ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 3 September 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 22 October 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 19/89, 19/90, 19/91 and 19/92)
Academic Senate approved the proposed transitional arrangements for those continuing students who will be taught out of pre-2020 curriculum. This takes the form of a broad savings case for this cohort of students which exempts them from the following program requirements:
- completion of area of study designations;
- completion of People and Planet unit requirements; and
- for students in 68 or 69 credit point programs, the requirement to complete 240 credit points (72 according to the pre-2020 scale), noting that this will be not only for students in teach-out provision, but those 68/69cp students migrating to 2020 course destination with 240cp (72cp on pre-2020 scale).
Academic Senate approved the inclusion of the following courses on the exclusions list for undergraduate and postgraduate double degrees:
- Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education) and all other undergraduate degrees (not listed on the popular doubles list).
- Master of Teaching (Birth – 5) and all other postgraduate degrees (not listed on the popular doubles list).
Academic Senate approved late change requests for the following two courses and specialisation:
- Diploma of Engineering
- Master of Engineering in Electronics Engineering
- Telecommunications (PG Specialisation)
Academic Senate resolved that the resolutions of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee made at its meetings of 18 March 2014 and 29 January 2015 relating to the interdisciplinary academic unit PACE360 will cease to have effect from 31 December 2019.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
There were no decisions made at this meeting regarding policies and procedures.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY
Project Update: Freedom of Speech, Inquiry and Assembly Working Group (Res 19/94)
Academic Senate received and approved a report from the working group, noting that some of the report’s recommendations will be referred to the University Executive. Senate was also advised that a University policy on Freedom of Speech is currently under development and will come to Senate for its advice and input.

Post-implementation Review: Partnership with and Recognition of Student Members (Res 19/95)
Academic Senate noted that a post-implementation review will be undertaken on Academic Senate’s project on Partnership with and Recognition of Student Members, with the review working group to be co-chaired by two student members.

Project Update: Post-implementation review of the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) (Res 19/96)
Academic Senate were advised that this project to review the University’s approach to the revised Australian Qualification Framework will be placed on hold to await the release of a report from the recent review of the AQF conducted by the Federal Government.
Establishing 2020 Projects for Academic Senate and its Committees (Res 19/97)
Academic Senate approved the approach for establishing its projects for 2020.

OTHER MATTERS

- Academic Senate noted advice from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on preparations for the University’s reregistration with TEQSA as a Higher Education Provider;
- Academic Senate recommended that Council approve the award of a Higher Doctorate Degree, the Doctor of Science to Professor Michael Morgan (Res 19/93);
- Members noted information from the Executive Director, Student Engagement and Registrar on the University’s Student Discipline Framework, including current work to requisition and implement a new case management system;
- Academic Senate received a report on the process to migrate students to the 2020 curriculum (Res 19/98);
- Members received an update on University activities to support Academic Integrity (Res 19/99);
- Academic Senate ratified the executive action taken by the Chair with respect to awarding Macquarie University Awards for Academic Excellence, the appointment of various members to Academic Senate and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee, and the approval of courses to be doubled with the Master of Management under the Master of Combined Studies (Res 19/100);
- A call for expressions of interest for Academic Senate members to join the Academic Standards and Quality Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee was noted (Res 19/101);
- Members noted that an election will be held to fill the position of non-Faculty Academic Staff member on Academic Senate and that in the interim Dr Florence Chiew has been co-opted to fill the position (Res 19/102); and
- Academic Senate noted the Learning and Teaching policy amendments required to support the 2020 curriculum and the required approach (Res 19/103).

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

Committees of Academic Senate
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings of the Academic Senate Standing Committee, the Academic Standards and Quality Committee and the University Medal Committee held in July and August 2019.

Faculty Boards
Academic Senate noted the report of the meeting of the Faculty of Human Sciences Faculty Board held in July 2019.

University Discipline Committee
Academic Senate noted the summary reports for University Discipline Committee meetings held in June 2019.