ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 29 May 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 24 July 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 17 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

2018 Schedule: Availability of the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Accounting as an exit award for the Master of Commerce (Res 18/46)

Academic Senate approved the availability of the Graduate Diploma of Forensic Accounting as an exit award for the Master of Commerce from 2018 onwards.

2019 Schedule: New Program for Approval: Global Master of Business Administration (Res 18/47)

Academic Senate approved the academic case for the establishment of the Global Master of Business Administration, effective 1 January 2019, subject to the approval of a business case by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic).

Gifted and Talented Student Program: Inclusion of Bachelor of Clinical Science (Res 18/48)

Academic Senate approved the inclusion of the Bachelor of Clinical Science in the Gifted and Talented Students Entry Program with effect from 2019.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

HDR Supervision Policy and Procedures (Res 18/49)

Academic Senate approved the HDR Supervision Policy and Procedure with immediate effect.

Assessment Policy (Res 18/50)

Academic Senate approved the amendments to the Assessment Policy, the Assessment Policy Schedule 1: Grading Requirements and the Assessment Policy Schedule 2: Program and Unit Assessment Requirements with immediate effect. Members noted the change to the second attempt of hurdle assessments in Schedule 2: Program and Unit Assessment Requirements, will be marked on a pass/fail basis.

Unit Guide Policy (Res 18/51)

Academic Senate approved the Assessment Policy, Schedule 6: Unit Guide Requirements and the Unit Guide Procedure and the rescission of the Unit Guide Policy with immediate effect for Units with a teaching start date of 30 July 2018 or later.

Fitness to Practice Procedure (Res 18/52)

Academic Senate approved the Fitness to Practice Procedure to manage the progression of students enrolled in practical, clinical or professional programs with embedded placements and/or external registration requirements; rescinded the Fitness to Practice Procedure for the FMHS Doctor of Medicine; and approved the amendment to the Academic Progression Policy and Academic Appeals Policy to reflect the introduction of the Fitness to Practice procedure, with effect from Session 2, 2018.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Curriculum Architecture Project Overview (Res 18/54)

Academic Senate received an overview of the new Curriculum Architecture project, with the Chair and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) outlining the consultation and work done to date, and the importance of the project for the University. Members noted that the draft principles for the new Curriculum Architecture will be made available to all staff for comment and feedback.
Purpose and Composition of Academic Senate (Res 18/55)

Members approved a proposed preamble and definition of “academic matters” for use in a revised set of Academic Senate Rules and noted that a revised purpose of Academic Senate will be discussed at the next meeting.

Academic Senate Committees: Nominations for Membership (Res 18/45)

Academic Senate appointed Cathy Rytmeister, as the nominee of the PVC (Learning and Teaching) to the Academic Standards and Quality Committee for a term of membership from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020; extended the terms of membership of the current nominees of Executive Deans on the Academic Standards and Quality Committee until such time as the Committee’s revised terms of reference are approved by Academic Senate; appointed Associate Professor Peter Keegan, Professor Leonie Tickle, Dr David Kaplan, Professor Ian Johnson, nominee of the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dr James Downes, Kate Roth, Mirjana Jovancevic and Dr Tanya Rose to the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee for a term of membership from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020; appointed Associate Professor Marcelle Freiman, Dr Vito Mollica, Associate Professor Jan-Louis Kruger, Dr Verity Pacey and Associate Professor Grant Hose to the Thesis Examination Subcommittee for a term of membership from 26 July 2018 to 25 July 2020; and noted the appointment of Dr Nicholas Harrigan (Department of Sociology) to the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board with immediate effect.

OTHER MATTERS

• Academic Senate noted a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the federal budget and implications for the sector, external factors affecting international student load, the strong performance of the University’s Global Leadership Entry Program and the importance of the Curriculum Architecture project.

• Academic Senate endorsed a nomination for the title of Emeritus Professor for recommendation to Council (Res 18/53).

• Academic Senate received a report on Saving Cases applications which were approved in Quarters 3 and 4 of 2017 and Quarter 1 of 2018 and ratified the actions which had been taken by the Chair of Academic Senate to save students from degree requirements in accordance with the Academic Senate Rule 11(5). (Res 18/57).

• The results of the recent election of student members to Academic Senate were provided to the meeting (Res 18/58).

• Executive Actions taken by the Chair regarding Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) articulation arrangements and late changes to programs, majors and specialisations were ratified by Academic Senate (Res 18/56).

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 May 2018.

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, the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science Faculty Board and the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board in April 2018.

University Hearing Committee

Academic Senate noted the summary reports of the University Hearing Committee meetings held in April and May 2018.