



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 26 March 2024.

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 May 2024.

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 13 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 AS24/22)

Academic Senate accredited two new courses, the Bachelor of Criminology and the Bachelor of Social Sciences, from the Faculty of Arts, and accredited new course components and approved amended course components related to the new courses.

Policies and Procedures

Delegations of Authority (Res AS24/20)

Academic Senate endorsed amendments to Section 5 (Academic Matters) of the Delegations of Authority Register, for recommendation to Council for its approval.

Unit of Study Review Policy and Unit of Study Monitoring and Grade Ratification Policy (Res AS24/18 and Res AS24/19)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Unit of Study Review Policy (including the Unit of Study External Referencing Guidelines) and the Unit of Study Monitoring and Grade Ratification Policy (including associated reporting templates) with immediate effect. It was noted that these two policies have been considered as part of a post-implementation review of all policies in the Course Lifecycle suite.

Macquarie University College Academic Progression Policy (Res AS24/21)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Macquarie University College Academic Progression Policy, with immediate effect.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS24/26)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 14 March 2024.

Governance and Strategy

2023 Annual Student Conduct Report (Res AS24/23)

Academic Senate received and noted the 2023 Annual Student Conduct Report, which will also be presented to Council.

Quality and Standards Review Reports (Res AS24/24)

Academic Senate received and noted Quality and Standards Review Reports for the ESOS National Code and Domain 1 (Student Participation and Attainment) in the Higher Education Standards Framework, which covers:

- Section 1.1. Admission
- Section 1.2 Credit and Recognition of Prior Learning
- Section 1.3 Orientation and Progression
- Section 1.4 Learning Outcomes and Assessment
- Section 1.5 Qualifications and Certification.

University Medal Committee Equity and Diversity Report for 2023 (Res AS24/25)

Academic Senate noted the report on University Medal outcomes from 2023 with comments on equity and diversity.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor provided a report to Academic Senate on issues from the final report of the Australian Universities Accord panel and the Federal Government's response to the Review of the Migration System;
- The Dean of Students presented a report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on matters in the portfolio, including possible impacts of the final report of the Australian Universities Accord panel, the appointment of the new Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous), and the establishment of Exams Subcommittees reporting to Faculty Boards;
- Academic Senate noted data from the 2023 Academic Promotions round and information on an amendment to the Academic Promotion Policy (Res AS24/27); and
- Academic Senate ratified savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS24/28).

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 University Medal Committee held in February and March 2023, and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in March 2024.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board held in February 2024.