



ACADEMIC SENATE IN BRIEF

An update on the key decisions made and matters discussed by Academic Senate on 21 May 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 23 July 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 15 resolutions at this meeting. Information on outcomes of specific agenda items may be found in this report or within the minutes.

Curriculum: Accreditations, Reaccreditations, Amendments and Discontinuations

Course Reaccreditations (Res AS24/33)

Academic Senate approved the full reaccreditation of a suite of undergraduate and postgraduate Law degrees offered by the Faculty of Arts, of a suite of undergraduate and postgraduate Economics and Finance degrees offered by the Macquarie Business School, the Master of Clinical Audiology and the Graduate Certificate of Hearing Sciences offered by the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, and the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Science (OUA) offered by the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

Curriculum Proposals (Res AS24/34)

Academic Senate approved the introduction of four new undergraduate degrees from the Macquarie School of Education in the Faculty of Arts which will replace four existing degrees. Academic Senate also approved a range of curriculum proposals for amendments to courses from the Faculty of Arts, the Macquarie Business School, the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences, the Faculty of Science and Engineering and the Macquarie University College.

Policies and Procedures

Learning and Teaching Awards and Grants Policy and Procedure: Expiry of Policy and Procedure (Res AS24/31)

Academic Senate approved the expiry of the Learning and Teaching Awards and Grants Policy and Procedure with immediate effect. Information regarding awards for teaching is available on the [Teaching Development and Recognition](#) page of the Staff Intranet.

Amended Graduate Research Admissions Policy and Schedule 2 – Additional Entry Requirements to Research Training Courses (Res AS24/32)

Academic Senate approved amendments to the Graduate Research Admissions Policy and Schedule 2 – Additional Entry Requirements to Research Training Courses with immediate effect.

Review of General Coursework Rules (Res AS24/39)

Academic Senate endorsed the proposed amendments to the General Coursework Rules for recommendation to Council.

Policies Under Review/Development (Res AS24/40)

Academic Senate also noted a list of policies under review/development as of 13 May 2024.

Governance and Strategy

Update on National Research Assessments (Res AS24/37)

Academic Senate noted an update from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Performance and Development) on National Research Assessments, particularly noting potential changes flagged in the Final Report of the Australian Universities Accord Panel.

Quality and Standards Review Reports (Res AS24/38)

Academic Senate received and noted Quality and Standards Review Reports for Domain 2 (Learning Environment) in the Higher Education Standards Framework, which covers:

- Section 2.1. Facilities and Infrastructure
- Section 2.2 Equity and Diversity
- Section 2.3 Wellbeing and Safety
- Section 2.4 Student Grievances and Complaints

2024 Focus Areas of Academic Senate and its Committees: Update (Res AS24/41)

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

Other Matters

- The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) reported on matters in his portfolio, including the launch of the new Education Strategy (Macquarie Advantage), major appointments within the portfolio, and the Library's new Information and Digital Literacy Framework. He also outlined the impacts of the 2024-2025 Federal budget on the sector, including the formation of the Australian Tertiary Education Commission. Details of other Australian Universities Accord recommendations included in the budget are outlined on the [Department of Education](#) website;
- Academic Senate approved one cotutelle agreement executed since the meeting of Senate on 27 February 2024 (Res AS24/35);
- Academic Senate endorsed a recommendation for the award of the title of Professor Emeritus for recommendation to Council (Res AS24/36);
- 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 AS24/42); and
- Academic Senate ratified a savings case approved under executive action by the Chair of Academic Senate (Res AS24/43).

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 May 2024 and noted a report of a matter dealt with via circulation resolution by the Academic Senate Standing Committee in April 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 Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Faculty Board, the Faculty of Science and Engineering Faculty Board and the Macquarie University College Board held in March and April 2024.