ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 30 November 2021.

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 22 February 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 24 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

Proposals to Amend Courses (ASQC) (Res AS21/113)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the 2021 and 2022 versions of the Graduate Diploma of Translating and Interpreting (C000161).

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Academic Integrity Policy and Academic Integrity Breach Procedure (Res AS21/114)
Academic Senate approved the revised Academic Integrity Policy and new Academic Integrity Breach Procedure with effect from the commencement of Session 1 2022. Senate also approved related amendments to the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure and endorsed related amendments to the Student Discipline Procedure for approval by the Vice-Chancellor.

Curriculum Lifecycle Policy Suite: Thematic Review Policy (Res AS21/109)
Academic Senate noted the decision made by circular resolution distributed on 22 November 2021 to approve the Thematic Review Policy.

Review of University Medal Policy and Procedure: Final Report (Res AS21/123)
Academic Senate approved the revised University Medal Policy and Procedure with immediate effect and endorsed recommendations for enhanced communication to increase awareness and understanding of the University Medal.

Review of Special Consideration Policy and Procedure: Update (Res AS21/126)
Members received an update on the review of the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure.

Revised Student Survey Policy and Procedure (Res AS21/127)
Academic Senate noted the revised Student Survey Policy and Procedure (previously the Student Experience Surveying Policy and Procedure).

Review of Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure (Res AS21/128)
Members received an update on the review of the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS21/117)
Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 24 November 2021.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Review of Academic Senate Rules (Res AS21/111)
Academic Senate endorsed amendments to the Academic Senate Rules for recommendation to Council for approval.
Impact of Academic Leadership Changes and Update to Terms of Reference of Academic Senate Committees (Res AS21/112)
Members approved amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee.

2022 Academic Senate Annual Agenda Plan and 2022 Projects for Academic Senate and its Committees (Res AS21/118 and AS21/119)
Academic Senate approved the 2022 Annual Agenda Plan and endorsed the list of projects for 2022 for recommendation to the Academic Senate Standing Committee.

Members approved recommendations from this review including recommending to Council that the authorisations to Faculty Boards piloted under the Shared Responsibility Model for Academic Governance become delegations, and rescinding the authorisation given to the Academic Standards and Quality Committee to approve the discontinuation of courses.

Diversity and Inclusion Working Group: Final Report (Res AS21/121)
Academic Senate approved the Membership Attribute matrix developed by the working group and also approved a process to resolve identified gaps in Senate membership, the Diversity and Inclusion statement for Academic Senate and noted recommended communication strategies to ensure inclusiveness.

2021 Academic Senate Project: Update (Res AS21/124)
Members noted an update report on the projects being undertaken by Academic Senate in 2021.

Revised Faculty Rules and Revised Faculty Board Terms of Reference (Res AS21/129)
Academic Senate noted revisions to the Faculty Rules and the Faculty Boards Terms of Reference.

OTHER MATTERS
- The Vice-Chancellor spoke to members on matters including an extension of up to twelve months to the University’s current TEQSA registration, policy announcements from the Federal Government (particularly regarding the commercialisation of research), student recruitment and the return of international students;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio;
- Members noted a report on the newly created Education Strategy Committee from the Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) (Res AS21/110);
- Academic Senate approved a Joint PhD proposal with the University of Toronto and ratified eleven cotutelle agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS21/115);
- Academic Senate endorsed four nominations for the title of Professor Emerita/Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS21/116);
- Members noted a report on University Medal outcomes from 2018 to 2021 with comment on diversity and equity (Res AS21/123);
- Academic Senate received an annual report on approved Cotutelle and Joint PhD arrangements (Res AS21/125);
- Academic Senate ratified a savings case approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS21/130).

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, the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee held in November 2021.

Faculty Boards
Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty Board meeting held in October 2021.