



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 27 August 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 8 October 2024.

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: Amendments and Discontinuations

Course Reaccreditation Proposals (Res AS24/68)

Academic Senate reaccredited the Bachelor of Planning, the Master of Planning and the Graduate Certificate of Environmental Planning from the Faculty of Arts for a period of seven years without conditions.

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS24/69)

Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of nine Diplomas of Languages from the Faculty of Arts and accredited a new Master of Laws in Corporation, Human Rights and Sustainability and Graduate Certificate in Financial Integrity Law, also from the Faculty of Arts. Academic Senate also acted as Faculty Board in approving amendments to MRES7001 PACE: For Research, a unit offered through the Graduate Research Academy.

Policies and Procedures

Revised Course of Study Suspension and Discontinuation Policy (Res AS24/67)

Academic Senate approved amendments with effect from the date of publication to the Course of Study Suspension and Discontinuation Policy noting it will also be renamed to the Course of Study Discontinuation Policy.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS24/75)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 20 August 2024.

Governance and Strategy

2024 Half-Yearly Update on Student Conduct Matters (Res AS24/71)

Academic Senate received and noted the 2024 half-yearly report on student conduct matters.

Annual Report on Academic Integrity (Res AS24/72)

Academic Senate received and noted the annual report on academic integrity matters.

Quality and Standards Review Reports (Res AS24/73)

Academic Senate received and noted Quality and Standards Review Reports for Domain 3 (Teaching) in the Higher Education Standards Framework, which covers:

- Section 3.1 Course Design;
- Section 3.2 Staffing; and
- Section 3.3 Learning Resources and Educational Support.

Review into the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools in Learning and Teaching at Macquarie University (Res AS24/74)

Academic Senate received and noted a report on the Review into the use of Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools in Learning and Teaching at Macquarie University.

2024 Projects of Academic Senate and its Committees: Update (Res AS24/76)

Academic Senate noted an update on 2024 Projects of Academic Senate and its committees.

Other Matters

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) reported on matters in his portfolio, including Session 2 Kickstart activities, work on undergraduate double degrees, and the integration of Graduate Futures staff with Service Connect service-desk;
- Academic Senate noted a report on matters arising, including advice from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Graduate Research) on the process for contacting students following the confirmation of candidature process (Res AS24/66);
- Academic Senate approved two cotutelle agreements executed since the meeting of Senate on 23 July 2024 (Res AS24/70);
- 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 (Res AS24/77);
- Academic Senate ratified five savings cases approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS24/78); and
- Academic Senate noted advice on upcoming elections for academic staff and student member positions on Academic Senate (Res AS24/79).

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 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee and the University Medal Committee held in August 2024 and noted a report of matters dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in August 2024.

Faculty and College Boards

Academic Senate noted the report and unconfirmed minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Arts Faculty Board, the Macquarie Business School Faculty Board, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in July and August 2024.