MACQUARIE University

ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 25 July 2023.

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 29 August 2023.

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

Curriculum: Accreditation, Reaccreditations, Amendments and Discontinuations

Course of Study Reaccreditation (Res AS23/67)
Academic Senate approved the full reaccreditation of the Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research, the Master of Commerce offered by the Macquarie Business School, a number of undergraduate and postgraduate Security Studies, Criminology and Media and Communication courses offered by the Faculty of Arts, the Master of Creative Industries offered by the Faculty of Arts, and the suite of postgraduate Applied Statistics and Environment courses offered by the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS23/68)
Academic Senate approved course amendments and the introduction of new derived minors for 2024, and also approved retrospective amendments to the Bachelor of Business Administration and majors in that degree.

Exemption to Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principle 12.2 (Res AS23/69)
Academic Senate approved an exemption to clause 12.2 of the Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles for the Master of Commerce to permit Master of Commerce students to study more than one specialisation, noting that the relevant Policy is currently under review.

Amendments to Additional Entry Requirements for Macquarie Business School Master of Research (Res AS23/72)
Academic Senate approved amendments to Schedule 2 of the Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy relating to additional entry requirements for the Bachelor of Philosophy/ Master of Research and Master of Research in the Macquarie Business School with immediate effect.

Policies and Procedures

Special Consideration Policy and Procedure: Amendments (Res AS23/63)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure and Supporting Evidence Schedule with immediate effect and approved amendments related to the "fit to sit" model in the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure to come into effect from Session 3 / Term 6 2023.

Post-implementation Review of Assessment Policy and Procedure (Res AS23/64)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Assessment Policy and Procedure to come into effect from Session 1 / Term 1 2024.

Post-Implementation Review of Academic Integrity Policy (Res AS23/65)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Academic Integrity Policy with immediate effect.

Macquarie University Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research and Macquarie University Research Code Complaints, Breaches and Investigation Procedure (Res AS23/78)

Academic Senate noted the review of the Macquarie University Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research and amendments made to the Macquarie University Research Code Complaints, Breaches and Investigation Procedure which have been approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Study for Staff Policy (Res AS23/80)

Academic Senate noted the recently approved Study for Staff Policy.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS23/73)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 29 June 2023.

Governance and Strategy

Diversity and Inclusion Working Group Report (Res AS23/75)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Diversity and Inclusion matrix for use in future membership surveys and noted a gap in the age demographic data of Academic Senate members has been identified, with actions recommended to promote Academic Senate and encourage membership nominations from the 36-45-year age group.

Admission Pathways Review (Res AS23/76)

Academic Senate noted and received the report on the review of Admissions Pathways at Macquarie University.

Research Performance: Research Quality Assurance and National Research Assessments (Res AS23/77)

Academic Senate noted the recently released recommendations of the Final Report of the Review of the Australian Research Council Act 2001 and potential implications for national research assessment.

Professional Development for Learning and Teaching (Res AS23/79)

Academic Senate noted the progress report provided by the Chair of the Professional Development and Support for Learning and Teaching project.

2023 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees: Updates (Res AS23/74)

Academic Senate noted updated information on 2023 projects for Academic Senate and its committees.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate with his report focussing on the recently released Australian Universities Accord Interim Report. He also thanked the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy) for her work with the University and congratulated her on her appointment as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) at the University of NSW;

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in his portfolio, including developing the Macquarie Advantage (Macquarie University Education Strategy); highlights from the Indigenous Strategy; TEQSA re-registration & response to ESOS Audit; the Curriculum Lifecycle Framework Review; Student Wellbeing and Belonging activities; Academic Excellence and awards; Assessment and Feedback activities; Student Employability event and iLearn updates;

- Academic Senate approved the establishment of a new Sustainability Linked Scholarship program to commence in 2024, noting that a post-implementation review of the program will be undertaken prior to a second cycle of award to ensure viability of the program (Res AS23/66);

- Academic Senate ratified five cotutelle agreements (two with the same institution) entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS23/70);

- Academic Senate noted the Academic Year Plan for 2025 (Res AS23/71);

- 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 AS23/81); and

- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/82).

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, Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in June and July 2023, and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in July 2023.

Faculty Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and confirmed 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 2023.