



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 25 March 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 27 May 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 16 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Accreditation and Amendments

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS25/19)

Academic Senate approved a proposal from the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences to amend the Doctor of Physiotherapy and approved a further proposal from the Macquarie University College to accredit the Diploma of Health Sciences.

Policies and Procedures

Review of Recognition of Prior Learning Policy (Res AS25/18)

Academic Senate approved the revised Recognition of Prior Learning Policy, the expiry of the Assessing Recognition of Prior Learning Procedure, the Development of Articulation and Related Credit Arrangements Procedure, the Schedule of Equivalencies: Formal Learning for Undergraduate Programs, the Schedule of Exceptions to Currency, the Schedule of Minimum Requirements at Macquarie University, and consequential amendments to other relevant policy documents to align with the revised Recognition of Prior Learning Policy.

Review of University Medal Policy and Procedure (Res AS25/27)

Academic Senate approved the project overview for the review of the University Medal Policy and Procedure and the University Medal Committee Terms of Reference.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS25/26)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 13 March 2025.

Governance and Strategy

2024 Annual Report on Student Conduct and Discipline Matters (Res AS25/21)

Academic Senate received and noted the 2024 Annual Report on Student Conduct and Discipline Matters.

Special Consideration Update (Res AS25/22)

Academic Senate received and noted an update on Special Considerations, including trials of a short extension process.

Open Universities Australia and Macquarie Annual Report 2024 (Res AS25/23)

Academic Senate received and noted a 2024 annual report on its students at Open Universities Australia.

Macquarie University Academic Risk Profile 2025 (Res AS25/24)

Academic Senate received and noted the Academic Risk Profile for 2025.

Quality And Standards Compliance Report (Res AS25/25)

Academic Senate received and noted the Quality and Standards Compliance Report for HESF Domain 6 (Governance and Accountability) – Standard 6.3 (Academic Governance).

2025 Diversity Survey: Formation of Working Group (Res AS25/28)

Academic Senate approved the project overview for the Diversity Working Group to consider the data from the recent Diversity Survey of Academic Senate members.

Other Matters

- The Vice-Chancellor reported to Academic Senate on matters including enrolment trends for Session 1 2025, the working definition of antisemitism developed by Universities Australia and concerns regarding attacks on the social licence of universities in Australia and other countries;
- Academic Senate noted an update on links to current information on Learning and Teaching Awards and Grants related to a matter dealt with at its meeting in May 2024 (Res AS25/17);
- Academic Senate approved two Cotutelle arrangements and one joint PhD arrangement executed since the meeting of Senate on 25 February 2025 and noted advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the background to the arrangements (Res AS25/20);
- 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 (Res AS25/29);
- Academic Senate ratified four savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS25/30); and
- Academic Senate noted advice from the Director, Governance and Compliance that the current Chair and Deputy Chair had been re-elected unopposed to their respective positions.

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 Education Committee and the Academic Senate Research Committee held in March 2025. The Chairs of the Academic Senate Education Committee and Academic Senate Curriculum Subcommittee each spoke briefly about the establishment of the two committees.

Faculty and College Boards

There were no Faculty or College Board reports presented to this meeting.