



ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 28 February 2023.

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 also be published in Truth following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 28 March 2023.

Key agenda items, outcomes and resolutions are highlighted in this brief and are not intended to replace the full minutes.

DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

Academic Senate passed 19 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Accreditation and Amendments

Academic Senate approved a number of course proposals with effect from 1 January 2024 (Res AS23/05), including the accreditation of the Graduate Certificate in Lymphoedema Management (Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences). Senate also approved amendments related to course reaccreditation reviews conducted in 2022, including amendments to the Bachelor of Psychology, Bachelor of Psychology (OUA), Bachelor of Psychology (Honours), Master of Clinical Psychology and Master of Clinical Neuropsychology (Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences), and the Bachelor of Actuarial Studies with Professional Practice (Honours), Master of Business Analytics and Master of Commerce (Macquarie Business School). The amendments to the Master of Commerce also involve the accreditation of new postgraduate specialisations in Applied Economics, Business Analytics, International Business, Supply Chain Management, Accounting and Auditing, Business Management and Digital Finance. Minor amendments from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Science and Engineering were also approved.

Policies and Procedures

Schedule 1: English Language Admission Requirements to Coursework and Non-Award Courses (Res AS23/03)

Academic Senate approved Schedule 1: English Language Admission Requirements to Coursework and Non-Award Courses as a Schedule of the Admissions Policy, and expired the Principles of English Language Statement with immediate effect. Academic Senate noted that the Admissions Policy is currently under review, and that this schedule will also be a Schedule of the revised Policy.

Enrolment Policy Amendment (Res AS23/04)

Academic Senate approved an amendment to the Enrolment Policy to add a reference to Macquarie University College Progression and Attendance policies to Clause 41 of the Enrolment Policy with immediate effect.

Review of Special Consideration Policy (Res AS23/14)

Academic Senate noted an update on a trial of automatic extensions in the context of the review of the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS23/08)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 20 February 2023.

Governance and Strategy

Quality and Standards Review Reports (Res AS23/13)

Academic Senate received and noted Quality and Standards Review reports on Standard 5.4 (Delivery with Other Parties) and Standard 6.3 (Academic Governance) of the Higher Education Standards Framework.

2022 Annual Report on Approved Cotutelle and Joint PhD Arrangements (Res AS23/14)

Academic Senate noted the 2022 Annual Report on Cotutelle and joint PhD agreements.

University Medal Committee Diversity and Inclusion Report 2022 (Res AS23/15)

Academic Senate noted the report on University Medal outcomes from 2022 with comments on equity and diversity.

2022 Annual Report of Academic Senate to Council (Res AS23/11)

Academic Senate approved the report of its activities in 2022 and refer the report to Council for its advice.

2022 Academic Senate Annual Agenda Plan: Review of Performance (Res AS23/10)

Academic Senate noted the final version of its 2022 Annual Agenda Plan and review of Academic Senate's performance.

2023 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees (Res AS23/09)

Academic Senate noted the updated information and overviews for 2023 projects for Academic Senate and its committees. Information on these projects is available on the [Academic Senate website](#).

Report on Implementation of Recommendations regarding Student Members of Governance Committees (Res AS23/12)

Academic Senate noted the final report on implementation of recommendations from the post implementation review of Partnership with and Recognition of Student Members.

University Medal Committee Terms of Reference (Res AS23/07)

Academic Senate approved the revised Terms of Reference for the University Medal Committee with immediate effect, noting the Terms will now be published in Policy Central.

Other Matters

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in his portfolio, including the successful launch of Kickstarter (a series of events to help first year students transition to University) and O-Week, the release of the University Accord discussion paper, information being provided to staff and students on ChatGPT and other AI engines and the development of the Education Strategy;
- Academic Senate ratified eleven cotutelle agreements involving seven different institutions, and ratified three joint PhD arrangements (two with the same institution) entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS23/07);
- Academic Senate ratified decisions made under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate related to the award of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework graduands and the approval of amendments to the Cyber Security Governance Major in the Macquarie Business School, effective 1 January 2024 (Res AS23/17);
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/18); and
- Academic Senate noted advice on planned elections for the position of Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/19).

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

Committees of Academic Senate

Academic Senate noted the reports and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Academic Senate Standing Committee, the Academic Standards and Quality Committee and the University Medal Committee held in December 2022 and February 2023 and the extraordinary meeting of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in February 2023.

Faculty Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and confirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts, Macquarie Business School, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Boards held in December 2022 and the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Macquarie Business School, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Boards held in February 2023.