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## ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 5 August 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 30 September 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 24 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

##### **Course Accreditations: Nanjing Macquarie Joint Institute (Res AS25/65)**

Academic Senate approved the accreditation of three courses to be offered via the Nanjing Macquarie Joint Institute (NMJI): Bachelor of Science (NMJI), Bachelor of Information Technology (NMJI) and Bachelor of Environment (NMJI).

##### **Curriculum Proposals (Res AS25/60)**

Academic Senate approved proposals from the Faculty of Arts to accredit the Bachelor of Criminology (OUA), Bachelor of History, Bachelor of History (OUA), Bachelor of International Studies, Master of Education, Master of Criminology, Master of Criminology (OUA), Master of Intelligence, Master of Intelligence (OUA), Master of Strategy and Security, Master of Strategy and Security (OUA), Graduate Certificate of Strategic Policy and Graduate Certificate of Strategic Policy (OUA) from January 2026. Senate also approved a proposal from the Faculty of Science and Engineering to accredit the Master of Engineering (Professional) from January 2026.

Academic Senate also approved proposals from the Faculty of Science and Engineering to discontinue the Master of Information Technology in Internet of Things and the Master of Information Technology in Networking from January 2026, and approved proposals from the Faculty of Arts, Macquarie Business School, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and Faculty of Science and Engineering to amend the Master of Teaching (Birth to Five), Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Psychology, Bachelor of Clinical Science, Master of Speech and Language Pathology, Master of Clinical Psychology, Master of Clinical Neuropsychology, Master of Organisational Psychology, Master of Clinical Audiology, Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Master of Conference Interpreting, Master of Translation and Interpreting Studies (Advanced), Bachelor of Psychology (OUA) and Bachelor of Science from January 2026.

##### **Course Reaccreditation Proposals (Res AS25/61)**

Academic Senate received the final course review reports for the Accounting course bundle from the Macquarie Business School and approved the Faculty's recommendation that the Bachelor of Professional Accounting, Master of Accounting and Master of Professional Accounting be reaccredited for a period of seven years without conditions. Senate also received three final course review reports from the Faculty of Science and Engineering and approved the Faculty's recommendation that the Master of Information Systems Management, Master of Information Technology in Cyber Security, Graduate Diploma of Information Technology (exit award), Graduate Certificate of Information Technology, Master of Biotechnology, Graduate Diploma of Biotechnology and Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) be reaccredited for a period of seven years without conditions. Senate also noted the Faculty of Science and Engineering's advice that the Master of Information Technology in Networking will be discontinued and is not recommended for reaccreditation.

## **Policies and Procedures**

### **Review of the Course of Study Accreditation Policy (Res AS25/54)**

Academic Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Course of Study Accreditation Policy with effect upon publication.

### **Review of the Offsite Research Enrolment Policy (Res AS25/55)**

Academic Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Graduate Research Offsite Enrolment Policy for effect upon publication.

### **Review of the Higher Degree Research Transfer Policy (Res AS25/56)**

Academic Senate approved the proposed amendments to the Graduate Research Transfer of Enrolment Policy for effect upon publication.

### **Review of the Graduate Research Rules (Res AS25/57)**

Academic Senate endorsed and recommended to the University Council the approval of the proposed amendments to the Graduate Research Rules for effect upon publication.

### **Amendment to Schedule 2 Additional Entry Requirements for Research Training Courses of the Graduate Research Admissions Policy (Res AS25/58)**

Academic Senate approved the proposed changes to Schedule 2 Additional Entry Requirements to Research Training Courses of the Graduate Research Admissions Policy for effect upon publication.

### **Amendment to English Language Requirements (Res AS25/63)**

Academic Senate approved the proposed changes to English proficiency tests and the editorial amendments to the Admissions Policy Schedule 1 English Language Admission Requirements to Coursework and Non-award Courses, to take effect from 1 September 2025.

### **Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS25/71)**

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 23 July 2025.

## **Governance and Strategy**

### **Internationalisation Presentation (Res AS25/64)**

Academic Senate received and noted a presentation from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Globalisation), including background information on the establishment of the Nanjing Macquarie Joint Institute.

### **Annual Report on Academic Integrity 2024-2025 (Res AS25/66)**

Academic Senate received and noted the Annual Report on Academic Integrity for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

### **Annual Report on Admission Pathways and Entry Schemes (Res AS25/67)**

Academic Senate received and noted the Annual Report on Admission Pathways and Entry Schemes.

### **Presentation on Assessment and Curriculum Principles (Res AS25/68)**

Academic Senate received and noted a presentation from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on assessment and curriculum principles and the Macquarie Advantage Education Strategy.

### **Report on Academic Senate Students Members Group (Res AS25/69)**

Academic Senate received and noted a report on the Academic Senate Students Members Group.

### **Report on Universal Design for Learning: Informing Practice Project (Res AS25/70)**

Academic Senate received and noted a report on the Universal Design for Learning: Informing Practice Project.

## **Other Matters**

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on matters including recent Federal Government legislation related to the sector, and data on Session 2 enrolments;
- Academic Senate noted an update on items from previous meetings, including the finalisation of a proposal to discontinue one course (Res AS25/53);
- Academic Senate approved one Cotutelle arrangement executed since the meeting of Senate on 27 May 2025 and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the arrangement (Res AS25/61);
- Academic Senate approved a joint PhD program between Macquarie University and Charles University in Czechia (Res AS25/62);

- 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, the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to a Macquarie University College graduate and approve a minor amendment to Clause 16 of the Special Consideration Procedure (Res AS25/72);
- Academic Senate ratified three savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS25/73); and
- Academic Senate noted the response to a Question on Notice (Res AS25/74).

## **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 July 2024, the meeting of the Academic Senate Research Committee held in June 2025 and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in June 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 May, June and July 2025.