



ACADEMIC SENATE

Meeting 23/01 of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University was held on Friday, 24 February 2023 between 9:30AM until 12:05PM, at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02), and on Zoom.

Present:

ALDRICH-WRIGHT, Janice (Professor)
AMORA, Amit (Associate Professor)
ARNESS, David (Dr)
ATLANTIS, Evan (Dr)
BARRIE, Simon (Professor)
BEDFORD, Simon (Professor)
BHATTI, Maria (Dr)
BURRETT, Sammie (Ms)
CHIMORIYA, Ritesh (Dr)
CODY, Anna (Professor)
CRAWFORD, Evan (Dr)
DADICH, Ann (Associate Professor)
DAVIDSON, Maggie (Dr)
DUNN, Kevin (Professor)
FARRELLY, Debra (Ms)
GLEESON, Jess (Ms)
GYENGESI, Erika (Dr) (entered at 10:30am)
HATCHER, Deborah (Professor)
HENNESSY, Annemarie (Distinguished Professor)
HOL, Ana (Associate Professor)
HUNT, Leanne (Ms)
KAGIOGLOU, Mike (Professor)
KOLT, Gregory (Professor)
LENTIN, Alana (Professor)
LIYANAPATHIRANA, Ranjith (Dr)

LIYANAPATHIRANA, Samanthika (Professor)
MAHMOOD, Amir (Professor)
MAILHAMMER, Robert (Professor)
MARKS, Andy (Professor)
MCGUIRE, Matt (Professor)
MENSCH, Jennifer (Associate Professor)
METTERNICHT, Graciela (Professor)
MITRI, Anthony (Mr)
MURDOCH, Nicolene (Dr)
O'CONNOR, Ebony (Ms)
PAGE, Susan (Professor)
PAPANICOLAOU, Alexie (Dr)
POLLOCK, Clare (Professor)
POULOS, Margerite (Dr)
RODAS, Ana (Dr)
SALISBURY, Fiona (Ms)
SETHI, Vidushi (Ms)
SHAH, Payal (Ms)
SHARPE, Tiffany (Ms)
SIMOFF, Simeon (Professor)
SOHAILEE, Bayan (Mr)
STOUT, Brian (Professor)
SULLIVAN, Corrinne (Associate Professor)
SWEENEY, Deborah (Professor)
TAYLOR, Linda (Professor)

Apologies:

BALDOCK, Clive (Professor)
CHANG, Dennis (Professor)
CUBEDDU, Liza (Associate Professor)
GLOVER, Barney AO (Professor)
MACKENZIE, Erin (Dr)
MEADE, Tanya (Professor)
MERRETT, Neil (Professor)
POSSAMAI-INESEDY, Alpha (Professor)
RENSHAW, Catherine (Professor)

SIMONS, Michele (Professor)
SUCCARIE, Ayda (Dr)
TRUDGETT, Michelle (Professor)
TYLER, Michael (Associate Professor)
ULLMAN, Jacqueline (Associate Professor)
WILLIAMS, Anna (Professor)
ZHANG, Sarah (Professor)

In Attendance:

BUCK, Sophie (*Director, Office of Governance Services*)

DEVADASEN, Shubha (*Associate Director, Office of Governance Services*)

FILIPOVIC, Miroslav (*Professor, Chair of Professoriate Leadership Group*)

HUTCHISON, Jane (*University Secretary*)

MAGUIRE, Jo (*Manager of Policy and Governance and Privacy Officer, Office of Governance Services*)

ROACH, Joshua (*Senior Governance Officer*)

MINUTES

1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Senate, Professor Robert Mailhammer, formally opened the meeting at 9.30am by acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land, and welcoming members and attendees.

The Chair welcomed all members and attendees, with a specific mention to:

The Chair thanked the Deputy Chair, Professor Sarah Zhang, for her work as Acting Chair of Academic Senate in his absence, the Office of Governance Services and the Senior Executive as well as the members of Senate for their support.

The Chair reminded members of the functions of Academic Senate under the Academic Governance Policy:

- a) monitoring academic standards, values and quality assurance.
- b) advising on the development of and performance against academic plans
- c) monitoring academic collaborations and partnerships;
- d) promoting and monitoring academic quality, standards and values of the University's academic activities;
- e) advising on the University's academic plans and academic risk management;
- f) advising the Board, and Vice-Chancellor and President, as appropriate;
- g) approving academic policy and approving related procedures;
- h) accrediting and approving programs and subjects;
- i) promoting the quality and development of research in the University.

