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## **ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF**

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 8 October 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 19 November 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 18 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

#### **Curriculum: Amendments and Discontinuations**

##### **MQReady – Fee-Free UniReady Proposal (Res AS24/90)**

Academic Senate approved the introduction of a new preparatory program to be offered by the Macquarie University College, MQReady. Academic Senate noted that this program will be offered under the Federal Government’s Fee-Free UniReady initiative.

##### **Course Reaccreditation Proposals (Res AS24/86)**

Academic Senate reaccredited the Bachelor of Game Design and Development, the Bachelor of Cyber Security, the Bachelor of Information Technology and the Master of Data Science from the Faculty of Science and Engineering for a period of seven years without conditions.

##### **Curriculum Proposals (Res AS24/87)**

Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Philosophy/Master of Research (Business and Economics) and the Master of Research (Business and Economics) from the Macquarie Business School and approved amendments to the Master of Public Health and the Master of Professional Practice from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences.

#### **Policies and Procedures**

##### **Revised Course of Study Revision Policy (Res AS24/83)**

Academic Senate approved amendments with effect from the date of publication to the Course of Study Revision Policy following a post-implementation review.

##### **Revised Course of Study Reaccreditation Policy (Res AS24/84)**

Academic Senate approved amendments with effect from the date of publication to the Course of Study Reaccreditation Policy to align the policy with other policies in the curriculum lifecycle suite.

##### **Minor Amendments to the Graduate Research Continuation Policy and Procedure (Res AS24/85)**

Academic Senate approved minor amendments with effect from the date of publication to the Graduate Research Continuation Policy and Procedure.

##### **Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS24/94)**

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 30 September 2024.

#### **Governance and Strategy**

##### **2024 Report on Third Party Offerings (Res AS24/91)**

Academic Senate received and noted the 2024 report on third party offerings from the Macquarie Business School (MQBS) noting that MQBS remains accountable for the Global Master of Business Administration (Global MBA) and Master of Professional Accounting and verifies the continuing compliance of both courses with the standards required by Macquarie University’s Policies.

### **Annual Report on Research Integrity (Res AS24/92)**

Academic Senate received and noted the annual report on research integrity matters as set out in the Strategic Developments Report (July 2023 – July 2024) and the Operational Summary (January 2023 – December 2023).

### **Review into the Use of Programmatic Assessment in Higher Education (Res AS24/93)**

Academic Senate received and noted a report on the Review into the Use of Programmatic Assessment in Higher Education.

### **2024 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees: Update (Res AS24/95)**

Academic Senate noted an update on 2024 Projects of Academic Senate and its committees.

### **Other Matters**

- The Vice-Chancellor provided a verbal report to Academic Senate on a range of matters, including an update on Federal Government initiatives and the upcoming release of the University's new strategy "A Framing of Dynamic Futures";
- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) reported on matters in his portfolio, including Session 2 activities and engagement lead by Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging, visits to Bush Hubs in Arnhem Land by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous) and an update on key initiatives from the technology and environment streams of the MQ Advantage Education Strategy;
- Academic Senate noted a report on matters arising, noting all current matters are complete (Res AS24/82);
- Academic Senate endorsed two nominations for the title of Professor Emerita/Emeritus (Res AS24/89);
- Academic Senate approved five cotutelle and two joint PhD agreements executed since the meeting of Senate on 27 August 2024 and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the agreements (Res AS24/88);
- Academic Senate ratified a decision made under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate to expire the Master of Research Thesis Preparation, Submission and Examination Procedure with immediate effect (Res AS24/96); and
- Academic Senate ratified nine savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS24/97).

### **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 2024 and noted a report of a matter dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in September 2024.

#### **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, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in August and September 2024.