



## **ACADEMIC SENATE**

The meeting (**Meeting 23/01**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 24 February 2023** at, **9:30AM**, at, **Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02)**.

For apologies and enquiries, contact Joshua Roach by email at: [REDACTED]

## **AGENDA**

### **1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

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#### **☆ 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 the Chair:

*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:

At the time of writing, apologies had been received from:

- Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy
- Professor Anna Williams
- Professor Barney Glover
- Professor Clive Baldock (Represented by Professor Janice Aldrich-Wright, Acting Dean of Graduate Research School)
- Professor Dennis Chang
- Professor Michele Simons
- Professor Michelle Trudgett
- Professor Neil Merrett
- Professor Sarah Zhang
- Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman (on ADP Leave)
- Associate Professor Liza Cubeddu
- Dr Ayda Succarie
- Dr Erin Mackenzie (on ADP Leave)
- Mr Bakar Mohamad
- Ms Fiona Salisbury

In Attendance:

- Professor Miroslav Filipovic (Chair, Professoriate Leadership Group)
- Ms Allyson McDonald, Senior Governance Officer
- Ms Jane Hutchison, University Secretary
- Ms Jo Maguire, Manager, Policy and Governance and Privacy Officer, Office of Governance Services
- Mr Joshua Roach, Senior Governance Officer
- Ms Shubha Devadasen, Associate Director, Office of Governance Services
- Ms Sophie Buck, Director Office of Governance Services

## ☆ 1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare any interests, in terms of the [Conflict of Interest Policy](#), they may have in relation to the items on this agenda. Further information for members regarding declarations of interest is available on 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 3.1 – Chair’s Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor’s Report
- Item 3.5 – Australian Universities Accord
- Item 3.6 - Academic Senate Work Plan
- Item 3.8 – Academic Senate Policy Committee Update & Policy Review

### **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

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 scheduled meeting held on Friday 9 December 2022, (meeting 22/06) are attached for confirmation.

**For Confirmation.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 9 December 2022 (Meeting 22/06), 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. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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There is no business arising from previous meeting

## 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

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### ☆ 3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 9 December 2022 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 22 February 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees, is appended to the Chair's report.

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

**For Discussion and Noting.**

### ☆ 3.2 VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended. The Vice-Chancellor may speak to this report.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

### 3.3 STUDENT REPORTS

There are no student reports for this meeting.

### **3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS**

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

### **☆ 3.5 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ACCORD**

Professor Clare Pollock, Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor will provide an update to Senate on the Australian Universities Accord.

**For Discussion.**

### **☆ 3.6 ACADEMIC SENATE WORK PLAN**

#### **3.6.1 2022 WORK PLAN**

The Academic Senate 2022 Work Plan has been circulated to the Senate for review of achievement.

**For Noting.**

#### **☆ 3.6.2 2023 WORK PLAN**

The proposed Academic Senate 2023 Work Plan has been circulated to the Senate for review and discussion.

**For Discussion.**

### **3.7 SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES REVIEW**

The School of Health Sciences was reviewed in 2022 as part of the University's cycle of School Reviews. The School of Health Sciences Review 2022 Panel Report, and the School of Health Sciences Review Action Plan have been circulated for noting by the Senate.

**For Noting.**

### **☆ 3.8 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW**

#### **3.8.1 ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Academic Senate Policy Committee Update report is appended. Professor Clare Pollock may speak to this report.

#### **3.8.2 PLACEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The proposed changes in the revised version of the *Placement Policy* and new *Placement Procedures* are listed within the appended papers.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate approves the revised Placement Policy and new Placement Procedures.*

**3.9 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are no scholarships for approval.

**3.10 APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE CHANGES**

There are no Terms of Reference changes for approval.

**3.11 POSTHUMOUS AWARDS**

There are no posthumous awards for noting.

**4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

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**4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Reports from the below Senate Executive meetings are attached for noting by members:

- Meeting 22/09 consisting of the following items:
  - Approval of the new university-funded scholarship, being *Western Sydney University's THE Impact Scholarship*.

**For Noting.**

**4.2 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE**

The Report of the meetings of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 5 December 2022 (meeting 22/10) and 15 February 2023 (meeting 23/01) are appended.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meetings held on 5 December 2022 (22/10) and 15 February 2023 (23/01) and approves the recommendations contained therein.*

**4.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Senate Education Committee met on 24 November 2022, (meeting 22/06). The unconfirmed minutes are appended for noting by the Senate.

**For Noting.**

**4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes from the meeting of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 21 February 2023 are not available for distribution and will be circulated at the next meeting of Senate.

#### **4.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

The minutes from the meeting of the Research Committee held on 2 February 2023 are not available for distribution and will be circulated at the next meeting of Senate.

#### **4.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE**

The following confirmed minutes and reports of the meetings of the Research Studies Committee are appended for noting by the Senate:

- Confirmed minutes of meeting 22/10 held on 8 November 2022
- Confirmed minutes of meeting 22/11 held on 11 December 2022

**For Noting.**

#### **4.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE**

There have been no new meetings of the Academic Senate Policy Committee since the last meeting of the Academic Senate.

#### **4.8 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE**

The Third-Party Provider Committee (TPPC) met on 24 November 2022 (Meeting 22/06). The unconfirmed minutes are appended.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.9 THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The following confirmed minutes of the meetings of the College Academic Pathway Program Committee are appended for noting by the Senate:

- Confirmed minutes of e-meeting 22/09 held on 8 – 10 November 2022

**For Noting.**

#### 4.10 2022 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.

##### For Noting.

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4.10.1	<a href="#">School of Business SAC</a>	
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4.10.4	<a href="#">School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment SAC</a>	
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4.10.6	<a href="#">School of Nursing and Midwifery SAC</a>	
4.10.7	<a href="#">School of Psychology SAC</a>	
4.10.8	<a href="#">School of Science SAC</a>	
4.10.9	<a href="#">Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee</a>	
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4.10.13	<a href="#">Academic Senate Policy Committee</a>	

Outstanding Annual Reports	
School of Humanities and Communication Arts SAC	Late Paper
School of Law SAC	Late Paper
School of Medicine SAC	Late Paper
School of Social Sciences SAC	Late Paper
Graduate Research School SAC	Late Paper

Research Committee	Late Paper
Research Studies Committee	Late Paper

#### **4.11 2022 ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE RECORD**

The purpose of this item is to provide the Academic Senate with a record of attendance at 2022 meetings of the Academic Senate.

**For Noting.**

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

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If raised at the meeting.

#### **6. NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee will be on 14 April 2023 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2023 are as follows:

- 23/02 – 14 April 2023
- 23/03 – 16 June 2023
- 23/04 – 11 August 2023
- 23/05 – 13 October 2023
- 23/06 – 8 December 2023