



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 29 August 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 10 October 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 15 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Accreditation, Reaccreditations, Amendments and Discontinuations

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS23/87)

Academic Senate approved course amendments from the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and the Macquarie Business School, including the recognition of the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) for postgraduate coursework degrees in the Macquarie Business School.

Policies and Procedures

Admission Policy: Amendment (Res AS23/85)

Academic Senate approved an amendment to the Admission Policy clarifying that admission is limited to domestic students aged 16 years or over or international students aged 17 years or over at the commencement of their studies at the University. Academic Senate also noted the expiry of the Admission Procedure by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Review of Academic Senate Rules and Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committees Procedure (Res AS23/94)

Academic Senate endorsed the proposed amendments to the Academic Senate Rules and approved the proposed amendments to the Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committees Procedure.

Review of Higher Degree Research Rules (Res AS23/93)

Academic Senate noted and discussed the proposed in principle updates to the Higher Degree Research Rules, which are to be brought back to the following meeting of Academic Senate for endorsement and recommendation to Council.

Curriculum (Course) Lifecycle Policy Suite Post-Implementation Review Update (Res AS23/95)

Academic Senate noted that the Curriculum (Course) Lifecycle Policies post-implementation review is underway and is due for completion by the end of 2023.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS23/88)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 15 August 2023.

Governance and Strategy

2023 Half-Yearly Update on Student Misconduct Matters (Res AS23/91)

Academic Senate noted the half-yearly report on student conduct matters.

Student Monitoring Performance Report – Low SES, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Students with a Disability cohorts (Res AS23/90)

Academic Senate noted the Student Monitoring Performance Report for low socio-economic status and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student cohorts and the students with a disability cohort.

Annual Report on Academic Integrity (Res AS23/92)

Academic Senate noted the Annual Academic Integrity Report July 2022–July 2023.

Recognition of International Foundation Programs (Res AS23/86)

Academic Senate expired its approval from its meeting of 26 July 2016 of the framework for the recognition of overseas (international) foundation programs, noting that future proposals will be approved by Academic Senate and that further changes to the approval process for recognising international foundation programs may be recommended following the review of the Recognition of Prior Learning Policy and its associated Procedures.

2023 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees: Updates (Res AS23/89)

Academic Senate noted updated information on 2023 projects for Academic Senate and its committees.

Other Matters

- Academic Senate received a presentation from the Vice-Chancellor regarding the review of the University Strategy with the Vice-Chancellor outlining the process underway to consult with the University community, and noting that this consultation has deliberately been timed to prepare the University to respond to the final Australian Universities Accord document due for release towards the end of the year;
- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on the University's response to the Australian Universities Accord interim report (noting there will be separate submissions from Academic Senate and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) portfolio), recent changes to rules applying to Confirmation of Enrolment, and concerns that proposed research funding from the NSW government may be rescinded or deferred;
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in his portfolio, including the finalisation of the University's submission to TEQSA for re-registration, proposed amendments to the Higher Education Support Act 2003, and responses to the 2023 QILT survey;
- 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, the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College graduands and the approval of change in name for a major offered by the Faculty of Arts (Res AS23/96); and
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/97).

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 Standards and Quality Committee, the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee held in August 2023, and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in August 2023.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and confirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board and the report and minutes of the first meeting of the Macquarie University College Board held in July 2023, with the Director of the College speaking briefly to this item.