Academic Senate elections to be held in 2017, adding that all elected members of Academic Senate are eligible to nominate for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair. Nominees for these positions will be invited to speak to the next meeting of Academic Senate.

18. **NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting of the Academic Senate will be held on Tuesday 30 May 2017.
Agenda Items are due by Tuesday 16 May 2017.
The meeting closed at 11:18 am.