ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 20 July 2021.

Overview
The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available from this folder in Truth. The resolutions and minutes of the meeting remain subject to change and will be published in Truth following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 31 August 2021.

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

COURSES: NEW AND CHANGES
There were no proposals relating to courses submitted to this meeting.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Course Re-accreditation and Unit Review: Institutional Domains and Templates (ASQC) (Res AS21/49)
Members approved the proposed Institutional Domains and Themes as an appropriate mechanism to support and monitor the quality and standards in the future Review Module in the Curriculum Management System.

Quality Assurance Framework Policy (Res AS21/50)
Academic Senate endorsed the Quality Assurance Framework Policy as approved by the Vice-Chancellor and noted the development of schedules and procedures to support the Policy.

Enrolment Policy, Leave of Absence and Suspension of Study Procedure, and Withdrawal Procedure (Res AS21/51)
Academic Senate approved the Enrolment Policy and Leave of Absence and Suspension of Study Procedure, endorsed the Withdrawal Procedure for approval by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and approved related amendments to the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure.

Curriculum Architecture Policy and Principles: Out of Review-Cycle Amendment (Res AS21/53)
Members approved proposed amendments to the Curriculum Architecture Policy and MQ Model: Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles with immediate effect.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS21/56)
Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as at 9 July 2021, and endorsed the establishment of a Working Group of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee to lead review of relevant policies and procedures in the areas of admissions, course transfer, and exit and nested awards.

Review of University Medal Policy and Procedure Report (Res AS21/59)
Members received an update on the review of the University Medal Policy and Procedure.

Curriculum Policy Suite (Res AS21/61)
Academic Senate noted a report on the development of a suite of curriculum policies, noting that drafts have been available for feedback and comment and that final versions will come to the next Senate meeting.

Academic Senate Statement on Academic Freedom (Res AS21/64)
Academic Senate noted requirements to amend its Statement on Academic Freedom following Professor Sally Walker’s review of how Australian universities have implemented the findings of the French Review of Freedom of Speech in Australian Higher Education Providers. Members voted to approve the
proposed amendments and to recommend that Council incorporate the Statement into its Freedom of Speech Policy.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

2022 Draft Calendar of Meeting Dates (Res AS21/52)
Members endorsed a revised set of meeting dates for Academic Senate in 2022 for recommendation to Council.

Partnership With and Recognition of Student Representatives Project Post-Implementation Review: Final Report (Res AS21/57)
Academic Senate received the final report of this post-implementation review from previous student members Ms Leanne Freame and Ms Danielle Tonkin. Members endorsed the findings and approved the formation of a working group to assess the report’s recommendations and develop an implementation plan.

Diversity and Inclusion Working Group Report (Res AS21/58)
Academic Senate received an update from the Diversity and Inclusion Working Group looking at the current membership of Academic Senate.

2021 Academic Senate Project: Update (Res AS21/60)
Members noted an update report on the projects being undertaken by Academic Senate in 2021.

OTHER MATTERS

- The Vice-Chancellor spoke to members on matters including a possible pilot for the return of overseas students, the University’s response to the current wave of COVID-19 infections and plans to establish an Institute for Advanced Technology with Meadowbank TAFE;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio, including an update on TEQSA re-accreditation activities;
- Members noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) regarding support mechanisms for the University’s offsite HDR candidates (Res AS21/48);
- A report on cotutelle arrangements was noted by members, who also ratified five agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS21/54);
- Academic Senate endorsed two nominations for the title of Professor Emeritus/Emerita for recommendation to Council (Res AS21/55);
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Programs and Pathways) presented data from Open Universities Australia on students enrolled in courses and units offered by Macquarie University (Res AS21/62);
- The Chair and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) presented an update on Academic Integrity initiatives, activities and reports (Res AS21/63);
- Members ratified executive action taken by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS21/65) to approve the appointment of Nusrat Binte Nijam as a student member on the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee, the award of the MUIC Award for Academic Excellence, and changes to the Special Consideration Procedure and the associated Supporting Evidence Schedule to clarify amendments approved to those documents at the Academic Senate meeting of 25 May 2021; and
- Academic Senate ratified a number of savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS21/66).

COMMITTEES OF ACADEMIC SENATE AND FACULTY BOARDS

Committees of Academic Senate
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings of the Academic Senate Standing Committee, the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in June 2021, and reports of matters dealt with by circular resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in May, June and July 2021.

Faculty Boards
Academic Senate noted the reports of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board, the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty Board and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board meetings held in July 2021.

Student Discipline Matters
There were no reports on student discipline matters submitted to this meeting.