ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 24 July 2018

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 4 September 2018.

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 15 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

Academic GPA and English language requirements for postgraduate programs (Res 18/62)
Academic Senate approved the simplification and standardisation of academic GPA and English language requirements for postgraduate programs, including a briefer schedule of exemptions.

2018 Schedule: Changes to IELTS for Graduate Diploma of Law and Graduate Certificate of Law (Res 18/63)
Academic Senate approved changes to the IELTS requirements for the Graduate Diploma of Law and Graduate Certificate of Law.

2019 Schedule: Proposal for Extension of Exception from the Planet Requirement for OUA Students (Res 18/64)
Academic Senate approved an extension to the exception from Planet requirements previously granted to OUA students.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Curriculum Architecture Policy (Res 18/70)
Academic Senate endorsed the Undergraduate Curriculum Architecture and Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles, and approved in principle the Curriculum Architecture Policy, effective for courses delivered from 1 January 2020.

Amendments to the Grade Appeal Policy and Procedure and the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure (Res 18/66)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Grade Appeal Policy and Procedure and the Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure, and disestablish the Grade Appeal Committee with effect from Session 2 2018.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Purpose and Composition of Academic Senate (Res 18/68)
Academic Senate endorsed the proposed preamble within the Academic Senate Rules, the definition of academic matters and the revised functions of Academic Senate to be included in the Academic Senate Rules. Members noted that the next step will be consideration of the composition of Academic Senate.

Academic Senate projects: Mid-year Traffic Light Assessment (Res 18/69)
Members noted the impact of the Curriculum Architecture project on the workload of Academic Senate and that the Review of Quality Assurance and Quality Enhancement will now extend into 2019, the External Review of Academic Senate will also be moved to 2019, and Shared Academic Governance will be revised to align with the Curriculum Architecture project.

Academic Standards and Quality Committee Composition: Proposed Amendments (Res 18/65)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the composition of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee to allow the appointment of the Associate Deans (Quality) (or equivalent) and include the Executive Director, Student Engagement and Registrar as an ex officio member, as well as other related changes to appointed and nominated members.
OTHER MATTERS

- Academic Senate noted a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the upcoming Council strategy half-day, international enrolments for Session 2 2018, and the launch of the action plan for Respect. Now. Always.;
- Academic Senate endorsed a nomination for the title of Emeritus Professor for recommendation to Council (Res 18/67).
- Academic Senate ratified the award of the MUIC Award for Academic Excellence to 6 graduates. (Res 18/72).
- The 2019 schedule of Academic Senate meeting dates was provided to the meeting (Res 18/73).
- Executive Actions taken by the Chair regarding the appointment and re-appointment of members to the Research and Research Training Committee and the Thesis Examination Subcommittee and late changes to programs, majors and specialisations were ratified by Academic Senate (Res 18/71).

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 June and July 2018.

Faculty Boards

Academic Senate noted that the reports from the Faculty Board meetings held in July 2018, which focussed on the ratification of results from Session 1, 2018, will be submitted to the next meeting.

University Hearing Committee

Academic Senate noted the summary report of the University Hearing Committee meeting held in June 2018.