



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 19 November 2024.

OVERVIEW

The agenda of matters considered at this meeting is available from [this folder in Truth](#). The resolutions and minutes of the meeting remain subject to change and will also be published in Truth following ratification at the next Academic Senate meeting, scheduled for 25 February 2025.

Key agenda items, outcomes and resolutions are highlighted in this brief and are not intended to replace the full minutes.

DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

Academic Senate passed 21 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Amendments and Discontinuations

Course Reaccreditation Proposal (Res AS24/102)

Academic Senate reaccredited the Bachelor of Biodiversity and Conservation from the Faculty of Science and Engineering for a period of seven years without conditions.

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS24/103)

Academic Senate approved:

- the discontinuation of the Graduate Certificate of Positive Behaviour Support Teaching from the Faculty of Arts, the Global Master of Business Administration and the Graduate Certificate of Global Business Practice from the Macquarie Business School and MRES7001 PACE: For Research from the Graduate Research Academy;
- amendments to the Bachelor of Media and Communications from the Faculty of Arts; and
- the accreditation of the Master of Health Leadership and the Graduate Certificate of Health Leadership from the Macquarie Business School, and the Masters Qualifying Program (Accelerated) and Masters Qualifying Program (Standard) from the Macquarie University College.

Policies and Procedures

Amendment of Academic Senate Rules (Res AS24/101)

Academic Senate endorsed amendments to the Academic Senate Rules and recommended the amendments to Council for its approval. The amendments include the removal of the category of casual academic staff membership from Senate following changes to the Fair Work legislation.

Amendments to the Enrolment Policy (Res AS24/104)

Academic Senate approved amendments with effect from the date of publication to the [Enrolment Policy](#).

Amendment to Schedule 1 (English Language Requirements of the Admission Policy (Res AS24/105)

Academic Senate approved an amendment to remove the recognition of the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program offered by Australian Education Management Group (AEMG) from [Schedule 1](#) of the Admission Policy with effect upon publication.

Research Collectives Policy and Procedure (Res AS24/112)

Academic Senate received and noted the new Research Collectives Policy and Procedure which will be approved by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). Senate also noted that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) will approve the expiry of the Faculty Research Centres Policy, Procedure and Guideline.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS24/111)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 8 November 2024.

Governance and Strategy

Review of Academic Senate Committees (Res AS24/100)

Academic Senate approved the establishment of the Academic Senate Research Committee, the Academic Senate Education Committee and the Academic Senate Curriculum Subcommittee and their respective terms of reference with effect from 1 January 2025, and the disestablishment of the Research and Research Training Committee, the Academic Quality and Standards Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee, also with effect from 1 January 2025. Senate also approved amendments to the terms of reference of the Academic Senate Standing Committee.

Cohort Monitoring Report (Res AS24/107)

Academic Senate received and noted the Cohort Monitoring Report from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) portfolio.

Graduate Research Student Success and Satisfaction Annual Report 2024 (Res AS24/108)

Academic Senate received and noted the 2024 Annual Report of Graduate Research Student Success and Satisfaction.

Quality and Standards Review Reports (Res AS24/109)

Academic Senate received and noted the Quality and Standards Review Reports for Domain 4 of the Higher Education Standards Framework (Research and Research Training), the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) (Foundation Program Standards) Instrument 2021 and the English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) Standards 2018.

Annual Course of Study Reaccreditation Report (Res AS24/110)

Academic Senate received and noted the 2024 Annual Course of Study Reaccreditation Report.

2024 Membership Survey Results (Res AS24/114)

Academic Senate noted the report on the Academic Senate 2024 Survey Results.

2024 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees: End-of-Year Update (Res AS24/113)

Academic Senate noted the end-of-year update on 2024 projects of Academic Senate and its committees.

Other Matters

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) reported on matters in his portfolio, including data on October graduations and a Student Engagement Inclusion and Belonging activity summary. He also provided a summary of reports on examination quality assurance from the faculties;
- Academic Senate approved two cotutelle arrangements and one joint PhD arrangement executed since the meeting of Senate on 8 October 2024 (Res AS24/106);
- Academic Senate ratified decisions made under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate related to the award of the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework graduands and the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College graduands (Res AS24/115);
- Academic Senate ratified two savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS24/116);
- Academic Senate noted a report on the results of recent elections for academic staff and student positions on Senate (Res AS24/117);
- Academic Senate noted its meeting dates for 2025 (Res AS24/118); and
- Academic Senate noted that the draft 2025 Academic Senate Annual Agenda Plan would be referred to the Academic Senate Standing Committee for approval.

Committees of Academic Senate and Faculty Boards

Committees of Academic Senate

Academic Senate noted the reports and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee, the Research and Research Training Committee and the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee held in October and November 2024.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board held in October 2024.