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## **ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF**

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 24 May 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 26 July 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 17 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

## **COURSES: NEW AND CHANGES**

Academic Senate approved the introduction of the Bachelor of Combined Studies (Honours), with immediate effect (noting this is a generic name for CRICOS code purposes to cover desirable double degrees involving an Honours degree). It also approved amendments to the Bachelor of Laws (Honours), Bachelor of Actuarial Studies with the Bachelor of Professional Practice (Honours) and Bachelor of Human Sciences, with effect from 1 January 2023 (Res AS22/43).

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

### **Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure** (Res AS22/39)

Academic Senate approved the revised Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure with effect from 25 July 2022.

### **Review of Special Consideration Policy and Procedure** (Res AS22/40)

Academic Senate approved the amended Special Consideration Policy, Special Consideration Procedure, and Supporting Evidence Schedule, with effect from 25 July 2022.

### **Micro-credentials Policy Review** (Res AS22/41)

Academic Senate approved the revised Micro-Credentials Policy and Micro-credentials Framework with immediate effect.

### **Revised Learning Technologies Policy** (Res AS22/42)

Academic Senate approved the revised Learning Technologies Policy and the expiry of the Learning Technologies Procedure with immediate effect.

### **Higher Degree Research Transfer Policy Review** (Res AS22/44)

Academic Senate approved the revised Higher Degree Research Transfer Policy with immediate effect.

### **Review of the HDR and MRes Terminations Procedure** (Res AS22/48)

Academic Senate noted and discussed the general principles of the proposed changes to the HDR and MRes Termination Procedure, noting this will involve the creation of a new Policy and a change of name to the Graduate Research Continuation Policy and Procedure.

### **Policies Under Review/Development** (Res AS22/46)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 17 May 2022.

## **GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY**

### **Research Performance Reporting – Report on ERA** (Res AS22/47)

Academic Senate received and noted a report on ongoing work in preparation for ERA 2023, including potential implications of changes in ERA benchmarking, world standards and rating scales for MQ's outcomes in ERA 2023 and beyond.

### **Academic Senate Oversight of Academic Risks (Res AS22/49)**

Academic Senate received and accepted a report on its oversight of academic risks, noting that Quality and Standards Review reports will be submitted to Academic Senate at its July and August meetings.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

- The Vice-Chancellor spoke to members on matters including implications from the recent change of Government, projected student numbers for Session 2, 2022, and Council's decision to change the name of the University's main campus to the Wallumattagal Campus of Macquarie University;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio, including further advice on the change of name for the main campus, activities of the Student Journey and Experience Taskforce (SJET), and an update on TEQSA re-registration activities and the University's response to the recent ESOS audit;
- The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) provided advice on the number of HDR candidates who currently have an honorary academic as their primary or associate supervisor (Res AS22/38);
- Academic Senate ratified six cotutelle agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS22/45);
- 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 (Res AS22/51); and
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS22/52) and received and noted the 2021 Annual Report on Savings Cases (Res AS22/50).

### **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 Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in April and May 2022, and the University Medal Committee held in March 2022. Academic Senate also noted the outcome of two circular resolutions approved by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in March and April 2022.

#### **Faculty Boards**

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of 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 March and April 2022.