ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 28 March 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 30 May 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 23 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Accreditation and Amendments

Academic Senate approved a proposal to amend the Doctor of Medicine (Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences) with effect from 1 January 2024 (Res AS23/27).

Policies and Procedures

Research Quality Assurance Policy (Res AS23/22)
Academic Senate endorsed the new Research Quality Assurance Policy and recommended the Policy to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) for approval.

Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards Policy (Res AS23/23)
Academic Senate approved the new Aegrotat and Posthumous Awards Policy with immediate effect.

Unit of Study Monitoring and Grade Ratification Policy Amendments (Res AS23/24)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Unit of Study Monitoring and Grade Ratification Policy, including the approval of new proformas related to the reporting of grade results, to take effect from the ratification of grades for Session 1 2023. Senate also approved expiry of the Ratification of Results Quality Assurance Framework, noting the content of the Framework is now captured in the Policy.

Admission Policy: Review and Amendment (Res AS23/25)
Academic Senate noted the review of the Admission Policy and approved amendments to the Policy with immediate effect.

Proposed Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Procedure (Res AS23/36)
Academic Senate noted the review of the PACE Activity Management Procedure and the plans to replace this with a new Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Procedure to be associated with the recently approved Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Policy. The final version of the Procedure will come to Academic Senate for approval.

Higher Degree Research Admissions Principles and Principles for Deferment of an Offer of an HDR Course (Res AS23/37)
Academic Senate endorsed the draft principles for admission to Higher Degree Research courses and deferment of Higher Degree Research admission offers, noting the principles will be used to create related policies which will be submitted to Academic Senate for its approval.

Timetabling Policy (Res AS23/38)
Academic Senate noted the draft Timetabling Policy which will be approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS23/31)
Academic Senate noted a list of policies under review/development as of 17 March 2023.

Governance and Strategy

Review of Use of Temporary English Language Tests (Res AS23/26)
Academic Senate approved the expiry of the approval of IELTS Indicator, IELTS Online, TOEFL at home edition and PTE Academic Online for award, Standard Foundation and Intensive Program coursework students with effect from 1 May 2023, and the expiry of the approval of Duolingo for award, Standard Foundation and Intensive Program coursework students with effect from the end of the current approval period on 1 December 2023.

Recognition of Overseas Foundation Program (Beijing Foreign Studies University IFP) (Res AS23/30)
Academic Senate approved the recognition of the International Foundation Program from Beijing Foreign Studies University for direct entry into the Macquarie University College's Diploma pathway programs, with immediate effect, and that the framework for the recognition of overseas foundation programs be reviewed.

2023 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees (Res AS23/32)
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](#).

2023 Diversity and Inclusion Survey: Summary of Results (Res AS23/33)
Academic Senate noted the report on the 2023 Diversity and Inclusion Survey Results, and that a working group will be convened to review the results and consider whether to recommend that Academic Senate co-opt an additional member or members to fill identified gaps in diversity, inclusion, or skills.

2022 Annual Report on Student Misconduct and Discipline Matters (Res AS23/34)
Academic Senate noted the 2022 Annual Report of Student Discipline and Misconduct Matters.

Student Performance Report (Res AS23/35)
Academic Senate approved the amended set of benchmark universities for future reports to remove Deakin and Griffith Universities, and retain University of Newcastle, the University of Sydney, the University of New South Wales, the University of Technology Sydney, the University of Wollongong and Western Sydney University, and noted data and analysis of results from the 2022 QILT Graduate Outcomes and Student Experience Surveys.

Thematic Review of Inherent Requirements and Fitness to Practice Procedures for Practical, Clinical or Professional Courses: Update (Res AS23/38)
Academic Senate noted an update on the Thematic Review of Inherent Requirements and Fitness to Practice Procedures for Practical, Clinical or Professional Courses.

Updated Principles of Shared Teaching Implementation Plan (Res AS23/39)
Academic Senate endorsed the implementation plan for the updated Principles of Shared Teaching, effective from Session 2 2023.

Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/42)
Academic Senate noted the outcome of the recent election for the Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate, which resulted in the re-election of both Professor Jacqueline Phillips as Chair and Associate Professor Wylie Bradford as Deputy Chair.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on a number of issues, including the Australian Universities Accord, the recent NSW State elections and enrolment numbers for Session 1, 2023;
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) provided a report on matters in his portfolio, focussing on the student voice across his portfolio, and highlighting the formation of the Sexual Safety and Wellbeing Committee, the appointment of Mr Sam Ricketts as the new Director of Walanga Muru, links to ChatGPT resources for staff and students, and congratulated the Macquarie University College for endorsement of its English Medium Instruction (EMI) Centre course suite from NEAS (the National ELT Accreditation Scheme), the first centre to gain such an endorsement;
- Academic Senate ratified one cotutelle agreement entered into since the previous meeting of Academic Senate (Res AS23/28);
- Academic Senate endorsed two nominations for the title of Professor Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS23/29); and

- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS23/41).

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

Faculty Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and confirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board meeting held in February 2023, and the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty Board meeting held in November 2022.