



## ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 22 February 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 22 March 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 19 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 AS22/04 and Res AS22/19)

Academic Senate approved late, urgent amendments for the following courses in 2022:

- Undergraduate Certificate of Accounting (C000362)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Actuarial Studies (C000364)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Business (C000365)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Business Analytics (C000343)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Cyber Security (C000361)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Engineering (C000336)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Finance (C000363)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Game Design (C000360)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Humanities (C000368)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Information Technology (C000339)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Marketing (C000366)
- Undergraduate Certificate of Media (C000367)
- Diploma of Business (C000375) – establishment of new course from Term 4 2022 of MQ College
- Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research (Science and Engineering) (C000216)
- Master of Conservation Biology (C000063)
- Master of Engineering in Electronics Engineering (C000175)
- Master of Research (Science and Engineering) (C000221)

Academic Senate also approved the following course proposals, including the establishment of courses where indicated, for effect from 1 January 2023:

- Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education (Primary) (D000006)
- Bachelor of Information Technology (C000105) – introduction of two new majors
- Master of Data Science (C000082)
- Master of Information Technology in Artificial Intelligence (C000372) establishment of new course
- Master of Information Technology in Internet of Things (C000373) establishment of new course

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Review of Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure: Update (Res AS22/15)

Members received a report on the review of the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure, noting that the proposed amendments will simplify the grounds for appeals, clarify the process including the establishment of in person panels for serious and/or complex cases, and establish clear timelines. It was noted that draft amendments will come to the next meeting of Academic Senate, with final versions presented to the May meeting for approval.

### **Review of Special Consideration Policy and Procedure: Update (Res AS22/14)**

Members received an update on the review of the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure, noting that a revised version will come to the next Academic Senate meeting on 22 March for approval. Members discussed proposed amendments related to the use of automatic extensions, defining unavoidable commitments and the continued use of statements of facts as supportive evidence as trialed during the pandemic.

### **Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS22/09)**

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 14 February 2022.

## **GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY**

### **Terms of Reference of Academic Senate Committees (Res AS22/05, Res AS22/06 and Res AS22/08)**

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Academic Senate Standing Committee, the Academic Standards and Quality Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee. Academic Senate also approved a change of name for the Macquarie University International College (MUIC) Subcommittee to align with the College's change of name to Macquarie University College, together with other amendments to the Subcommittee's Terms of Reference.

### **Indigenous Connected Curriculum (Res AS22/12)**

Academic Senate received the final report for this project and approved an amendment to the MQ Model: Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles to insert a reference to Indigenous connected curriculum.

### **Partnership with and Recognition of Student Representatives Project Post-Implementation Review: Response to Recommendations (Res AS22/13)**

Members approved the response to recommendations from the post-implementation review of the Partnership with and Recognition of Student Representatives project related to information, induction processes, mentoring and meeting support for student members.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- The Vice-Chancellor spoke to members on matters including the University's enrolment profile, the successful trial of a Convocation as part of O-Week, Council's recent strategy day, the vetoing of ARC recommendations by the Acting Minister for Education and Youth, and the creation of the Dean of Students position;
- The Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in her portfolio, including O-Week, establishment of the Shared Services Centre and the development of the Student Charter;
- Members noted the result of the circular resolution to appoint the new Chair of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, Associate Professor Michael Hitchens, to membership of Academic Senate (Res AS22/03);
- Academic Senate ratified nine cotutelle agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS22/07);
- Academic Senate endorsed the Annual Report of activities undertaken in 2021 and recommended it to Council (Res AS22/10);
- Members noted the results from the 2021 annual survey of Academic Senate members (Res AS22/11);
- A question on notice was received regarding support for unit convenors in dealing with sudden, urgent changes to assessment tasks in response to the pandemic, with members noting advice from the Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Programs and Pathways) that changes can only be made within the agreed governance and quality frameworks, and that changes related to a major shift in public health orders would be determined on a university-wide basis under those frameworks;
- The new Interim Chair of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee provided a brief report on the Committee;
- Academic Senate received the annual report on student discipline and misconduct matters for 2021 (AS22/18);
- 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 and the MUIC Award for Academic Excellence to MUIC graduands (Res AS22/16); and

- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS22/17).

## **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 meeting held in December 2021, and the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee held in February 2022.

### **Faculty Boards**

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board September and December 2021, the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board held in December 2021 and January 2022, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty Board held in December 2021 and February 2022 and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board held in December 2021.