



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 27 May 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 5 August 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 20 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 AS25/34)

Academic Senate approved proposals from the Faculty of Arts, the Macquarie Business School and the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences to discontinue the Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Professional Practice, Master of Applied Finance (Advanced), Master of Applied Finance (Beijing), Master of Marketing Strategy, Master of Finance, Master of Banking and Finance, ECNU, Graduate Certificate of Leadership and Change, Graduate Certificate of Applied Business Analytics, Graduate Certificate of Digital Marketing and Graduate Certificate of Digital Finance; amend the Master of Management, Bachelor of Chiropractic Science and Master of Chiropractic; and accredit the Graduate Certificate of Organisational Behaviour (exit award).

Course Reaccreditation Proposals (Res AS25/35)

Academic Senate received the final course review reports for the Public Health and Physiotherapy course bundles from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and approved the Faculty's recommendation that the following courses be reaccredited for a period of seven years without conditions: Master of Public Health, Master of Public Health Research, Graduate Diploma of Public Health, Graduate Certificate of Physical Health, Graduate Diploma of Physical Health, and Doctor of Physiotherapy.

Policies and Procedures

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS25/48)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 21 May 2025.

Governance and Strategy

Academic Senate Education Committee Projects (Res AS25/36 and Res AS25/37)

Academic Senate approved two projects from the Academic Senate Education Committee: the formation of the Academic Senate Student Members Group and Universal Design for Learning: Informing Practice.

Research Quality Assurance and Data Collection and Analysis (Res AS25/41)

Academic Senate received and noted a report on the recent roll-out of the Researcher Performance Dashboard consistent with the Data Collection and Analysis section of the Research Quality Assurance Policy.

Graduate Researcher Development Framework and Program (Res AS25/42)

Academic Senate received and noted the report on the continued use of the Graduate Researcher Development Framework and associated Graduate Researcher Development Program for student skill development.

Student Cohort Reports (Res AS25/43, Res AS25/44 and Res AS25/45)

Academic Senate received and noted the Student Performance Reporting report, the Student Experience Survey 2023: National Benchmarking report and the Student Experience Survey 2024: Macquarie Results.

Academic Promotion Outcomes 2024 (Res AS25/46)

Academic Senate received and noted the report on the outcomes and data insights gathered from the 2024 round of Academic Promotion applications across the University.

Report on Diversity Survey (Res AS25/47)

Academic Senate received and noted the report on the 2025 Diversity Survey results.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on matters including the outcome of the recent election and implications for the sector, and the impact of the creation of the National Student Ombudsman;
- Academic Senate noted an update on items from previous meetings, including the finalisation of two proposals to discontinue courses (Res AS25/33);
- Academic Senate approved two Cotutelle arrangements executed since the meeting of Senate on 25 March 2025 and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the arrangements (Res AS25/38);
- Academic Senate approved a joint PhD program between Macquarie University and the University of Paris-Saclay (Res AS25/39);
- Academic Senate endorsed three nominations for the title of Professor Emerita Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS25/40);
- 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 exempt the Macquarie University College from the requirement to submit Unit Monitoring Reports (Form C) within seven days of results ratification as specified in clause 131 of the Assessment Procedure (Res AS25/49); and
- Academic Senate ratified 23 savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS25/50).

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 May 2024, and noted reports of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Research Committee and the Academic Senate Standing Committee in May 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, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in March and April 2025.