

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



ACADEMIC SENATE

Meeting 24/01 of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University was held on **Friday, 23 February 2024** at **9:30AM**, at **Parramatta City Campus, Conference Rooms 1 and 2.**

Present

Dr Nathan Berger, School of Education (Level A, B or C Representative)
Dr Maria Bhatti, School of Law (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews, Director of Indigenous Research (Vice-Chancellor's Nominee)
Mr Glenn Campbell, Chief Executive Officer, The College
Professor Dennis Chang, Director, NICM, representing the University's Research Institutes
Dr Ritesh Chimoriya, Postgraduate Student Representative
Dr Evan Crawford, School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Ann Dadich, School of Business (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President, Education
Dr Fran Doyle, School of Psychology (Level A, B or C Representative)
Dr James Dunn, School of Medicine (Level A, B or C Representative)
Distinguished Professor Brian Falzon, Dean, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment
Professor Miroslav Filipović, School of Science (Level D, E Representative)
Associate Professor Emilee Gilbert, School of Psychology (Level D, E Representative)
Ms Jess Gleeson, Director, Data Integrity, Quality and Operations
Professor Barney Glover AO, Vice-Chancellor and President (10:30am – 12:00pm)
Professor Deborah Hatcher, Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery
Dr Peter Lewis, School of Nursing and Midwifery (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Sarah Lewis, Dean, School of Health Sciences
Dr Ranjith Liyanapathirana, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Samantha Liyanapathirana, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Amir Mahmood, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Surabya campus
Professor Robert Mailhammer, Chair of Academic Senate
Associate Professor Jennifer Mensch, School of Humanities and Communication Arts (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Rod McClure, Dean, School of Medicine
Professor Matt McGuire, Dean, School of Humanities and Communication Arts
Professor Tanya Meade, Dean, School of Psychology
Professor Graciela Metternicht, Dean, School of Science
Dr Nicolene Murdoch, Pro Vice-Chancellor Educational Partnerships and Quality
Mr Ashes Niroula, International Student Representative
Professor Susan Page, Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Education
Associate Professor Alexie Papanicolaou, University Research Institutes Representative
Dr Ben Perry, School of Science (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Clare Pollock, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (exited 12:00pm)
Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Advancement

Dr Margarite Poulos, School of Humanities and Communication Arts (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Catherine Renshaw, Interim Dean, School of Law
Ms Fiona Salisbury, Executive Director, Library Services
Dr Ata Samad, School of Business (Level A, B or C Representative)
Associate Professor Lei Si, School of Health Sciences (Level D, E Representative)
Dr Erika Smith, School of Social Sciences (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Meg Smith, Interim Dean, School of Business
Associate Professor Liesel Spencer, School of Law (Level D or E Representative)
Dr Kylie Steel, School of Health (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Brian Stout, Dean, School of Social Sciences
Professor Corrinne Sullivan, School of Social Sciences (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Deborah Sweeney, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice President, Research, Enterprise & International
Associate Professor Chloe Taylor, Vice-Chancellor's Nominee
Professor Linda Taylor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, International
Professor Michelle Trudgett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership
Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman, School of Education (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Sarah Zhang, Deputy Chair of Academic Senate

Apologies

Professor Janice Aldrich-Wright, Vice-Chancellor's Nominee
Professor Clive Baldock, Dean, Graduate Research School
Associate Professor Ana Hol, School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences (Level D, E Representative)
Ms Payal Shah, Postgraduate Student Representative
Ms Tiffany Sharpe, Indigenous Australian Student Representative
Professor Michele Simons, Dean, School of Education
Professor Anna Williams, School of Nursing and Midwifery (Level D, E Representative)

Absent

Professor Andrew Francis, Interim Dean, School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences
Professor Andy Marks, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Strategy, Government and Alliances
Ms Vicky-Rae Reed, Disability Matters Student Representative
Ms Sirjan Sidhu, Undergraduate Student Representative

In Attendance

Ms Elizabeth Dibbs, Deputy Chancellor and Chair, Audit and Risk Committee
Dr Michael Baker, Director, Graduate Research School
Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Office of Governance Services
Ms Shubha Devadasen, Associate Director, Office of Governance Services
Ms Georgia Vasiliadis, Senior Governance Officer

CONFIRMED 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.

An Acknowledgement of Country was delivered by Professor Michelle Trudgett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership.

