ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 5 September 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 17 October 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 24 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
There were no new programs or changes to programs approved by Senate at this meeting.

Principles of Program Review (Res 17/90)
Academic Senate approved the Principles of Program Review, agreed to request Faculties apply the Principles in scheduled program reviews that are yet to commence, endorsed the provided recommendations to support the implementation, and noted the development of the resources required to support implementation will be approved by Academic Standards and Quality Committee.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
HDR Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and Procedures (Res 17/83)

Special Consideration Policy, Procedure and Associated Documents (Res 17/84)
Academic Senate approved the renamed and revised Disruption to Studies Policy, Procedure and Supporting Evidence and Outcomes Schedules as the Special Consideration Policy, Procedure and Supporting Evidence and Outcomes Schedules with effect from Session 3, 2017.

Establishment of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence and MUIC Award for Academic Excellence (Res 17/87)
Following on from the decision at its meeting of 18 July 2017 to disestablish the Vice-Chancellor's Commendation for Academic Excellence (Res 17/72), Academic Senate approved the new award title for the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence and MUIC Award for Academic Excellence.

Policy Review Project Overview (Res 17/92)
Academic Senate approved the revisions to the Policy Review Project Overview.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY
Academic Senate Projects (Res 17/89, Res 17/91 and Res 17/94)
Progress reports were received for:
- Academic Integrity;
- Review of Quality Assurance and Quality Enhancement; and
- Procedure for managing the progression of students enrolled in practical, clinical or professional programs.

Partnership with and Recognition of Student Members (Res 17/93)
Academic Senate endorsed the approach for recognising students involved with academic governing bodies and a phased-in implementation for Academic Senate student representatives; recommended this approach to the Chairs of Faculty Boards for consideration for student representatives on Faculty Boards; and agreed to refer feedback
received from student representatives regarding remuneration for service to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students) for further consideration.

**Proposed Approach to 2018 Projects and Priorities (Res 17/95)**
Academic Senate approved the proposed approach to establishing its projects and priorities for 2018.

**Academic Senate Committees and Subcommittees Terms of Reference and Membership (Res 17/81, Res 17/82, Res 17/85, Res 17/86 and Res 17/88)**
Academic Senate approved:

- the appointment of Associate Professor Catriona Lavernicocca as the new Chair of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee and expressed its appreciation for the work of Associate Professor Pamela Coutts in this role;
- the disestablishment of the MGSM Academic Board;
- the appointment to the Academic Standards and Quality Committee of Dr Michael Dobbie as the nominee of the Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Board (for a term of office until 30 June 2019);
- the appointment to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee of Dr Elizabeth-Ann Schroeder as the nominee of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Board (for the unexpired portion of the predecessor’s term of office until 30 June 2019); Professor Leonie Tickle as the nominee of the Executive Dean for the Faculty of Business and Economics (for a term of office until 31 December 2017); and Dr Shane Magee as the nominee of the Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Board (for a term of office from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019); and
- the disestablishment of the Ranking Committee and Academic Appeal Committee with immediate effect.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Academic Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor's oral update, including Respect. Now. Always, the Macquarie MD, ARC Research Engagement and Impact Pilot, Session 2 admissions and the review of the University Council;
- A presentation was received from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Programs and Pathways) on Admissions Transparency (Res 17/96);
- Academic Senate was advised on the Respect. Now. Always campaign by the Manager, Student Equity and Diversity (Res 17/97);
- Academic Senate also received an update from the Station Precinct Project (Res 17/98);
- Saving Cases: 2017 Quarter 2 Summary Report – Academic Senate ratified the actions taken by the Chair of Academic Senate under delegated authority to invoke the savings clause for the students listed in the 2017 Quarter 2 Saving Cases schedule (Res 17/99);
- Academic Senate ratified the award of the Vice-Chancellor’s Commendation for Academic Excellence to two Bachelor degree graduands and twenty-eight Master coursework graduands (Res 17/100);
- Academic Senate also ratified the action taken by the Chair of Academic Senate to approve the request to review the Grade Appeal Policy (Res 17/101); and
- Academic Senate resolved to issue a statement in acknowledging the diversity of opinions in relation to marriage equality and supporting marriage equality, respectful debate and for colleagues and students in the LGBTQI community (Res 17/102) as outlined below:

  **Statement:**
  The Academic Senate respects the diversity of opinions in relation to the issue of marriage equality. The Academic Senate encourages and advocates respectful debate around the issue and supports LGBTQI students and staff of the University, particularly at this time. The Academic Senate affirms its support for marriage equality.

**Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards**

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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 in July and August 2017.

**Faculty Boards**
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board, the Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Board, 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 July and August 2017.

**University Hearing Committee**
Academic Senate noted the summary report of the University Hearing Committee meeting held in August 2017.