The Chair mentioned any other items not on the agenda and relevant to the core business of Academic Senate may be discussion next meeting or at the end of this meeting if time allows.

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1.3 STARRING OF ITEMS

Members were asked which items they wish starred for discussion.

Apart from procedural items, the items below were 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
- Item 4.6 – Research Studies Committee

It was resolved (AS 23/01:01):

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

No re-arrangement to the order of business was required.

1.5 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was nominated for this meeting.

1.6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The unconfirmed minutes of the scheduled meeting held on Friday 9 December 2022, (meeting 22/06) were circulated for confirmation.

It was resolved (AS 23/01:02):

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

Members were requested to report on any developments in relation to the items:

Action: 20/04:3.2 - GRS Review

Status: Professor Deborah Sweeney, DVC (Research, Enterprise and International) and Professor Janice Aldrich-Wright, Acting Dean, GRS provided an update: Overall, the GRS Review is proceeding well; however, there are external influences that are impacting aspects of the implementation.

A summary of GRS Review updates are as follows:

- Professor Janice Aldrich-Wright has accepted the position of Deputy Dean.
- GRS staff are focused on scholarships within the University, noting there is a longer lead time of scholarships and a working group has formed to address scholarship related issues. This is expected to be an eight-week process.
- Ongoing work with the SMS Team and ResearchMaster regarding implementation and resolution of issues.

- A four-week timeframe has been given to implement resolutions to admission issues.
- An eight-week timeframe has been given to implement resolutions to identified scholarship issues.

Members were informed to contact Professor Janice Aldrich-Wright should any system issues relating to scholarships be identified.

Status: Ongoing

Action: 20/05:3.1 – Teaching and Learning Update

Update: Professor Simon Barrie, DVC (Academic) said that this action would be superseded by the actions recommended from an internal audit and risk report. The University is recalibrating its expectations around reporting and further improving the system. Regular reports will come to the Senate via APCAC.

Status: Complete

Action: 22/02: 3.1 – SMS Update

Update: Next update has been scheduled for Senate meeting 23/03 (16 June 2023).

Status: Ongoing

Action: 21/03:3.7.1 – Credit for Prior Learning

Update: An update will be provided when the guidance document is available. Remain when update is available.

Status: In progress.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from previous meeting

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 9 December 2022 was circulated for noting. The Chair, Professor Robert Mailhammer, provided an update on the following recent developments:

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial intelligence, especially Chat GPT, is a topic of great interest to universities and the higher education sector. It was also discussed at the last Board of Trustees meeting and the meeting of Chairs of Academic Boards/Senates. There is ongoing debate on its uses within higher education and impacts on academic misconduct. Like other universities, Western Sydney University has already started a discussion with further updates and debate to come also to Academic Senate.

Australian Universities Accord

Professor Clare Pollock will address the Senate on this item and all Members are encouraged to contribute to Western Sydney Universities contribution to the accord.

Vice-Chancellor's/Chair of Academic Senate Forum

The Forum is planned to be held in July/August 2023, when the interim report of the Accord Panel report is available. The Forum will be in collaboration with the Professoriate.

TEQSA 2025 Renewal

The submission for the TEQSA renewal in 2025 is due mid-2024. Work is already being undertaken on this submission, and Senate will be involved in and be kept updated on relevant developments.

Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT)

At the QILT Workshop, it was pointed out by the lead researcher, Lisa Bolton, that the major driving factor behind the QILT results on teaching quality is the competence of academics and expertise. The Chair noted that improving quality and knowledge will take time and an environment that supports this. This pertains also to ensuring adequate working conditions and stable career trajectories. The Chair also pointed out that the QILT results made clear that students that students ask for intellectual stimulation, going beyond mainly job-ready skills development. Research activity is crucial for providing this intellectual stimulation.

The Chair invited the Chairs of the peak standing committees of Academic Senate to give a brief update on current activities and priorities for 2023.

Academic Program and Course Approval Committee (APCAC)

The Chair of the committee, Professor Simon Barrie, congratulated the Western Sydney winners of the Australian Awards for University Teaching, the Mathematics Education Support Hub (MESH), and Nikki-Maree Meller.

Prof. Barrie reported on the first meeting of APCAC in 2023 where The College's new pathways as part of the transformation project were approved. This represents a significant change to how the Schools engage with The College pathway program, as it streamlines the course suite of the College. The revised microcredential procedures were endorsed and will now be discussed at the Academic Senate Policy Committee. A further point of discussion was how to support Schools in the implementation of the Curriculum Design and Approvals Policy, notably in the postgraduate area, while incorporating the PGx transformation program.

