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## ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 25 February 2025.

### 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 March 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 14 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

##### Curriculum Proposals (Res AS25/04)

Academic Senate approved proposals from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences to accredit the Bachelor of Health Sciences, the Diploma of Health Sciences (OUA) and the Master of Nursing and the discontinuation of the Graduate Diploma of Anatomy.

##### Final Course Review Report (Res AS25/05)

Academic Senate received the final course review report for the Bachelor of Linguistics and Language Sciences from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences and approved the Faculty's recommendation that the course not be reaccredited.

#### Policies and Procedures

##### Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS25/09)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 17 February 2025.

#### Governance and Strategy

##### 2024 Annual Report of Academic Senate to Council (Res AS25/03)

Academic Senate received and accepted the Academic Senate Annual Report 2024 outlining its activities for the previous years and recommended the report to Council.

##### 2024 Annual Report on Approved Global PhD Arrangements (Res AS25/07)

Academic Senate received and noted the annual report on from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on approved Global PhD Arrangements in 2024.

##### Annual Report on Savings Cases (2023 and 2024) (Res AS25/08)

Academic Senate received and noted annual reports on savings cases from 2023 and 2024.

##### University Medal Committee Equity and Diversity Report for 2024 (Res AS25/10)

Academic Senate received and noted the report on University Medal outcomes from 2024 with comments on equity and diversity matters.

##### Annual Review of Delegations of Authority Assigned to Faculty Board and Macquarie University College Board (Res AS25/11)

Academic Senate received and noted the report on the exercise of delegations of authority by Faculty Boards and the Macquarie University College Board during 2024.

#### Other Matters

- Academic Senate approved six Cotutelle arrangements executed since the meeting of Senate on 19 November 2024 and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the arrangements (Res AS25/06);

- Academic Senate ratified decisions made under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate to award the Macquarie University Award for Academic Excellence to coursework graduands, award the Macquarie University College Award for Academic Excellence to Macquarie University College Graduands, amend the Research Degree Subcommittee Terms of Reference, amend the Course Transfer (Undergraduate Coursework) Criteria for the Bachelor of Clinical Science effective immediately, and approve an exception to the Course Transfer (Undergraduate Coursework) Policy and Procedure to enable Student 47671432 to transfer from the Bachelor of Science to the Bachelor of Chiropractic Science effective immediately (Res AS25/12);
- Academic Senate ratified eleven savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS25/13); and
- Academic Senate noted advice from the Director, Governance and Compliance regarding the process for election of the Chair and Deputy Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS25/14).

## **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 Senate Standing Committee meeting held in November 2024, reports of the University Medal Committee held in November 2024 and February 2025, and noted reports of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in February 2025, the Academic Standards and Quality Committee\* in December 2024, and the Research and Research Training Committee\* and Senate Learning and Teaching Committee\* in November 2024.

### **Faculty and College Boards**

Academic Senate noted the reports and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board, the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in November and December 2024 and February 2025.

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\* The circular resolutions dealt with by these committees were to approve the minutes of the final meetings of the committees prior to their disestablishment.