ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 17 October 2017

Overview
The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available on the Academic Senate website. The resolutions and minutes of the meeting remain subject to change and will be published on the website following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 28 November 2017. Key agenda items, outcomes and resolutions are highlighted in this brief and are not intended to replace the full minutes.

Matters resolved
Academic Senate passed 20 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

PROGRAMS: NEW AND CHANGES
2019 Schedule: New Program: Graduate Diploma in Health Science (exit award) (Res 17/109)
Academic Senate approved the academic case for the Graduate Diploma of Health Science (Exit Award) effective 1 January 2019, noting that a business case has been approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Registrar.

Retrospective and late changes (Res 17/121)
Academic Senate ratified a range of retrospective changes to programs, majors and specialisations approved by the Chair of Academic Senate under executive action.

Master of Philosophy: AQF Compliance (Res 17/110)
Academic Senate approved that the Master of Philosophy meets the threshold standards for an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) level 9 qualification.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Student Feedback on Learning, Teaching and Curriculum Policy: Rescission of Policy (Res 17/112)
Academic Senate approved the request to rescind the Student Feedback on Learning, Teaching and Curriculum Policy with immediate effect, and assigned the continued development of student feedback components to the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Programs and Pathways as part of the Program Review Life Cycle project.

Fitness to Practice Procedure (Res 17/111)
Academic Senate endorsed the Fitness to Practice Procedure for approval by the DVC (Academic) and Registrar as a pilot approach for the Doctor of Medicine program.

Vice-Chancellor’s Commendations for Academic Excellence (Res 17/105)
Academic Senate amended Resolutions 17/72 and 17/87 to clarify that both resolutions refer to graduates of undergraduate and postgraduate coursework programs only.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY
Note: information on all projects (including contact details and a feedback form) is available online.

Progress reports were received for:
- Academic Integrity (the Academic Honesty Policy);
- Developing a Model for Shared Academic Governance;
- Purpose and Composition of Academic Senate;
- Review of Academic Quality Assurance; and
- Procedure for managing the progression of students enrolled in practical, clinical or professional programs.

Establishing 2018 Projects (Res 17/117)
Academic Senate noted that the list of projects for 2018 will be finalised at the February 2018 meeting of Senate, and that members are invited to submit suggested projects by 15 November 2017.

Academic Senate:

- ratified the executive action taken by the Chair of Academic Senate to co-opt Associate Professor Catriona Lavermicocca (as Chair of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee) to membership of the Academic Senate for a period from 17th October 2017 to 19th September 2019;
- approved the appointment of the Director Indigenous Strategy as a member of ASQC in a specialist capacity for a period of membership to 30 June 2019, noting that Dr Leanne Holt currently holds this position; and
- approved changes to the MUIC Subcommittee’s Terms of Reference to remove the ex-officio membership category Pro Vice-Chancellor (Learning and Teaching) and create a new ex-officio position Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Registrar or nominee, appointing the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Programs and Pathways) as the nominee to the newly created position.

2018 Schedule of Meeting Dates for Academic Senate and its Committees (Res 17/122)

Academic Senate noted the 2018 schedule of meeting dates for Academic Senate and its committees.

OTHER MATTERS

- A presentation was received from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Programs and Pathways) on the Program Lifecycle (Res 17/119); and
- Academic Senate noted a presentation on Co-op Programs by the Academic and Program Director, PACE, Head of the Department of Accounting and Corporate Governance, and the Professor of Actuarial Studies (Res 17/120).

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

Committees of Academic Senate

Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee in September 2017.

Faculty Boards

Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Board, the Faculty of Human Sciences Faculty Board and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board in September 2017.

University Hearing Committee

Academic Senate noted the summary report of the University Hearing Committee meeting held in September 2017.