Prof. Barrie also noted that the upcoming TEQSA Renewal presents opportunities for process improvement.

Research Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Professor Deborah Sweeney, informed the Senate about the 2023 priorities of the Committee:

- Research Performance
 - Quality and Impact
 - Health and Medicine, HASS Opportunities
- Regional Masterplan and Strategic Partnerships
 - Bankstown (FoF), Bradfield (AMRF, SRI), Hawkesbury (AgriTech Hub)
 - Opportunities to leverage partners (Large funding opportunities – CRCs, Hubs, Linkages)
- Global Recognition and International Research Partnerships
 - Rankings; Indo-Pacific region plus China, Japan and Africa, UK and Europe

- Innovation Futures
 - Venture Makers, Venture Fund, Commercialisation Training and Support
 - Startups and SMEs
- Foreign Arrangements
- Infrastructure and Systems Support
- Researcher Development and Research Training
- Gender Initiatives: Female Founders, SAGE

The Research Committee has discussed various issues, including gender and research activity as factors relevant to the decasualisation program. The impact of COVID-19 on research was also discussed. Additionally, the Committee has discussed ongoing work around the foreign arrangements program, including the trial of an annual disclosure to monitor research risk assessments. Another focal topic for 2023 is Transnational Education.

Prof. Sweeney also drew attention to the regular Research Quality Forums, which provide space for members to bring forward ideas for consideration by the Committee.

In response to a question regarding whether foreign interference was a concern for research, the Senate was informed that foreign interference was a concern not only for research but also for many areas of the University.

Research Studies Committee

The Acting Chair of the School, Professor Janice Aldrich-Wright, reported the Research Studies Committee is working on resolving student candidature issues, including several show causes. There is considerable effort to ensuring that as many students as possible can graduate. Prof. Aldrich-Wright advised that the GRS offered 115 scholarships at an increased rate of \$31,500/year, back-paid to January 2023. It was noted that this increase was advocated for in a paper submitted by student members in 2022, which is a great example of student engagement.

In addition, there are 110 externally funded PhD projects. Prof. Sweeney encouraged members and Schools to build connections to industry and alumni to attract more industry PhD projects.

Senate Education Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Professor Simon Bedford, informed the Senate that the move to have Schools represented by Deputy Deans has made significant improvements in outcomes through a more informed discourse and debate. The six (6) face-to-face meetings held last year were particularly effective, and the committee has decided to continue with this practice.

The membership of the Committee has been adjusted to add the Pro Vice-Chancellor Educational Partnerships & Quality and Pro Vice-Chancellor Student & University Planning. The aim is to review the quality assurance reporting to this committee, and to have clear evidence aligned to the Higher Education Standards for the approaching TEQSA re-registration in November 2024.

The Senate Education Committee meetings schedule has been adjusted to ensure that full data sets are available for quality assurance reports to come to the Committee, but also to ensure that student members can attend, as some meetings were too close to semester starts or examination periods.

The committee will be overseeing the development and implementation of the Academic Literacy Strategy, improvements in Teaching Quality as measured against internal and external surveys and resetting the strategic educational pedagogies post pandemic in line with research training components and support re-building of campus life. This includes student support and learning engagement.

The Chair reported that Associate Professor Michael Tyler has resigned from Western Sydney University and the Committee and thanked him for his work in supporting the Chair and Senate.

Senate Assessment Committee

Prof. Bedford advised that due to the busy year in 2022, the Committee decided to increase the number of meetings and their duration for 2023. However, to elicit as much value from the quality assurance reporting, a series of longer face-to-face workshops will be used to peer review these reports and share quality enhancements across schools better.

Stronger communication with the Third-Party Provider Committee in 2023 will be facilitated by the Chair of Assessment Committee being on that committee. This will ensure better oversight of assessment quality assurance, especially as the number of TTPs is set to increase.

Between November 2022 and January 2023, the Committee formed a working group to inform examination Delivery, chaired by Senior Manager, Curriculum Data Quality. The resulting 2023+ Examination Delivery Report has been endorsed at Assessment Committee and will be presented to Executive Committee in due course.

The committee and its working parties have been scoping and informing the university's response to the ethical use of Artificial Intelligence. There is a comprehensive program of work and an extensive resource site available for staff.

There is also student support and messaging for Autumn session onboarding, as well as a focus on this during Academic integrity week. In addition, updating the Academic Integrity Module and its implementation plan to ensure that all commencing students complete it this year.