Professor Trudgett noted that Western's Academic Senate now has six Indigenous members on Senate, that is 9.5% of Senate members. She also informed the committee that the event launching design of the Indigenous Centre of Excellence would be held on Wednesday 6 March 2024.

The Chair welcomed all members and attendees, with specific mention to Ms Elizabeth Dibbs, Deputy Chancellor and Chair of Audit and Risk Committee, and all new ex-officio, elected and nominated members.

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were 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](#).

No declarations of interest were declared at 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 3.4 – Update from Schools
- Item 3.5 – Academic Risk
- Item 3.6 – Academic Senate Risk Register
- Item 3.7 – 2024 Workplan
- Item 3.9 – Academic Senate Policy Committee Update & Policy Review
- Item 4.2 – Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
- Item 4.5 – Research Committee

Item 4.6 – Research Studies Committee was unstarred as Professor Baldock was an apology.

It was resolved (AS 24/01:01):

That all unstarred items noted and items were endorsed.

1.4 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair advised members that there would be fluidity in Section 3, General Business to accommodate the Vice-Chancellor's movements.

General Business was discussed in the below order:

- Item 3.1 Chair's Report
- Item 3.4 Update from Schools
- Item 3.9 Academic Senate Policy Committee Update & Policy Review
- Item 3.2 Vice Chancellor's Report
- Item 3.5 Academic Risk
- Item 3.6 Academic Senate Risk Register
- Item 3.7 2024 Workplan

1.5 OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was nominated for this meeting.

1.6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 8 December 2023, (meeting 23/06) were attached for confirmation.

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 02):

That Academic Senate confirmed the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 8 December 2023, (meeting 23/06) 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) was attached.

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

Action: 23/05: 2.1 Academic Integration Plans and Disability Governance

Update: Ms Ellen Brackenreg and Ms Terri Mears to provide an update to Senate at the April 2024 meeting of Senate regarding what services are available to students.

Action: 23/05: 3.2 Vice-Chancellor's Report

Update: Update by the Vice-Chancellor regarding the availability of news media to students free of charge, for unbiased information to students. Update to be provided when available.

Action: 23/05: 3.7.1 Enablers and Barriers to Improving Student Experience at Western Sydney University

Update: Update on the Engaged Teaching Project by Ms Kristin Wiese, Associate Director, Engaged Teaching Project at the April 2024 meeting of Senate.

Action: 23/04:3.5 Academic Literacy Strategy

Update: Revision of Strategy including the provision regarding disciplinary literacy. Update provided by Ms Fiona Salisbury, who advised Senate that Phase 1 of the Study Smart (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/studysmart>) initiative had been launched that week and Phase 2 would be live in June 2024.

The Academic Literacy Advisory Group (ALAG) is looking to ensure that the strategy and initiative are aligned with the policy.

Action: 23/04:3.6 Transnational Education

Update: High-level view of governance and the appropriate Academic Senate oversight for Transnational Education at Western. Update by Dr Nicolene Murdoch at the April meeting of Senate.

Action: 23/02:3.1 Chair's Report

Update: Vacant Deputy Chair APCAC and TPPC. The Deputy Chair is an elected member of Senate. These committees monitor quality assurance. Any questions regarding these positions or the Committees can be raised with the chair of these committees. The Chair of Academic Senate will send an email out for those members who are not aware of particulars of these positions.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was no business arising from previous meetings.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 8 December 2023 was circulated. The Chair's report to the 21 February 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees, was also appended.

The Chair advised Senate that he would be attending the Universities Australia conference, where the Accord would be the topic of the conference. The Chair recommended that all read the report in full. Professor Mailhammer said that there were about 50 recommendations, which would change the sector. In particular he expressed his interest in how the submission by the Chairs of Academic Boards and Senates were incorporated into the final report.

The Chair advised that he was currently involved in drafting a paper on the formalisation/institutionalisation of the meeting of Australian Chairs of Academic Boards and Senates (OzCABS).

Professor Mailhammer also pointed out that Artificial Intelligence is a significant factor/disruptor for the sector, and that TEQSA has asked universities to show how they have been responding by mid year. He advised that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Education, Professor Maryanne Dever, has taken this on and that Academic Senate would discuss high-level principles at a suitable time.

3.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chair of Academic Senate congratulated the Vice-Chancellor on his appointment as Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia and thanked him for his support of Academic Senate over the last 10 years.

