ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 28 May 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 23 July 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 18 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 19/47, 19/48 and 19/49)

Academic Senate approved the introduction of the following new course, major and minors for 2020:

- Bachelor of Arts (OUA)
- Indigenous Studies (OUA) major
- Philosophy of Mind and Cognition Minor,
- Australian Studies undergraduate minor
- Environmental Humanities minor
- Medieval and Early Modern Studies minor
- Posthuman Studies minor

Academic Senate approved the following list of undergraduate degree combinations that do not adhere to Curriculum Architecture principle 27.3 or have been requested by Faculties to be placed on an exclusions list:

- Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and Bachelor of Actuarial Studies with Professional Practice (Honours) (Principle 27.3)
- Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Laws (Principle 27.3)
- Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) and Bachelor of Psychology (Principle 27.3)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary) and all other undergraduate degrees (not listed on the popular doubles list) (Faculty request)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary) and all other undergraduate degrees (not listed on the popular doubles list) (Faculty request)
- Bachelor of Clinical Science with any other undergraduate degree (Faculty request)
- Bachelor of Professional Practice with any other undergraduate degree (not listed on the popular doubles list) (Faculty request)
- Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and all other undergraduate degrees (not listed on the popular doubles list) (Faculty request)

Academic Senate approved an exemption from the requirement of Schedule 4 of the Assessment Policy to publish final examination papers on the University Library website for all language units, effective immediately, subject to the Department of International Studies providing indicative examination papers to be placed in the Library system.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Double Degree Nomenclature: changes to the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles (Res 19/50)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the double degree nomenclature in the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles, with immediate effect.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Developing a Shared Responsibility Model for Academic Governance (Res 19/53 and 19/55)

Members were given an overview of the project to date, including advice on the main risks associated with implementing this project. The meeting heard from the Executive Deans of the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and the Faculty of Science and Engineering on how each faculty is preparing for Shared Academic Governance. Senate discussions focussed on identified areas of risk related to the components identified
by TEQSA as defining a new course. An extraordinary meeting of Academic Senate will be held on 25 June 2019 to continue and finalise these discussions.

**Project Update: Freedom of Speech, Inquiry and Assembly Working Group** (Res 19/52)

Academic Senate noted the work undertaken to date by this Working Group, particularly the mapping of the University’s relevant policies and procedures against the eight principles in the Code of Practice recommended in the recently released report of the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Australian Higher Education Providers (the French review). Members noted that a workshop will be held to discuss some of these principles in more detail.

**Project Overview: Review of General Coursework Rules: Practical, Clinical and Professional Requirements** (Res 19/54)

Academic Senate approved the project scope and timeline for the review of General Coursework Rules: Practical, Clinical and Professional Requirements.

**OTHER MATTERS**

- Academic Senate received a report from the Vice-Chancellor on admission data, building works, and the implications of the recent Federal election;
- Academic Senate noted a sector-wide scan of Terms of Reference and Business Processes of Australian University Academic Boards and Senates conducted in 2018 (Res 19/46);
- The establishment of the Executive Dean’s Commendation for Academic Excellence in Year 2 Master of Research was approved by Academic Senate (Res 19/51);
- Members congratulated Professor Mariella Herberstein and Professor Jacqueline Phillips on their re-election as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Academic Senate (Res 19/56);
- An update on activities under Program Beacon was provided to members (Res 19/57);
- Academic Senate ratified the executive action taken by the Chair with respect to award of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework and MUCIC graduands, and the appointment of members to the committees of Academic Senate (Res 19/59);
- Members noted the response to a question on notice regarding graduate capabilities at other Australian universities (Res 19/58); and
- Members noted advice on the implications of the recent change of name of the Faculty of Business and Economics to the Macquarie Business School. (Res 19/60).

**Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards**

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Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, Research and Research Training Committee and Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in April and May 2019.

**Faculty Boards**

Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Faculty of Business and Economics Faculty Board (noting this was the name of the Faculty Board at the time of the reported meeting), the Faculty of Human Sciences Faculty Board, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences Faculty Board and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board held in February, April and May 2019.

**University Hearing Committee**

No reports were submitted to this meeting.