Other priorities of the committee will be an assessment framework to help guide decision making in multi-modal delivery, implementation of the Academic Integrity Strategy, and further developing assessment literacy support for staff and students.

Professor Clare Pollock thanked the student members of Senate for raising the learning guide issue at the December meeting and thanked Ms. Debra Farrelly for collecting the information. The student members thanked the Senate for their acknowledgement and action on the issue and noted that students want to be more involved in University matters.

A Member pointed out that SFS and SFT feedback on units was currently not available on the learning guide dashboard, which is necessary to inform revision of Learning Guides. The Pro Vice-Chancellor Student and University Planning took the matter on notice.

Third Party Provider Committee

The Chair of the Committee, Dr Nicolene Murdoch, reported the Committee conducted a desktop review on the arrangements in place for managing relationships with third party providers, which highlighted some gaps that require further review. The committee agreed to conduct a comprehensive review to address the gaps identified.

The committee is also developing the work plan, which will guide the committee's activities going forward. The work plan including the comprehensive review of the arrangements in place for managing relationships with third party providers.

The committee discussed the governance relationship with other committees and agreed to work on ensuring that there are sufficient referral processes in place to facilitate effective collaboration between committees.

3.2 VICE CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor's report was circulated to the Senate for noting.

The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Clare Pollock, spoke to this item in the Vice-Chancellor's absence and highlighted the following from the report:

Universities Australia Conference was held on 22-23 February 2023. An update on the ARC Review was provided by Professor Margaret Sheil, which will have some important findings that will be relevant to the Australian Universities Accord. Prof. Pollock also drew attention to a powerful presentation from Professor Megan Davis on the upcoming referendum on The Voice to Parliament and the history leading up to this point. An important question for Western Sydney University is how to respect and reflect on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices and the Senate will participate in an informed and respectful conversation on this topic. Prof. Pollock also noted that Western Sydney won close to \$80 million for an Indigenous Centre of Excellence.

International engagement is a priority for 2023. There is a significant number of meetings scheduled in the coming months. For example, the Vice Chancellor is visiting India next week with the Minister for Education, exploring opportunities for the University in India.

The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor affirmed that the University recognises Pride Week and the upcoming Mardi Gras event in Sydney this weekend. The Western Sydney University float will be going down Oxford Street as part of the parade.

Prof. Pollock pointed to the close start of the semester and the fact that students attend Western Sydney University for intellectual debate and discussion. She said the best way to do this was face to face. While noting that online learning has its place, it was necessary to promote a climate and culture around intellectual discussions. Prof. Pollock strongly encouraged all University staff to be on Campus for a majority of the time.

The University is going through the initial appointments of thirty casual staff who will be converted full time. It's a reminder of the quality of our casual staff, some of whom work across multiple universities. The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor reminded all Schools of the need to ensure sufficient qualification of their staff. The Chair of Senate acknowledged the support for the community of scholars and that the University is able to provide stability for some colleagues who have been in insecure employment.

In response to a question from Senate members as to the significance of research experience for casual staff who are eligible for conversion, Prof. Pollock said that we need to ensure they have a strong research capability and research is a key criteria for a position with WSU.

The Vice-Chancellor's report noted that the QILT data for 2022 had improved from 2021, noting the difficulties faced by the education sector in 2021. There is still room for improvement and any small improvements will likely see big changes in rankings due to narrow differences between universities.

It was raised that Schools have had difficulty obtaining QILT data specific to the School. The Senate was informed that the Competitive Intelligence and Analytics team was aware of this, noting that QILT was only one tool and it was not the sole indicator of quality. It was noted that Deans had access to the dataset, and that the slides from the QILT deep dive would be distributed to Senate Members.

3.3 STUDENT REPORTS

There were no student reports for this meeting.

The Chair pointed out that student members of Senate have begun work on several student matters and are expecting to present relevant papers in upcoming meetings.

3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

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

The Chair drew attention to these agenda items as opportunities for Members, as well as other staff within the University, to discuss topics in the Senate.

3.5 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ACCORD

Professor Clare Pollock, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, provided an update on the Australian Universities Accord, noting that the Accord Panel's Discussion Paper was released on 22 February 2023.

Prof. Pollock informed the Senate that the Universities Accord provides a once-in-a-career opportunity to make a statement on the purpose of universities. The presentation given by Professor Mary O'Kane AC at the Universities Australia conference reinforced the belief that the Accord is to be a 30-year statement on what Australian universities are. The Western Sydney University Accord panel invites bold ideas and well-argued submissions that are supported by appropriate and rich data.