The Vice-Chancellor acknowledged Academic Senate and its work, as well as the the three Chairs during his time as Vice-Chancellor, Emeritus Professor Paul Wormell, Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy and Professor Robert Mailhammer, and the Deputy Chairs. He also noted that both he and Professor Pollock had been Chairs of Academic Board/Senate in previous roles/universities, which gave them a deep appreciation of the role of Academic Boards and Senates at universities .

The Vice-Chancellor told Senate that his late arrival was due to a meeting with peak groups to brief them on the Accord. He noted that the coming months would be an intense period of engagement and if all the recommendations were to be implemented, this would require significant investment from the government.

Professor Glover said that one of the recommendations of the Accord was a tertiary education commission. In his view, this Commission would stabilise, protect, and support the sector, if implemented by the government.

Another recommendation is a new funding model as universities currently experience a lot of volatility, and this impacts the budget and the ability of universities to fulfil their missions. The Vice-Chancellor advised that the funding of research in Australia was also a topic of addressed in the Accord final report, which would be released the following Sunday, when also the Fairfield Connect study hub would be openend.

Senate requested an update on the Surabaya campus. The Vice-Chancellor confirmed that he was pleased with the progress and the quality of the fitout. Professor Glover also pointed out that was becoming apparent that the visa delays and rejections meant opportunities for students in Surabaya. The campus is due to open in September, and the Vice-Chancellor pointed to the mobility opportunity for students and especially also for staff. He advised that a policy is being developed to support staff mobility.

Professor Amir Mahmood, Pro Vice-Chancellor and Provost, Surabaya Campus, noted that industry and businesses want to re-skill and upskill. He is working with the Chamber of Commerce to ensure that students have opportunity for placements in industry, and with community organisations and the Ministry of Education in Surabaya and Java.

3.3 STUDENT REPORT

There were no reports by the student representatives for noting.

3.4 UPDATE FROM SCHOOLS

A verbal update by the Dean of the School, on any current academic (research and teaching/learning) initiatives, issues and developments and planned developments or vision.

3.4.1 SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING, DESIGN AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Distinguished Professor Brian Falzon, Dean, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment advised Senate that enrolments were looking good; the best since 2019 with an 8.5% uplift since last year, with 200 PhD students enrolled. One goal for the School is to raise the research ambition and develop lead flagship projects. Distinguished Professor Falzon asserted that the Aerotropolis and industries such as Omron presented opportunities for participation in research.

He advised that Construction Management has the highest enrolment with 1500 students. However, Distinguished Professor Falzon would like to grow the undergraduate Engineering cohort to a similar size. He would also like to see student involvement in robotics clubs, the rocketry team, being successful in relevant competitions, and embedding these in the program. Other School initiatives are the Aspire Program, Indigenous students in industry, and launching programs in Surabaya in September.

The School's plans for the future include reviewing the academic profile, building student growth and expanding its international strategy.

There was a brief discussion of the Institute of Applied Technology – Construction (IAT) in Kingswood. It was pointed out that IATs are TAFE institutions partnering with universities. The School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment and the NSW Space Research Network collaborate with TAFE to give tradespeople the opportunity to enrol in courses at universities to acquire relevant skills.

3.4.2 SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND COMMUNICATION ARTS

Professor Matt McGuire, Dean, School of Humanities and Communication Arts (HCA), noted that the School has 120 staff and 3000 students. He pointed to student success and the increased attendance of HCA students and the impact that this has had. Professor McGuire also advised that the School places great emphasis on the Student Voice, as this provides the School with regular feedback to ensure that students are central to the School's activities.

HCA is very active in research with more than 40 staff being members of research institutes. Professor McGuire highlighted two recently received grants: Professor Alexis Wright and Distinguished Professor Anthony Uhlmann were awarded an ARC grant for their vital and timely project *Like the Thunder: Seeing Stories in the Gulf Country*, in the 2024 Indigenous Discovery round. The editor of The Sydney Review of Books, Dr James Jiang, was successful in securing a grant from Creative Australia. The title of the project is *Sydney Review of Books – Four Year Investment for Organisations*.

The School offers its students mobility as part of their study, through the New Colombo Plan. Leading experts are brought into the classroom, such as the Hon. Marise Payne, former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Women, and Professor Gaven Morris, former ABC News Chief, focusing on international relations, public policy, political science, international business, humanitarian and development studies, journalism, communication and creative industries.

