ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on
10 October 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 21 November 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 25 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Accreditations, Reaccreditations, Amendments and Discontinuations

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS23/103, Res AS23/104 and Res AS23/105)
Academic Senate accredited five new courses in Engineering (Masters of Engineering (Professional) in a range of specific specialisations) to be offered by the Faculty of Science and Engineering from Semester 2 2024. Academic Senate also reaccredited the Bachelor of Environment from the Faculty of Science and Engineering and reaccredited the Bachelor of Biodiversity and Conservation from the same Faculty with conditions for a period of twelve months. At the same time, Academic Senate confirmed the reaccreditation of various courses from the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Engineering which were listed in relevant course review proposals but not in the final review reports submitted to Senate. Senate also approved a range of curriculum proposals for amendments to courses and course components from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Policies and Procedures

Review of Higher Degree Research Rules (Res AS23/101)
Academic Senate endorsed the proposed revisions to the Higher Degree Research Rules, including renaming them to become the Graduate Research Rules, for recommendation to Council for its approval.

Curriculum Architecture Policy Revision (Res AS23/102)
Academic Senate approved revisions to the Curriculum Architecture Policy and Schedule 1 – Postgraduate Double Degrees 2024 and the expiry of the MQ Model: Combined Degree Curriculum Architecture Principles, the MQ Model: Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles and the MQ Model: Undergraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles with immediate effect.

Exceptions to Assessment Procedure (Res AS23/106)
Academic Senate approved an exception to clause 117 of the Assessment Procedure for a period of three years allowing the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences to not publish examination papers in the Library for three units in the Doctor of Medicine. Senate also approved amendments to Appendix D: Record of Exceptions of the Assessment Procedure with immediate effect.

Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy: Amendment (Res AS23/107)
Academic Senate approved amendments to Schedule 2 of the Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy with immediate effect, and approved amendments to the Higher Degree Research Admissions Policy (to be renamed the Graduate Research Admissions Policy) and consequent amendments to the related schedules to come into effect when Council approves the retitled Graduate Research Rules.

Amendment to the Academic Costume Rules (Res AS23/109)
Academic Senate endorsed the proposed amendments to the Academic Costume Rules for recommendation to Council for its approval.

Review of the Higher Degree Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and Procedure (Res AS23/118)

Academic Senate discussed the proposed changes to the Higher Degree Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and Procedure (to be renamed the Graduate Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Policy and Procedure).

Research Authorship Policy and Research Authorship Grievance Procedure (Res AS23/120)

Academic Senate noted the replacement of the Authorship Standard with the Research Authorship Policy, the replacement of the dispute resolution process for authorship concerns with the Research Authorship Grievance Procedure and the establishment of the new Research By-line Guidance Note as approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS23/111)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 4 October 2023.

Governance and Strategy

Student Monitoring Performance Report – Institutional and Faculty Success and Attrition Performance Monitoring (Res AS23/115) **and Global Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Coursera: Delivery with Other Parties 2023 Report** (Res AS23/116)

Academic Senate noted and discussed the Institutional and Faculty success and attrition performance monitoring reports and the Global MBA and Coursera report for 2023.

Research Integrity Update (Res AS23/117)

Academic Senate noted the annual Research Integrity operational summary and status against the Farthing recommendations.

Professional Development for Learning and Teaching: Final Report (Res AS23/119)

Academic Senate noted the final report of the Professional Development and Support for Learning and Teaching working group.

Planning 2024 Projects and Annual Agenda Plan for Academic Senate (Res AS23/112)

Academic Senate noted the process for planning for projects for Academic Senate and its Committees for 2024.

Shared Academic Governance: Desk-top Audie and Update on Recommendations (Res AS23/113)

Academic Senate noted the update on recommendations from the Shared Academic Governance Working Group and results of a desk audit of CMS proposals considered by Faculty Boards during the period January to September 2023.

2023 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees: Updates (Res AS23/114)

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

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on the University's submission for re-registration to TEQSA, a review of early offer schemes by the Australian Universities Accord panel and general trends in demand for Session 1 2024 enrolments;
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in his portfolio, including the University's recent submission to TEQSA for re-registration, the University's application for additional Commonwealth Supported Places under the Federal Government's Nuclear-Powered Submarine Student Pathways scheme, work on developing the University's Education Strategy, the University's submission on the Federal Government's proposed support for students policy requirements and proposed development of peri-urban study hubs, and a recent University-wide meeting with course directors;
- Academic Senate approved one cotutelle agreement executed since the previous meeting of Senate on 29 August 2023 (Res AS23/108);
- Academic Senate endorsed the recommendation of the Professor Emerita Emeritus Working Group and recommended a nominee to Council for its approval (Res AS23/110);
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/121); and
- Academic Senate noted the schedule of its meetings in 2024 (Res AS23/121).

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 September and October 2023, and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in September 2023.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the report 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 Faculty Board, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in August and September 2023, particularly noting the Academic Integrity reports submitted to the four Faculty Boards.