

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 25/01**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Monday 24 February 2025** at, **9:30AM**, at, **Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02)**.

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AGENDA

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

☆ 1.1 INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Senate, Professor Robert Mailhammer will open the meeting and welcome members and attendees.

An Acknowledgement of Country will be provided by Dr Kylie Steel, School of Health (Level A, B or C Representative).

Western Sydney University acknowledges that today's meeting is being held on campuses located on the country of the Darug, Eora, Dharawal (also referred to as Tharawal), Wiradjuri peoples and is being held across the lands of many other different Indigenous Australian Nations. Western Sydney University acknowledge their ancestors who have been Traditional Owners of their country for thousands of years. Western Sydney University pays respect to their Elders past and present and thank them for their support of our work in their lands and beyond.

The Chair will welcome all members and attendees, with specific mention to:
Professor Ian Anderson, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research
Associate Professor Gabrielle Weidemann, Interim Dean, School of Psychology

At the time of writing, apologies had been received from:
Professor Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President, Education
Professor Deborah Hatcher, Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery
Associate Professor Ana Hol, School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Rod McClure, Dean, School of Medicine
Professor Susan Page, Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Education
Ms Fiona Salisbury, Executive Director, Library Services
Dr Ata Samad, School of Business (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Michelle Trudgett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President, Indigenous Leadership
Professor George Williams AO, Vice-Chancellor and President

In Attendance:

Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Office of Governance Services

Ms Shubha Devadasen, Associate Director, Office of Governance Services, Secretariat

Professor Freya MacMillan, Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Research

Mr Mario Milanovic, Executive Director Finance

Ms Georgia Vasiliadis, Senior Governance Officer

☆ 1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare any interests they may have in relation to the items on this agenda or this Committee more broadly. Further information for members regarding declarations of interest is available on the [Conflict of Interest Policy](#) and the [Compliance Program Unit webpage](#).

Members will be reminded that they should also declare any interests that become apparent during this meeting.

☆ 1.3 STARRING OF ITEMS

Members will be asked which items they wish starred for discussion.

Apart from procedural items, the items below have been starred:

- Item 2.1 Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
- Item 4.1 Chair's Report
- Item 4.2 Vice Chancellor's Report
- Item 4.3 Student Report
- Item 4.4 External Review of Academic Senate Implementation
- Item 4.6 2025 Work Plan
- Item 4.7 Academic Risk Framework
- Item 4.8 TEQSA Risk Assessment
- Item 4.9 TEQSA Re-registration Update
- Item 5.10.3 Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
- Item 5.10.4 Senate Education Committee
- Item 5.10.5 Senate Assessment Committee
- Item 5.10.6 Academic Senate Policy Committee
- Item 5.10.7 Research Committee
- Item 5.10.8 Research Studies Committee
- Item 5.10.9 Third Party Provider Committee

It is recommended:

That the documents for all unstarred agenda items are noted and, except where alternative action is noted as appropriate, all recommendations contained in those items are endorsed.

☆ 1.4 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Members to advise if a re-arrangement of the order of business is required.

☆ 1.5 OTHER BUSINESS

Members will be invited to nominate any other relevant matters for discussion at this meeting or for a future meeting.

☆ 1.6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on Friday 6 December 2024, (meeting 24/06) are attached for confirmation.

For Confirmation.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday 6 December 2024, (meeting 24/06) as an accurate record.

☆ 1.7 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

To assist members with monitoring and controlling the work of the Committee, the current action sheet (incorporating items arising from previous meetings) is attached. Members are requested to report on any developments in relation to the items.

2. APPROVALS

☆ 2.1 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

Higher Education Standard(s): 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.1, 6.3.1a, c, 6.3.2c, d, f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 2, 3

The Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee report for meeting e24/03 held on 15 October 2024 is appended.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee e-meeting held on 15 October 2024 (meeting e24/03) and approves one new subject, HUMN1074 – The Entrepreneurial Self.

2.2 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW

Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-c, 6.3.2.d-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5

2.2.1 ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Higher Education Standard(s): 5.2.1, 6.2.1g, 6.3.1d, 6.3.2a,
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2

There is no Academic Senate Policy Committee update report for noting.

2.3 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

*Higher Education Standard(s): 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 6.3.1b, c, 6.3.2b, d
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

The Committee is requested to consider and approve the following new coursework and research scholarships, consider and approve the amendments to the following existing scholarships, consider and approve the following new prizes.

New Donor Coursework Scholarship for Approval

- Perera Foundation Scholarship
- J. Wyndham Prince Civil Engineering Scholarship for Women
- Professor Ross Hawker Scholarship in Medicine

New Donor Research Scholarship for Approval

- Bob and Norma Ingham PhD Scholarship in Medicine

Amendments to Existing Scholarships

- Podiatry Professionals Scholarship – One year
- Dean's Western Sydney Local Health District Master of Art Therapy Indigenous Scholarship
- Refugee Scholarships – where permanent Humanitarian Visa are accepted

New Donor-Funded Prizes for Approval

- SoCLA Academic Excellence Award
- SoCLA Research Excellence Award

For Approval.

It is recommended:

The Academic Senate review and approve the proposed new scholarships, review and approve the amendments to existing scholarships and review and approve the proposed new prizes for immediate execution.

2.4 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

*Higher Education Standard(s): 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3, 1.5.4, 6.2.1h
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

2.4.1 CONFERRAL OF AWARDS

For noting or approval of December Conferral of Awards.

For Noting or Approval.