3.4.3 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Professor Rod McClure, Dean, School of Medicine stressed the importance of collaboration with other schools across Western. The School has one program and the number of placements for domestic and international students is set by the government, 100 and 50 respectively. Given this, there is opportunity to grow postgraduate programs. Professor McClure is exploring possible ways for the School's program to be more embedded in the health system, and to start clinical training earlier. He also noted challenges in supplying regional Australia with doctors. Professor McClure pointed out that this is less of a problem for paramedics. He envisioned a new format/program, in which paramedics can be retrained as doctors and get paid.

Professor McClure responded to the question, that the School of Medicine had been good at collaborating with Institutes in the past, but less keen to collaborate with Schools, by stating that he was already having conversations with Deans from non-health Schools on a new way of looking at health care, and invited collaboration from across the University.

3.5 ACADEMIC RISK

The Chair noted that the monitoring of academic risk is a key function of Academic Senate. In preparation for TEQSA re-registration Senate is reviewing its monitoring capabilities and processes as well as the management of academic risk. Key stakeholders are being consulted to ensure Academic Senate has a clear line of sight on academic risk.

Professor Clare Pollock, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, whose portfolio comprises enterprise risk, and Professor Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Education, informed Academic Senate about the risk framework of the University. Professor Dever gave a presentation that highlighted the significance of managing risk, which means identifying it and putting control measures and mitigation strategies in place to reduce risk. Given the dynamic environment with large scale changes, the understanding of risk needs to evolve. She pointed out that risk management was a core activity rather than an additional extra.

Professor Dever told Senate that academic risk was managed in three ways:

1. Every day by good judgment.
2. Academic Senate via policy.
3. Compliance to legislation via TEQSA.

Professor Dever gave an overview of the TEQSA risk framework, and then summarised the risk framework at Western:

Risk is:

- Identified by the Office of Audit and Assurance, the Office of Strategy, Performance and Risk, WSU Risk Management Framework and WSU Strategic and Operational Risk Registers.
- Mitigated by the Academic Governance Framework, the Curriculum Design and Approvals Policy Framework and expert oversight by the Office of Educational Partnerships & Quality.
- Framed by the Higher Education Standards Framework (2021), TEQSA's Risk Assessment Framework, the NSW Auditor General Office reviews of University process and Standing Risk Reports to WSU Board of Trustees.

The Strategic Risk Register contains some academic risks at a high level, see Figure 1. It is monitored by the Audit and Risk Committee, a standing committee of the Board of Trustees.

2024 Strategic Risk Register

Key risks included in the University's 2024 Strategic Risk Register with strongest academic connections and implications. For each identified risk, the register outlines the associated impact/consequences, key processes/controls and mitigation measures. Risk 12 makes explicit provision for Corporate and Academic governance processes.

Risk No.	Risk	Inherent Risk Rating (IR)	Residual Risk Rating (RR)	Risk Owners
4	Programs offered fail to satisfy student needs, employers' expectations or they are not financially viable.	Critical	Moderate	DVC (Education) VP (P&A)
7	Research activities are significantly reduced resulting in inability to maintain research-led University status.	High	Moderate	DVC & VP (R,E,I)
10	Ineffective Partnership and Engagement with key strategic stakeholders in the Western Region, nationally and internationally.	High	Moderate	DVC & VP (R,E,I) VP (P&A)
12	Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) risk.	High	Moderate	VC&P SDVC DVC (Education) VP (I&C)
13	The quality of student experience fails to meet current and prospective student expectations.	High	Moderate	DVC (Education) VP (P&A)

Figure 1: Academic Risk in the University's Strategic Risk Register.

However, a more detailed view on academic risk and its management would be desirable so that Academic Senate can better fulfil its key function of monitoring academic risk.

In groups, members were then asked to identify two to three potential academic risks and discuss how these would be best recorded, mitigated, monitored, and reported on. The notes from the discussion would be collated and summarised by the Chair of Academic Senate and would then inform the development of an academic risk framework.

Professor Barney Glover AO and Professor Clare Pollock left the meeting at 12:00pm

3.6 ACADEMIC SENATE RISK REGISTER

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to this item. Professor Mailhammer informed the Senate that the aim of this operational risk register was to discuss risks, controls and mitigation strategies that relate to Academic Senate performing its functions as expressed in the Academic Governance Policy.

