



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 30 May 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 25 July 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 18 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 AS23/47)

Academic Senate approved the full reaccreditation of the Bachelor of Commerce offered by the Macquarie Business School, and the suite of undergraduate and postgraduate Psychology courses offered by the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences.

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS23/49)

Academic Senate approved a large number of curriculum proposals including the accreditation of the Bachelor of Psychological Sciences (Honours) (CO00396) in the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences. Senate also approved the amendment of one course, one major and one derived minor from the Faculty of Arts; five courses, three majors and one designated minor in the Macquarie Business School; six courses and one double degree in the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences; and ten courses in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. The Faculty of Arts also submitted a large number of rested course components for discontinuation, with Senate approving the discontinuation of 21 majors, 8 undergraduate specialisations, 13 postgraduate specialisations, 8 designated minors and 30 derived minors.

Policies and Procedures

Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards Policy (Res AS23/45)

Academic Senate approved an amendment to the Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards Policy clarifying academic appeals processes related to the Policy, with immediate effect.

Draft Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy and Procedure and Higher Degree Research Deferral of a Course Offer Procedure (Res AS23/56)

Academic Senate approved the new Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy and Procedure and associate schedules, the draft Higher Degree Research Deferral of a Course Offer Procedure, and related amendments to the Higher Degree Research Variations to Candidature Policy.

Review of the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure (Res AS23/55)

Academic Senate noted proposed amendments to the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure and the Special Consideration Supporting Evidence Schedule. These amendments will be revised in response to feedback and submitted to the next meeting of Academic Senate.

Post-Implementation Review of Academic Integrity Policy (Res AS23/58)

Academic Senate noted an update on the post-implementation review of the Academic Integrity Policy, noting a revised version of the Policy will come to the next meeting of Academic Senate.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS23/52)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 19 May 2023.

Governance and Strategy

Macquarie University College: Establishment of Macquarie University College Board (Res AS23/46)

Academic Senate endorsed the establishment of the Macquarie University College Board in accordance with the proposed Terms of Reference and under the approval of the Vice-Chancellor, endorsed related amendments to delegations of authority for approval by the University Council, approved the disestablishment of the Macquarie University College Subcommittee and approved amendments to the Academic Standards and Quality Committee Terms of Reference.

Thematic Review Report - Inherent Requirements and Fitness to Practice Procedures for Practical, Clinical or Professional Courses (Res AS23/48)

Academic Senate approved the key findings, commendations and recommendations from this Thematic Review, and approved the establishment of an Inherent Requirements and Fitness to Practice for Practical, Clinical or Professional Courses Steering Committee.

2023 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees (Res AS23/53)

Academic Senate noted updates to the timing of projects to be conducted in 2023. Information on these projects is available on the [Academic Senate website](#).

Student Performance Report May 2023 and Annual Report to Academic Senate on International Students (Res AS23/54)

Academic Senate received and noted a student performance report including the annual report on the International Student Cohort. Academic Senate also received data from the QILT Employer Satisfaction Survey 2022 and noted the role of the University's Student Experience Program and work underway with Business Intelligence and Reporting to establish data points for early identification of students at risk of not progressing.

Academic Risk Profile (Res AS23/57)

Academic Senate received the Academic Risk Profile, a summary of all current academic risks at the University with traffic light ratings.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on a number of issues, including the Australian Universities Accord, the impact of the change of State Government in NSW and the outlook for Session 2 admission numbers;
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in his portfolio, including preparations for the University's re-registration application to TEQSA, and an overview of activities supporting student employability;
- Academic Senate ratified three cotutelle agreements entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS23/50);
- Academic Senate endorsed one nomination for the title of Professor Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS23/51);
- 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 AS23/59); and
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/60).

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 and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in May 2023, and noted the report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in April and May 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 March and April 2023.