



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 4 August 2026.

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 September 2026.

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

Curriculum: Accreditations and Amendments

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS26/66)

Academic Senate approved a proposal from the Faculty of Science and Engineering to accredit the Diploma of Science and Technology, an exit award for all undergraduate degrees in the Faculty with the exception of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours). Amendments to the Course Learning Outcomes of the Bachelor of Business Analytics in the Macquarie Business School were also approved.

Course Reaccreditation (Res AS26/67)

Academic Senate approved the reaccreditation of the Bachelor of Business Analytics and the Master of Business Analytics for seven years without conditions as recommended by the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board, noting the amendments to the Bachelor degree mentioned above arose from recommendations in this review.

Policies and Procedures

Curriculum Architecture Policy (Res AS26/63)

Academic Senate approved the revised Curriculum Architecture Policy with effect upon publication, noting the revised Policy will allow the introduction of the new MQ Degree.

Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards Policy (Res AS26/64)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards Policy, with effect upon publication.

Draft Edits to the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure (Res AS26/73)

Academic Senate discussed proposed amendments to the Special Consideration Policy and Procedure which has been on the Policy Central Bulletin Board for review and comment.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS26/75)

Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 24 July 2026.

Governance and Strategy

Report of the Course Reaccreditation Reporting Standardisation Project Working Group (Res 26/65)

Academic Senate noted the final report of the Course Reaccreditation Reporting Standardisation Project Working Group and approved the Working Group's recommendations including new reporting templates.

Admission Pathways and Entry Schemes Annual Report (Res 26/71)

Academic Senate noted the 2026 Admission Pathways and Entry Schemes Annual Report.

Quality and Standards Compliance Reports (Res 26/72)

Academic Senate noted the Quality and Standards Compliance Reports covering Macquarie University's ELICOS Program and Standard Foundation Program for referral to Council.

2026 Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committee Projects: Update (Res 26/74)

Academic Senate noted the updated information on 2026 projects for Academic Senate and its committees, including discussion of presentations made to the Academic Senate Education Committee on Feedback Literacy.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on matters including negotiations with ATEC on the University's [mission-based compact](#), changes to the [Australian Research Council's \(ARC\) grant programs](#) and upcoming university-wide consultations on a new anti-racism policy and definitions as required under the amended [Higher Education Standards Framework](#);
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report to Academic Senate on matters including amendments to the Higher Education Standards Framework, data released from [Universities Australia](#) on the impact of cost of living increases on students, current and upcoming student surveys (including the 2026 QILT survey and [National Student Safety Survey](#)) and the opening of this year's [Innovation in Education Grants Scheme](#);
- Academic Senate noted an update on items from previous meetings involving the submission of course discontinuation proposals and advice on Federal Government reporting requirements related to these proposals, with the Chair providing advice on how this matter will be resolved (Res AS26/62);
- Academic Senate approved six Cotutelle arrangements executed since the meeting of Senate on 26 May 2026 and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the arrangements (Res AS26/68);
- Academic Senate endorsed the posthumous award of the Bachelor of Information Technology to a student for recommendation to Council (Res AS26/70);
- Academic Senate endorsed one nomination for the title of Professor Emerita/Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS26/69);
- 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 and the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College graduands. Senate also noted decisions made by the Chair under her own authority to approve the appointment of members to Academic Senate committees (Res AS26/76);
- Academic Senate ratified thirty-two cases to waive course requirements approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS26/77); and
- Academic Senate noted advice on upcoming elections for academic staff and student members on Senate (Res AS26/78).

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 held in July 2026 and noted reports of matters dealt with by circular resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in June 2026.

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 Faculty Board, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board (noting this Faculty Board's meeting on 7 July was inquorate) and the Macquarie University College Board held in May, June and July 2026.