



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 27 February 2024.

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 26 March 2024.

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: Accreditations, Reaccreditations, Amendments and Discontinuations

Course and Course Component Accreditations (Res AS24/04, Res AS24/05 and Res AS24/06)
Academic Senate approved the accreditation of new courses and course components from the Faculty of Arts, the Macquarie Business School, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Engineering, including the new Master of Research, Graduate Diploma of Research and Graduate Certificate of Research to be offered by all faculties, and the Master of Professional Practice to be offered by the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences.

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS24/07)

Academic Senate approved a range of curriculum proposals for amendments to courses and course components from the Faculty of Arts, the Macquarie Business School, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, the Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the Macquarie University College.

Policies and Procedures

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS24/10)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 19 February 2024.

Governance and Strategy

2023 Annual Report of Academic Senate to Council (Res AS24/03)

Academic Senate accepted the Academic Senate Annual Report 2023 and recommended it to Council.

2023 Annual Report on Approved Cotutelle and Joint PhD Arrangements (Res AS24/09)

Academic Senate received and noted the 2023 Annual Report on Approved Cotutelle and Joint PhD arrangements.

2024 Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committee Focus Areas and Annual Agenda Plan (Res AS24/11)

Academic Senate noted the updated information on the 2024 Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committee focus areas including overviews where available, and the updated 2024 Academic Senate Annual Agenda Plan.

2023 Membership Survey Results (Res AS24/12)

Academic Senate noted the results from the Membership Survey distributed to members of Academic Senate.

Other Matters

- The Dean of Students presented a report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on matters in the portfolio, including the development of the new Education Strategy, development of the Support for Students Policy, and changes to the Macquarie University College term structure (also noted as a separate report [Res AS24/13]);

- Academic Senate approved three cotutelle agreements and one joint PhD agreement executed since the previous meeting of Senate on 21 November 2023 (Res AS24/08);
- 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 Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College graduands, approval of an amendment to the Assessment Procedure, approval of a revised Curriculum Architecture Policy Schedule A: Postgraduate Double Degrees, approval of amendments to the Macquarie University College Academic Progression Policy and Macquarie University College (MQ College) Academic Progression Policy – ELICOS Students, and approval of retrospective amendments to the Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (Res AS24/14); and
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS24/15).

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, the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee held in November and December 2023, and February 2024 and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in December 2023 and February 2024.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board, the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty Board, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in November and December 2023, and January and February 2024.