It is recommended:

The Academic Senate:

- i. *approve the award of degrees with distinction to graduands listed Attachment A – Graduands for awards with distinction*
- ii. *note the conferral of awards to graduates with pass or honours coursework degrees as listed in Attachment C - Graduates with pass degrees approved within SAC delegation*

2.4.2 POSTHUMOUS AWARD

There are no posthumous awards for noting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There is no business arising from previous meetings.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

☆ 4.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 6 December 2024 has been circulated. The Chair will provide an update on any recent developments and will answer any questions in relation to the report. The Chair's report to the 21 February 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees, is appended to the Chair's report.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 4.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 4.3 STUDENT REPORT

*Higher Education Standard(s) :6.3.3
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 3*

The Student Report is appended for noting.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 4.4 EXTERNAL REVIEW OF ACADEMIC SENATE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.1.3d, 6.3
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

A review of the commendations, affirmations and recommendations, their acceptance and implementation. Professor Kevin Dunn, Provost, will speak to this item.

For Discussion and Endorsement.

It is recommended:

Academic Senate review and endorse the recommendations for implementation.

☆ 4.5 **2025 WORKPLAN**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1-3
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3*

Discussion of the 2025 Academic Senate Workplan.

☆ 4.6 **ACADEMIC RISK FRAMEWORK**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.2.1e-f, 6.3
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3*

Ms Julia Haremza, Director, Risk and Resilience will provide a verbal update to Senate.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 4.7 **TEQSA RISK ASSESSMENT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.1.3a, 6.2.1a+c+e, 6.3.1d
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1*

Professor Cath Ellis, Pro Vice-Chancellor Quality and Integrity will speak to this item and Mr Mario Milanovic, Executive Director Finance, will provide a financial update.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 4.8 **TEQSA RE-REGISTRATION UPDATE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.2
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1*

An update on the University's Re-Registration with the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TEQSA). Professor Cath Ellis, Pro Vice-Chancellor Quality and Integrity will provide a verbal update.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 4.9 **SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.3
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 3*

Professor Kevin Dunn, Provost, to provide an update to the Academic Senate on the School Review.

For Discussion and Noting.

4.10 **UPDATE FROM SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a, b, c, 6.3.2d-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

There are no updates from Schools and Institutes.

4.11 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

There are no Questions on Notice or Hot Topics for this meeting.

5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Chairs of the Senate Standing Committees will provide brief updates of the key developments from the committee.

5.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a, 6.3.1d, 6.3.2d
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 3*

There are no Senate Executive Committee minutes for noting.

5.2 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.1, 6.3.1a, c, 6.3.2c, d, f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 2, 3*

There are no Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) minutes for noting.

5.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-d, 6.3.2d-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3*

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee meetings held on 28 November 2024 (meeting 24/06) are appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-d, 6.3.2e-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5*

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 21 January 2025 (meeting 25/01) are appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-, 6.3.2e-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 6*

The unconfirmed minutes of the Research Committee meeting held on 28 November 2024 (Meeting 24/05) are appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-, 6.3.2e-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 6*

The unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 9 December 2024 (Meeting 24/13) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

5.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.2.1, 6.3.1a-c, 6.3.2.d-f
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

The are no Academic Senate Policy Committee minutes for noting.

5.8 THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.4.2, 6.3.1a, 6.3.1d, 6.3.2d
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1,3*

There are no Third-Party Provider Committee minutes for noting.

5.9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 21 February 2025. Summaries and minutes of the Board of Trustees meetings are available on the University website at:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/about_uws/leadership/board_of_trustees

5.10 2024 ANNUAL REPORTS

The purpose of this item is for Senate to ensure that all Standing Committees of Academic Senate are carrying out their functions in accordance with their Terms of Reference.

Chairs of the Senate Standing Committees will provide brief updates regarding the committee.

5.10.1 ACADEMIC SENATE

The 2024 Academic Senate Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.2 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 2024 Senate Executive Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ 5.10.3 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The 2024 Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ 5.10.4 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The 2024 Senate Education Committee Annual Report is appended for noting. Professor Brian Stout, Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning and Teaching to provide the update on behalf of the Chair.

For Noting.

☆ 5.10.5 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The 2024 Senate Assessment Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ 5.10.6 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

The 2024 Academic Senate Policy Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ 5.10.7 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The 2024 Research Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ **5.10.8 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE**

The 2024 Research Studies Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ **5.10.9 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE**

The 2024 Third Party Provider Committee Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.10 GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL SAC

The 2024 Graduate Research School SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.11 SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SAC

The 2024 School of Business SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.12 SCHOOL OF COMPUTER, DATA AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES SAC

The 2024 School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.13 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SAC

The 2024 School of Education SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.14 SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT SAC

The 2024 School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.15 SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES SAC

The 2024 School of Health Sciences SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.16 SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION ARTS SAC

The 2024 School of Humanities and Communication Arts SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.17 SCHOOL OF LAW SAC

The 2024 School of Law SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.18 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SAC

The 2024 School of Medicine SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.19 SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SAC

The 2024 School of Nursing and Midwifery SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.20 SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY SAC

The 2024 School of Psychology SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.21 SCHOOL OF SCIENCE SAC

The 2024 School of Science SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.22 SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES SAC

The 2024 School of Social Sciences SAC Annual Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

5.10.23 2024 ANNUAL SHOW CAUSE PROGRESSION REPORT

The 2024 Annual Show Cause Progression Report is appended for noting.

For Noting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

If raised at the meeting.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (25/02) will be Friday 11 April 2025 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The meetings scheduled for 2025 is as follows:

- 25/02 - Friday 11 April 2025
- 25/03 - Friday 20 June 2025
- 25/04 - Friday 15 August 2025
- 25/05 - Friday 10 October 2025
- 25/06 - Friday 5 December 2025