Responses to the discussion paper will be open for about 6 weeks. The paper asks 49 questions that are intended to provoke thoughts and stimulate the discussion. These are broad questions about what universities are. A big focus will be on equity and access. There are also questions about finance, governance, and sustainability of universities, how they are accountable to the public, and how funding is used to meet their mission. There will also be discussions on international engagement and how universities should be positioned on the international stage.

There is a dedicated email address to send in ideas and contributions. Prof. Pollock will be meeting with stakeholder including Student Representative Council and the Vice Chancellor's Advisory Board. There will also be a broader staff seminar in March capturing broader contributions. A draft response will be completed in late March which will be distributed for feedback/comment.

It is anticipated that Universities Australia and other key groups within higher education will be providing their own responses, so Western Sydney University will have multiple opportunities to contribute provide feedback. The Accord is expected to provide an interim report in June 2023, which will engage a broader conversation around the sector with an opportunity to respond.

Prof. Pollock encouraged members of Senate to be bold, forward-thinking and to provide data to support their statements. She also said that she would commission work from various groups and call on experts in the University. This would be an opportunity for Senate members to point out any relevant experts.

In response to a question regarding the appetite of combining the VET and Higher Education regulators, the Senate was informed that the sector has been told are not to be constrained in responses, noting there was complexity and differences between the two organisations.

Prof. Pollock voiced the need to elevate the debate around broadening access to higher education beyond asking for more funding and highlight more what research and universities will contribute to the country.

In response to a question regarding how young people will be engaged in this process, the Senate was informed that it was important to seek comments from current students, future students, and alumni. The WSU Accord group is considering the best way to capture this data.

The email address for comment into the WSU response to the accord is Accord@westernsydney.edu.au.

3.6 ACADEMIC SENATE WORK PLAN

3.6.1 2022 WORK PLAN

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

The Chair noted that Academic Senate achieved most of its 2022 goals.

3.6.2 2023 WORK PLAN

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

The Chair informed the Senate that the Work Plan is to track things that the Senate needs to do as part of the Academic Governance Policy. The Chair also mentioned that the current document was a draft and welcomed any comments from Members.

The Chair advised that the revised document will be brought back to the next meeting for final endorsement.

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 were circulated for noting by the Senate.

3.8 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW

3.8.1 ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Academic Senate Policy Committee Update report was circulated to the Senate. Professor Clare Pollock highlighted the following from the report:

- The priority policies for review are listed within the report, each of which will come before Academic Senate.
- Members of Senate are encouraged to read the Microcredentials Procedures when they come before Senate.
- The Higher Degree Research Policy, associated procedures and guidelines are also due to come before Senate.

3.8.2 PLACEMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The proposed changes in the revised version of the *Placement Policy* and new *Placement Procedures* were circulated to the Senate in the meeting papers.

It was resolved (AS 23/01:3):

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

3.9 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

There were no scholarships for approval.

3.10 APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE CHANGES

There were no Terms of Reference changes for approval.

3.11 POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

There were no posthumous awards for noting.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Reports from the below Senate Executive meetings were circulated 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*.

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) were circulated for approval by the Senate.

It was resolved (AS 23/01:04):

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 were circulated for noting by the Senate.

4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes from the meeting of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 21 February 2023 were 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 were 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 were circulated 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

Senate members raised whether there was a need to re-conceptualise the Scholarship Scoring Metrics of the Master of Research, as noted in the November meeting of the Research Studies Committee. Senate was informed that the item was not addressed at the December meeting. However, there is ongoing work, which will be presented at a future meeting.

NEW ACTION ITEM: The Senate agreed to create a new action item for Professor Clive Baldock to inform Senate at the next meeting on the progress of this item.

4.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

There were 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 were circulated for noting.

4.9 THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

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

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.

Item	Committee
4.10.1	School of Business SAC
4.10.2	School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences SAC
4.10.3	School of Education SAC
4.10.4	School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment SAC
4.10.5	School of Health Sciences SAC
4.10.6	School of Nursing and Midwifery SAC
4.10.7	School of Psychology SAC
4.10.8	School of Science SAC
4.10.9	Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
4.10.10	Academic Senate Education Committee
4.10.11	Academic Appeals and Integrity Committee
4.10.12	Third Party Provider Committee
4.10.13	Academic Senate Policy Committee

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 attendance at 2022 meetings of the Academic Senate tracking sheet was circulated for noting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised at the meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting formally closed at 12:05pm.