



ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 26 July 2022.

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 30 August 2022.

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

COURSES: NEW AND AMENDMENTS

Academic Senate approved the introduction of the Undergraduate Certificate of Commerce, the Undergraduate Certificate of Software Engineering, the Diploma of Software Engineering and the Diploma of Game Design and Development to be offered by the Macquarie University College with effect from 1 January 2023. It also approved amendments to the Master of International Trade and Commerce Law, the Master of Laws, the Bachelor of Arts (OUA) and the Master of Information Technology in Networking (Res AS22/56).

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Academic Progression Policy and Procedure (Res AS22/55)

Academic Senate approved the revised [Academic Progression Policy and Procedure](#) with immediate effect, and consequential amendments to the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure to align nomenclature.

Review of HDR and MRes Termination of Candidature Procedure (Res AS22/59)

Academic Senate approved the new [Graduate Research Continuation Policy](#), the amended HDR and MRes Termination of Candidature Procedure (including a new supporting flowchart) and a change of name for the Procedure to become the Graduate Research Continuation Procedure, with immediate effect.

Assessment Procedure: Request for Partial Exemption for EDST2100 (Res AS22/58)

Academic Senate approved a [partial exception](#) to the requirement of Clause 117 of the Assessment Procedure to publish final examinations in the University Library for EDST2100 Language and Literacies, subject to the Faculty providing sample practice quizzes in iLearn and the retention of any examination papers already published with the Library. It was noted that the practice of providing exemptions from this requirement will be reviewed as part of the upcoming post-implementation review of the Assessment Policy and Procedure.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS22/63)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 15 July 2022.

Student Charter Update (Res AS22/71)

Academic Senate noted the launch of the [Student Charter](#) on 25 July 2022.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Research Integrity Update (Res AS22/66)

Academic Senate received and noted an update on Research Integrity operations, including progress against the Farthing review recommendations and a proposed five-year strategic plan.

Annual Academic Integrity Report 2022 (Res AS22/67)

Academic Senate received and noted the Annual Academic Integrity Report 2022.

Academic Senate Oversight of Academic Risks (Res AS22/68)

Academic Senate received and endorsed Quality and Standards Review reports on the five areas under Standard 1 (Student Participation and Attainment) of the Higher Education Standards Framework.

Faculty of Science and Engineering Student Success and Cohort Monitoring Report (Res AS22/69)

Academic Senate received and noted the Student Success and Cohort Monitoring Report from the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Senate Learning and Teaching Committee: Meeting of 27 June 2022 – Critically Evaluating the Quality and Effectiveness of Educational Innovations and Proposals for Innovations Interim Working Group Report (Res AS22/74)

Academic Senate received and noted Critically Evaluating the Quality and Effectiveness of Educational Innovations and Proposals for Innovations Interim Working Group Report from the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee meeting of 27 June 2022.

2022 Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committee Projects: Update (Res AS22/64)

Academic Senate received and noted an update on the 2022 projects for Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committees.

2022 Academic Senate Annual Agenda Plan: Year-to-Date Review of Performance (Res AS22/65)

Academic Senate received and noted a report on its performance to date against the 2022 Academic Senate Annual Agenda Plan.

Academic Standards and Quality Committee Terms of Reference: Amendment (Res AS22/57)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Academic Standards and Quality Committee Terms of Reference.

OTHER MATTERS

- The Chancellor attended the meeting as an observer and spoke briefly on the relationship between Council and Academic Senate;
- The Vice-Chancellor spoke to members on matters including positive indications from the Federal Government (noting specific details have yet to be released), ongoing engagement with the NSW State Government, appointments to and recruitment for senior positions (including the new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Rorden Wilkinson), and student load for the remainder of 2022;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio, including the Education Strategy Committee, the introduction in S2 2022 of a standard 5% penalty for late assessments, and an update on TEQSA re-registration and the response to the ESOS audit;
- Academic Senate noted the report of the MQ Way for Education and Employability, a thematic review commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, including the establishment of the MQ Way Steering Committee to develop the Thematic Review Success Plan for implementation of the report recommendations (Res AS22/70);
- Academic Senate ratified seven cotutelle agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS22/60);
- Academic Senate endorsed a recommendation for the award of the title of Professor Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS22/61);
- Academic Senate endorsed the Academic Year Plan for 2024 for recommendation to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) for approval (Res AS22/62);
- 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 (Res AS22/72); and
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS22/73).

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 Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in June and July 2022.

Faculty 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 Faculty Board and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board held in May and July 2022.