ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 11 April 2017

Overview

The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available on the Academic Senate website. The resolutions and minutes of the meeting remain subject to change and will be published on the website following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 30 May 2017.

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

PROGRAMS: NEW AND CHANGES

New Programs (Res 17/21 and 17/24)

Academic Senate resolved to approve the academic cases for the following programs from 1 January 2018:

- Graduate Certificate of Applied Statistics;
- Graduate Certificate of Communication Disability (Exit Award for the Master of Speech Pathology);
- Graduate Diploma of Geoscience;
- Graduate Certificate of Security Studies and Criminology;
- Graduate Certificate of Security Studies and Criminology (OUA);
- Graduate Diploma of Security Studies and Criminology (OUA);
- Graduate Diploma of Security Studies and Criminology;
- Master of Counter Terrorism;
- Master of Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Master of Cyber Security;
- Master of Intelligence;
- Master of Intelligence (OUA);
- Master of Policy and Applied Social Research with the Master of Development Studies;
- Master of Policy and Applied Social Research;
- Master of Politics and Public Policy with the Master of Development Studies;
- Master of Politics and Public Policy with the Master of Development Studies;
- Master of International Relations;
- Master of Security and Strategic Studies;
- Master of Security and Strategic Studies (OUA);
- Master of Policy and Applied Social Research with the Master of Development Studies;
- and Master of Applied Finance (Advanced).

Programs to be deleted (Res 17/20 and 17/22)

Academic Senate resolved to approve the deletion of the following programs from 31 December 2017:

- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism with the Master of International Security Studies;
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism with the Master of International Security Studies (OUA);
- Graduate Certificate of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism;
- Graduate Certificate of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Graduate Diploma of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism;
- Graduate Diploma of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism;
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Master of Cyber Security, Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (OUA);
- Graduate Certificate in International Security Studies;
- Graduate Certificate in International Security Studies (OUA);
- Graduate Diploma in International Security Studies;
- Graduate Diploma in International Security Studies (OUA);
- Graduate Certificate of Intelligence;
- Master of International Security Studies;
- Master of International Security Studies (OUA); and
- the Master of Accessible Media and Intercultural Communication (AMIC).

Program Name Change (Res 17/20)

The Master of Accessible Media and Intercultural Communication (AMIC) was approved to be renamed as the Master of Accessible Communication (MAC) from 1 January 2018.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Exception (Res 17/23)

Academic Senate resolved to approve the following exceptions to the Recognition of Prior Learning at Macquarie University:

i. 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

ii. A student must complete 24 credit points in the Master of Disability Studies at Macquarie University.
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Student Advisory Group on Academic Integrity: Progress Report (Res 17/30)
Academic Senate noted a progress report from the Student Advisory Group on Academic Integrity and discussed the draft Academic Integrity Statement.

Professional Development Framework for Learning and Teaching (Res 17/27)
Academic Senate endorsed the academic principles outlined in the Professional Development Framework for Learning and Teaching.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Academic Senate 2017 Project Overviews (Res 17/29)
Academic Senate approved the project overviews and the establishment and membership of related steering and working groups.

Academic Senate membership: Nomination to fill casual vacancy (Res 17/19)
Professor Norma Harrison was appointed to fill a casual vacancy for an academic staff member from the Faculty of Business and Economics on Academic Senate.

Research and Research Training Committee membership: Nomination to fill casual vacancy (Res 17/25)
Dr Alys Moody was appointed to fill a casual vacancy for an Early Career Researcher member on the Research and Research Training Committee.

Senate Learning and Teaching Committee membership: Nominations (Res 17/26)
Academic Senate approved the co-option of Dr Yvonne Breyer to membership of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and approved the nomination of Professor Joanne Lind as as the nominee of the Executive Dean from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences to the same Committee.

OTHER MATTERS

• Academic Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor’s oral update, including an update on Session 1 admission figures, transitional arrangements following the retirement of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Students and Registrar), potential implications for the Higher Education sector in the upcoming 2017-2018 Federal budget, the ARC Engagement and Impact Assessment Trials, and the planned joint awards event for the University’s teaching and research awards.

• The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Corporate Engagement and Advancement) provided a presentation on the Macquarie Park Innovation District (MPID) (Res 17/28).

• Academic Senate approved the award of Vice-Chancellor Commendations to 3 postgraduate coursework graduands (Res 17/31) and noted that the Research and Research Training Committee had approved the award of Vice-Chancellor Commendations to 6 higher degree research graduands.

• Academic Senate noted a report on elections to be held in 2017, including the election of the Chair and Deputy Chair and elections to fill two student vacancies.

• A confidential report was tabled of the University Hearing Committee held on 23 February 2017.

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 Research and Research Training Committee, the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee throughout February and March 2017, and ratified the decisions of the Academic Senate Standing Committee (Res 17/32).

Faculty Boards
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Faculty of Human Sciences Faculty Board, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Board and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board in February 2017.