ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 6 December 2016

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 21 February 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 23 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 16/257)

Bachelor of Actuarial Studies combined with Bachelor of Professional Practice – the academic case for this program was approved with effect from 1 January 2018.

Discontinuation of Program (Res 16/258)

Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of the Master of Accounting (CPA Extension) from 31 December 2016.

Changes to the Intensive Foundation Program (Res 16/260)

Academic Senate approved the renaming of the Intensive Foundation Program to become the Intensive Program and the addition of further elective units in Economics, History and Biology.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Attendance and Study Load Policy for Programs Delivered by the Macquarie University International College (MUIC) (Res 16/259)

The Attendance and Study Load Policy for programs delivered by the Macquarie University International College (MUIC) were approved with effect from MUIC’s Term 2 in 2017.

Adjustment to the Assessment Policy: Schedule 1, Grading Requirements (Res 16/254)

Academic Senate approved changes to the Assessment Policy: Schedule 1, Grading Requirements to amend UX to UE (Student is undertaking an exchange program: unit result awaited) and WN to W (Awarded when a student withdraws from a unit or units after the Census Date, and when academic and/or financial penalties have not been applied) with immediate effect.

Principles of English Language Statement (Res 16/255)

The Principles of English Language Statement was approved with immediate effect.

Exception to the Schedule of Minimum Requirements for Master of Banking and Finance (ECNU) (Res 16/258)

Academic Senate approved an exception to the Recognition of Prior Learning Schedule of Minimum Requirements at Macquarie to allow students completing the Dual degree Master of Banking and Finance with Eastern China National University (ECNU) to be exempt from the requirement to study 32 credit points at Macquarie University with effect from 1 January 2017.

Additional Study Period: Amendment to the Academic Calendar (Res 16/253)

Academic Senate endorsed the introduction of five new study periods as flagged in the Academic Case for the Doctor of Medicine (Global MD) as approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and recommended to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) the introduction of a Study Period 2 to the 2017 academic year calendar to
accommodate Research Internship students, with the period commencing on 29 May 2017 and ending on 1 September 2017.

**Procedures for Exclusion from a Practical, Clinical or Professional Program (Res 16/271)**

Academic Senate approved a proposal to develop Procedures for Exclusion from a Practical, Clinical or Professional Program.

**Inherent Requirements Framework Implementation Report (Res 16/266)**

A report was provided on the implementation of the Inherent Requirements Framework.

**GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY**

**Purpose and Composition Working Group Progress Report (Res 16/252)**

Academic Senate received a progress report on the Purpose and Composition and Shared Governance Working Groups.

**Academic Senate 2017 Projects and Priorities (Res 16/264)**

Academic Senate noted the list of potential projects for 2017 and approved the process by which these projects will be prioritised for further approval in early 2017.

**Academic Integrity: Working Group Progress Report (Res 16/251)**

A report was provided on the progress of this project.

**Induction Schedule for Members of Academic Senate (Res 16/265)**

Academic Senate endorsed the proposed induction schedule for new members of Academic Senate.

**Indigenous Representation on Academic Senate (Res 16/267)**

Judith McKay-Tempest was co-opted for a further twelve months to 31 December 2017 as an indigenous academic staff representative on Academic Senate.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Academic Senate noted the Vice-Chancellor’s oral update, including the review of the register of delegations of authority, the Higher Education Standards Panel (HESP) report on Improving the Transparency of Higher Education Admissions Processes (the Shergold Report), the University’s success in the recent ARC and NHMRC grant funding rounds and the current status of admissions for 2017.

- A presentation was provided on the draft Academic Promotion Policy, Procedure and Criteria (Res 16/261).

- A confidential report was tabled of the University Hearing Committee held on 9 November 2016.

- End-of-year reports were provided by the Chair of Academic Senate and the Chairs of the standing committees, including a report on the results of the end-of-year survey of Academic Senate members (Res 16/262 and Res 16/263).

- Academic Senate noted a report on the election of academic staff to Senate (Res 16/270).

**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 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee throughout November 2016.

**Faculty Boards**

No Faculty Board meetings were held between the Academic Senate meetings on 1 November 2016 and 6 December 2016. Faculty Boards will next meet on 12 and 13 December 2016 and the reports of these meetings will be included on the agenda for the first Academic Senate meeting of 2017.