



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 30 September 2025.

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 25 November 2025.

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

Curriculum: Amendments and Discontinuations

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS25/79 and Res AS25/80)

Academic Senate approved proposals from the Macquarie Business School to amend the Bachelor of Professional Accounting, the Bachelor of Marketing and Media, the Master of Accounting, the Master of Professional Accounting and the Bachelor of Business from January 2026.

Academic Senate also approved a proposal from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences to accredit the Diploma of Health Science as an exit qualification from January 2026 and a proposal from the Faculty of Science and Engineering to discontinue the Master of Engineering in Electronics Engineering from January 2026, including a discontinuation management plan.

Course Reaccreditation Proposal (Res AS25/81)

Academic Senate received the final course review report for the Master of Management from the Macquarie Business School and approved the Faculty's recommendation that the degree be reaccredited for a period of seven years without conditions.

Policies and Procedures

Commonwealth Prac Payment Policy Amendments (Res AS25/78)

Academic Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Enrolment Policy and Leave of Absence and Suspension of Studies Procedure, with effect upon publication.

Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure Draft Amendments (Res AS25/87)

Academic Senate noted the draft amendments of the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS25/93)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 17 September 2025.

Governance and Strategy

Half-Yearly Report on Student Conduct Matters (Res AS25/84)

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

Students at Risk Half-Yearly Report (Res AS25/85)

Academic Senate received and noted the half-yearly report on students at risk.

Quality and Standards Compliance Reports (Res AS25/86)

Academic Senate received and noted the Quality and Standards Compliance Reports for HESF Domain 5 (Institutional Quality Assurance) and Part B1 (Criteria for Higher Education Providers).

Thematic Review Success Plan Final Report – Inherent Requirements and Fitness to Practice Procedures for Practical, Clinical or Professional Courses (Res AS25/88)

Academic Senate received and noted the Thematic Review Success Plan Final Report – Inherent Requirements and Fitness to Practice Procedures for Practical, Clinical or Professional Courses.

2025 Report on Third Party Offerings (Res AS25/89)

Academic Senate received and noted the report from the Macquarie Business School on its third party offerings, noting that the Macquarie Business School remains accountable for the Global Master of Business Administration (Global MBA) and Master of Professional Accounting and verifies the continuing compliance of both courses with the standards required by Macquarie University's Policies.

Universal Design for Learning: Informing Practice – Final Report (Res AS25/90)

Academic Senate received and noted the final report on the Universal Design for Learning: Informing Practice Project.

Update on Academic Senate Students Members Group (Res AS25/91)

Academic Senate received and noted an update on the activities of the Academic Senate Students Members Group.

Other Matters

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor on issues such as the release of the Interim Report of the enquiry into the quality of governance at Australian higher education providers, the review of legislation governing TEQSA, the new National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence, and negotiations with the interim Australian Tertiary Education Commission on student-load profiles for 2026 and 2027;
- Academic Senate noted an update on items from previous meetings, including advice on the number of graduate research students enrolled offsite (Res AS25/77);
- Academic Senate approved eight Cotutelle arrangements and four joint PhD arrangements executed since the meeting of Senate on 27 May 2025 (noting some had been omitted from the report to the previous Senate meeting) and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the arrangement (Res AS25/82);
- Academic Senate endorsed three nominations for the title of Professor Emerita/Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS25/83);
- Academic Senate noted the 2027 Academic Year Plan approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (Res AS25/92);
- Academic Senate ratified decisions made under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate to award the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework graduands and the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College graduates (Res AS25/94); and
- Academic Senate ratified sixteen savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS25/95).

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

Committees of Academic Senate

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Academic Senate Education Committee meeting held in September 2025, the meeting of the Academic Senate Research Committee held in September 2025 and the report of the University Medal Committee held in August 2025.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the reports 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 and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board held in August 2025.