Members again broke out into groups for round table discussions and the consensus reached was the Academic Senate Risk Register needed to be revised and brought back to the next meeting of Senate.

3.7 2024 WORKPLAN

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to this item, and highlighted the priorities for 2024:

- Enhanced monitoring of academic risk management
- Improved monitoring of quality assurance, advising on resulting actions
- Increase engagement with academic governance (staff/students),
- Monitor innovations designed to enhance the quality of learning and

- teaching and the student experience
- Engage with the University's strategic planning

Professor Mailhammer pointed out some formal changes in the workplan format and that it needed to be read in conjunction with the Academic Senate risk register. He also noted that the workplan mapped the Higher Education Standards Framework to the Academic Governance Policy and the TEQSA Guidance Note on Academic Governance (Domain 6.3) Professor Mailhammer also told Senate that standard items that are part of Senate's function, such as approving courses, are not included in the workplan but can be added if needed.

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 03):

That the Academic Senate approved the 2024 workplan.

3.8 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

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

3.9 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW

3.9.1 ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Professor Clare Pollock, Chair of the Academic Senate Policy Committee, advised Senate of the work currently undertaken for *Support for Student Policy*. She said that the initial policy that was approved at the end of last year by the Senate Executive Committee had been viewed as exemplary and was being used as a template for other universities. However, a more detailed policy needed to be in place by 1 April 2024.

Ms Jess Gleeson, Director, DIQO informed Academic Senate of the detailed work necessary to be compliant. Professor Maryanne Dever concurred that the challenge had been mapping what services and support were available and collating it in a coherent and comprehensive policy.

Ms Elizabeth Dibbs joined the meeting at 10:27am.

3.9.2 CURRICULUM DESIGN AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The retirement of the Associate Degree Course Advisory Committee Policy was recommended in the 2021 review by the CDA Policy Implementation Group .

A title change was requested for Clause 12 from *Executive Director, Academic Studies* to *Deputy Chief Executive Officer*.

In response to the query regarding Clause 12d, *Committee should meet annually* and whether this can be a decision that the Schools discuss, it was noted that while an annual review may not be needed for accreditation, the inclusion of this requirement is encouraged as it is good practice to have regular conversations with external providers.

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 04):

That Academic Senate approved the retirement of the Associate Degree Course Advisory Committee Policy and approved the Curriculum Design and Approvals

Procedures - External Advisory Committee to be progressed for publication on the Policy DDS with the title change in Clause 12, Deputy Chief Executive Officer to replace Executive Director, Academic Studies.

3.9.3 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER POLICY

The Chair of the Third Party Provider Committee noted that the Third Party Provider Policy would undergo continuous development, as changes in work and responsibilities require clarification. The position of the Committee is also strengthened. This space is expanding and there will be more changes in this space.

One change in the title of Clause 11 was noted, *Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Academic to Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Education.*

A question was raised about what the term “Third Party” actually referred to. Senate was advised that there are a range of different types, such as OEC, WSU Online, ATMC, The College and several other on-shore and off-shore providers. The Committee is responsible for the oversight of the way these providers deliver the programs.

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 05):

That Academic Senate approved the revisions Third Party Provider Policy to be progressed for publication on the Policy DDS with the title change in Clause 11, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Education to replace Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Academic.

Professor Barney Glover AO joined the meeting at 10:38 am.

3.10 RESEARCH COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 06):

That Academic Senate approved the updates to the membership of the Research Committee.

3.11 CHANGES TO APCAC/SENATE EDUCATION TERMS OF REFERENCE – MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 07):

That the Academic Senate approved as attached:

- the amendments to the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee Terms of Reference membership to reflect Pro Vice-Chancellor, Educational Partnerships and Quality as Chair, and the addition of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Teaching as a member.
- the amendments to the Senate Education Committee Terms of Reference membership to reflect Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, Education as Chair and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Teaching or nominee as a member.

3.12 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 08):

That Academic Senate approved the updates to the membership of the Senate Third Party Provider Committee.

3.13 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 09):

That Academic Senate reviewed and approved all proposals for immediate execution.

