ACADEMIC SENATE IN-BRIEF
An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 9 April 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 28 May 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 29 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 19/19, 19/20 and 19/21)
Academic Senate approved the introduction of the following new courses for 2020:
- Bachelor of Security Studies (OUA)
- Graduate Certificate of Ancient History (OUA)
- Graduate Certificate of Security Studies and Criminology (OUA)
- Master of Ancient History (OUA)
- Master of Counter Terrorism (OUA)
- Master of Criminology (OUA)
- Master of Cyber Security Analysis (OUA)
- Master of Intelligence (OUA)
- Master of Public and Social Policy (OUA)
- Master of Security and Strategic Studies (OUA)
- Diploma of Languages

Academic Senate also approved the introduction of the following undergraduate majors and minors:
- Ancient History (OUA) undergraduate major
- Creative Writing (OUA) undergraduate major
- English (OUA) undergraduate major
- International Relations (OUA) undergraduate major
- Modern History (OUA) undergraduate major
- Philosophy (OUA) undergraduate major
- Politics (OUA) undergraduate major
- Sociology (OUA) undergraduate major
- Ethics undergraduate minor
- Social Justice and Work undergraduate minor

The revised list of Desirable Doubles requiring CRICOS registration was also approved.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
Curriculum Architecture Principles and Double Degree Nomenclature Principles: Amendments (Res 19/18 and 19/21)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Curriculum Architecture Principles and the Double Degree Nomenclature Principles, with immediate effect.

Higher Degree Research Doctoral Equivalence Policy (Res 19/24)
Academic Senate approved the new Higher Degree Research Doctoral Equivalence Policy with immediate effect.

Higher Degree Research Supervision Policy and Procedure: Amendments (Res 19/25)
Academic Senate approved amendments to the HDR Supervision Policy and Procedure with immediate effect.

English Language Statement (Res 19/26)
Academic Senate approved the introduction of a revised English Language Statement with immediate effect.
Rescission of Graduate Capabilities (Res 19/22)
Members approved a proposal to rescind previously approved graduate capabilities, and the embedding of Macquarie University values through course curriculum design. These changes will take effect for new curriculum introduced in 2020.

GOVERNANCE AND STRATEGY

Developing a Shared Responsibility Model for Academic Governance (Res 19/35, 19/36, 19/37 and 19/38)
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 Business and Economics and the Faculty of Human Sciences on how each faculty is preparing for Shared Academic Governance, and also heard from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the possible impact of the Unit Viability project currently underway. Members also received a brief presentation on workflows and notifications in the Curriculum Management System.

Project Update: Freedom of Speech, Inquiry and Assembly Working Group (Res 19/32)
Academic Senate noted the work undertaken to date by this Working Group, and that the group will now look at the recently released report of the Independent Review of Freedom of Speech in Australian Higher Education Providers (the French review).

Academic Senate 2018 Survey Results (Res 19/33)
The Chair took members through the results of the 2018 member survey, noting some of the changes made to information sharing on the work of the Chair and Deputy Chair, and processes for appointing members to Committees in response to comments.

Project Overview for External Review of Academic Senate (Res 19/34)
Academic Senate noted advice on the planning for an external review of Academic Senate to be undertaken later this year.

OTHER MATTERS

- Academic Senate endorsed Mudang Dali: Indigenous Connected Curriculum Framework (Res 19/17);
- The Macquarie University Hearing Strategy 2030 was endorsed by Academic Senate (Res 19/23);
- Members approved a request from MUIC for exemption from the Peer-Assisted Learning/Peer-Assisted Study Sessions (PAL/PASS) policy due to the constraints of the MUIC term structure and the alternative support initiatives offered by MUIC to the students (Res 19/27);
- Academic Senate noted background information on Higher Doctoral degrees at the University and approved the appointment of examiners to consider an application for a Doctor of Science (Higher Doctoral Degree) (Res 19/28 and Res 19/29);
- Amendments to the teaching sessions of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences in 2020 and 2021 were endorsed (Res 19/30);
- Academic Senate approved a proposal to establish scholarships for applicants in the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Entry Pathway, noting this pathway will replace the Global Leaders Entry Pathway (Res 19/31);
- The Executive Director, Student Engagement and Registrar provided Academic Senate with updates on Program Beacon and the Student Success Framework (Res 19/39 and 19/40);
- Academic Senate ratified the executive action taken by the Chair with respect to the endorsement in principle of the 2020 Curriculum Architecture Transfer and Teach-Out Principles, the award of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework and MUIC graduands, and the appointment of members to the committees of Academic Senate (Res 19/41); and
- Members noted advice on the timeline and process for the election of a Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate (Res 19/42).

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

Committees of Academic Senate
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Academic Senate Standing Committee, Academic Standards and Quality Committee, Research and Research Training Committee, Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and University Medal Committee in February and March 2019.

Faculty Boards
Academic Senate noted the reports of the meetings held by the Faculty of Medicine and Health Science in March 2019 and Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty in February 2019.

University Hearing Committee
Academic Senate noted the summary report of the meetings held in February 2019.