ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 19 February 2019

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 9 April 2019.

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 13 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 (Res 19/12)

Academic Senate ratified a decision made by the Chair of Academic Senate under executive action to approve the following changes to names of courses for 2020:
- Master of Cyber Security to become Master of Cyber Security Analysis; and
- Bachelor of Security Studies and Master of Cyber Security to become Bachelor of Security Studies and Master of Cyber Security Analysis.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

There were no new or amended policies and procedures presented to this meeting.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Higher Degree Research Training and Partnerships): Amendment to Academic Senate Rules and Related Terms of Reference (Res 19/03)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the terms of reference of the Research and Research Training Committee and Thesis Examination Sub-committee, endorsed and recommended to Council an amendment to the Academic Senate Rules and noted that a range of HDR policies will be amended to reflect the replacement of the position of Dean of Higher Degree Research with the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Higher Degree Research Training and Partnerships).

Developing a Shared Responsibility Model for Academic Governance (Res 19/04)

Academic Senate noted an update on the project to develop a shared responsibility model for academic governance, and approved a new version of the November 2017 Academic Senate resolution to reflect the nomenclature of the new Curriculum Architecture.

2019 Project Overviews (Res 19/05, Res 19/06, Res 19/07, Res 19/10 and Res 19/11)

Academic Senate noted overviews and updates on the following 2019 projects:
- review of Freedom of Speech, Inquiry and Assembly at Macquarie University;
- review of the General Coursework Rules relating to practical, clinical and professional program requirements;
- response to recommendations from the review of the Higher Education Standards Framework (HESF).

Members also noted the formation of a working group to draft the University’s response to a discussion paper on a national review of the Australian Qualifications Framework, and the planned review of the Student Discipline Rules and Student Code of Conduct.

OTHER MATTERS

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on the recent Town Hall, Federal government and opposition party higher education policies and reviews, the 2019 University budget, preliminary Session 1 2019 admission figures, the planned review of the University’s Research Plan, and a viability review of units and courses;
- Academic Senate noted an update on the Curriculum Architecture project, including advice on the Student Curriculum Implementation Project (SCIP), the migration of current students to the 2020 curriculum and updates to related systems. Senate also received a demonstration of the new Curriculum Management System (Res 19/08);
•  Academic Senate discussed Mudang Dali: Indigenous Connected Curriculum Framework, noting the Framework would be presented to Senate for endorsement at its April meeting (Res 19/09).

**Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards**

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Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in December 2018 and the Academic Standards and Quality Committee in January 2019.

**Faculty Boards**
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Business and Economics, Faculty of Human Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health Science and Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty in December 2018 and February 2019.

**University Hearing Committee**
Academic Senate noted the summary report of the meeting of December 2018 and updated summary report of the meeting of November 2018.