New donor scholarship for approval

- Jenny Gordon Smith Grant for Nursing Students on Placement

Amendments to Existing Scholarships

- Dialysis Australia Clinical Placement Scholarship in Nursing
- Genea Scholarship in Science
- Western Sydney Wanderers & BMD Group Indigenous Scholarship

New Donor-Funded Prize

- R Legal Award in Law of Business Organisations
- CleftPALS NSW Prize
- Jones Partners Prize for Accounting
- Daisy and Libero Soldatić PhD Excellence Award
- Felicity Roy Memorial Prize
- Australian Computer Society (ACS) Award for Professional Practice and Ethics
- Richard Crookes Construction Award
- Smart Modern Construction Prize (Undergraduate)
- Smart Modern Construction Prize (Postgraduate)

Amendments to Existing Prize

- Carroll & O’Dea Award in Remedies

3.14 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

3.14.1 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS | MAY 2022 – DECEMBER 2023

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 10):

That Academic Senate retrospectively approved the students awarded University medals, posthumous awards and conferred between May 2022 and December 2023.

3.14.2 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS | JANUARY 2024

It was resolved (AS 24/01: 11):

That Academic Senate approved the students noted in the appended lists and approved by School Academic Committees, for conferral in 2024, and awarded a University medal, if eligible.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Executive meeting (Meeting 23/05) held on 12 December 2023 and the unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Executive meeting (Meeting 24/01) held on 12 January 2024 were appended for noting.

4.2 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

Dr Nicolene Murdoch, Chair of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee, informed Academic Senate of current work and priorities. She noted in particular that curriculum changes may require consulting with other Schools that may be impacted by the changes

4.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee held on 7 December 2023 (Meeting 23/06) were appended for noting by the Senate.

4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

There were no minutes from the Senate Assessment Committee for noting.

4.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes from the Research Committee meeting held on 13 November 2023 (Meeting 23/05) were appended for noting. The Chair of the Research Committee, Professor Deborah Sweeney, thanked the Research Committee and the Deputy Chair, Professor Ann Dadich for their work and noted that the Committee had discussed the quality of the work of the research in Schools and Institutes. The Committee reviewed performance and future plans. Professor Sweeney also highlighted the role of the quarterly Research Quality Forums in target setting and the discussion of topics in a larger group.

At the first meeting in 2024, Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews lead the Committee through the Indigenous Research Strategy. The Committee also discussed internal research assessment, and the anonymous assessment of funding applications, as well as the revised national standards for ethics and how the changes might influence practice.

4.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

The confirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 7 November 2023 (Meeting 23/11) and the unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 12 December (Meeting 23/12) were appended for noting by the Senate. Professor Clive Baldock, Chair of the Research Studies Committee had sent his apologies, and the update to Senate is to be provided at the next meeting of Academic Senate.

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

There were no minutes from the Third-Party Provider Committee available for noting.

4.9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for 21 February 2024. 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

4.10 2023 ANNUAL REPORTS

4.10.1	Academic Senate
4.10.2	Senate Executive Committee
4.10.3	Academic Appeals and Integrity Committee April Academic Senate Meeting
4.10.4	Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
4.10.5	Senate Education Committee
4.10.6	Senate Assessment Committee
4.10.7	Academic Senate Policy Committee
4.10.8	Research Committee
4.10.9	Research Studies Committee April Academic Senate Meeting
4.10.10	Third Party Provider Committee
4.10.11	Multi-Disciplinary Teaching and Learning Committee Health and Medicine
4.10.12	Multi-Disciplinary Teaching and Learning Committee Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences
4.10.13	Multi-Disciplinary Teaching and Learning Committee Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
4.10.14	Graduate Research School SAC April Academic Senate Meeting
4.10.15	School of Business SAC
4.10.16	School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences SAC
4.10.17	School of Education SAC
4.10.18	School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment SAC
4.10.19	School of Health Sciences SAC
4.10.20	School of Humanities and Communication Arts SAC
4.10.21	School of Law SAC
4.10.22	School of Medicine SAC
4.10.23	School of Nursing and Midwifery SAC
4.10.24	School of Psychology SAC
4.10.25	School of Science SAC

4.10.26	School of Social Sciences SAC
4.10.27	2023 Annual Show Cause Progression Report

5. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised at this meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (24/02) will be 12 April 2024 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2024 is as follows:

- 24/02 - 12 April 2024
- 24/03 - 14 June 2024
- 24/04 - 9 August 2024
- 24/05 - 11 October 2024
- 24/06 - 6 December 2024
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The meeting formally closed at 12:28pm.