

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



## ACADEMIC SENATE

The next meeting (Meeting 21/05) of the Academic Senate of Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday 15 October 2021 at 9.30AM via Zoom only**.

The Zoom details for this meeting are: [REDACTED]

Meeting ID: [REDACTED]

Password: [REDACTED]

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## AGENDA

### 1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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#### ☆ 1.1 INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Senate, Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, will chair the meeting. The Chair will invite Professor Michelle Trudgett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership to open the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Land Custodians.

The Chair will welcome all members and attendees. Welcome to the following presenters and member representations:

- Dr Kell Tremayne, Academic Course Advisor, Undergraduate Psychology – in attendance to speak to *item 3.4 Study of Contract Cheating across Australian Higher Education*
- Dr Kieryn McKay, SAGE Project Officer and Dr Chloe Taylor, Director of Academic Program, Sport and Exercise Science, – in attendance to present *item 3.5 Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE)*

Welcome to the following observers:

- Professor Susan Page, Director of Indigenous Learning and Teaching
- Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews, Director Indigenous Research

**Welcome to Senate Member/s:** Professor Clive Baldock, Dean of GRS

No changes to Academic Senate student representation have been advised

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

Professor Michele Simons  
Professor Gary Dennis  
Professor Linda Taylor – PVC International  
Dr Nicolene Murdoch

## ☆ 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 are reminded that they should also declare any interests that become apparent during a meeting of Academic Senate or one of its committees.

## ☆ 1.3 STARRING OF ITEMS

Senate members will be asked which items they wish starred for discussion.

Apart from procedural items, items already starred on the agenda are:

- 3.1 Report from the Chair
- 3.2 Report from the Vice-Chancellor
- 3.3 Student Reports
- 3.4 Study of Contract Cheating across Australian Higher Education - Presentation
- 3.5 SAGE – presentation
- 3.7 Lecture Recording – follow up from last meeting
- 3.13 Academic Senate Committees Terms of Reference

### **It is recommended:**

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

## ☆ 1.4 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There may be some re-arrangement of the order of business to enable some members and attendees to attend other meetings.

## ☆ 1.5 OTHER BUSINESS

Members are invited to nominate other relevant matters, noting that such items will normally be included on the agenda for a future meeting.

☆ 1.6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

AS 21/05-1.6  
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The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate meeting held on Friday 13 August 2021 (Meeting 21/04) have been circulated.

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday 13 August 2021 (Meeting 21/04), as an accurate record.*

☆ 1.7 ACTION SHEET FROM LAST MEETING

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To assist members with monitoring the work of the Academic Senate, an action sheet from the previous meeting has been circulated.

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**2 BUSINESS ARISING**

There is no business arising for consideration.

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**3 GENERAL BUSINESS**

☆ 3.1 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 13 August has been circulated. The Chair will provide an update on any recent developments and will answer any questions in relation to the report.

**For Discussion.**

☆ 3.2 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

AS 21/04-3.2  
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The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended.

**For Noting.**

☆ 3.3 STUDENT REPORT

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**3.3.1** Report from HDR Student

**3.3.2** Report from Undergraduate Student

**3.3.3** Report from Undergraduate Student

**For Noting.**

☆ 3.4 **Study of Contract Cheating across Australian Higher Education**  
**Presentation by Dr Kell Tremayne**

Discussion to be held regarding actions being taken by Schools to stop contract cheating

**For Noting.**

☆ 3.5 **Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE)**

**Presentation by Dr Kieryn McKay and Dr Chloe Taylor**

**For Noting.**

**3.6 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Questions on Notice are a tool that academics from across the University can use to engage with Senate. Questions must be sent to the Chair and the Secretary at least two weeks prior to Senate and must fit within the scope of the [Terms of Reference](#) of Senate. All questions that fit this criterion will be answered, it is up to the discretion of the Chair if questions will be tabled at Senate.

**3.7 HOT TOPICS**

In response to the Senate Review Report recommendations, Senate members have the opportunity to submit a 'Hot Topic' for discussion prior to each meeting of Senate.

☆ 3.7.1 **Lecture Recordings (from last meeting)** **Page 42**

Reports from following Schools have been provided

- A. School of Business
- B. School of Education
- C. School of Humanities and Communication Arts
- D. School of Health Services
- E. School of Medicine
- F. School of Nursing and Midwifery
- G. School of Science
- H. School of Social Sciences **Late Paper**
- I. School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences **Late Paper**
- J. School of Law **Late Paper**

**For Discussion.**

### 3.8 POLICY REVIEW

**AS21/05:3.8.1**  
**Late Paper**

- 3.8.1** The purpose of this paper is to provide Academic Senate with an update on the academic policies prioritised for consideration and progress in 2021 by the Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) (Attachment 1). Also included is a list of new/draft policies (Attachment 2) and a list of existing policies that have been revised, which have been presented to ASPC for feedback and endorsement (Attachment 3).

**For Discussion and Noting**

#### **3.8.2 Draft Fitness to Practice Policy and Inherent Requirements Compliance Procedures**

**AS21/05:3.8.3**  
**Late Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Senate for the draft *Fitness to Practice Policy* and *Inherent Requirements Compliance Procedures*.

*It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the draft Fitness to Practice Policy and the draft Inherent Requirements Compliance Procedures from the date of approval.*

#### **3.8.3 Covid-19 International Admissions Review**

**AS21/05:3.8.3**  
**Late Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval for an extension to the existing COVID-19 Policy Response 2021 Policy Suspension or Variation Instrument. To seek approval of a policy variation extension for temporary admission processes and practices to accommodate international applicants impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

*It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves for an extension to the existing COVID-19 Policy Response 2021 Policy Suspension or Variation Instrument in relation to the Enrolment and Admission Policies as they relate to International Students Admissions,*

### 3.9 POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

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The *Posthumous Awards and Aegrotat Grades Policy* states that Academic Senate and Senate Assessment Committee should be notified of the rationale and decision to approve a Posthumous award.

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***For Noting.***

### **3.10 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

#### **3.10.1 Donor Funded Scholarships**

**AS 21/05-3.10.1**

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Academic Senate is requested to consider the following proposal for five new donor funded scholarships, prepared by the Office of Advancement:

- George Masterman Scholarship in Law
- American Express Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship in Communication/Law/Accounting/Business/Business (Advanced Business Leadership)
- Centuria Capital Group Graduate Scholarship in Business (Property)
- Real Capital Analytics Property Scholarship in Business (Property)
- GO Foundation Indigenous Education Scholarship in any undergraduate degree

#### **It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate approves the following proposed new Donor funded scholarships:*

- *George Masterman Scholarship in Law*
- *American Express Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship in Communication/Law/Accounting/Business/Business (Advanced Business Leadership)*
- *Centuria Capital Group Graduate Scholarship in Business (Property)*
- *Real Capital Analytics Property Scholarship in Business (Property)*
- *GO Foundation Indigenous Education Scholarship in any undergraduate degree*

### **3.11 AWARDS OF THE UNIVERSITY MEDAL**

**AS21/05-3 .11**

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The purpose of this paper is to advise Academic Senate of students who have been awarded a University Medal, as approved by the Chair of Academic Senate on behalf of Senate.

#### **It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate notes the awarding of the University Medal to students listed in of item 3.11 Awards of the University Medal.*

### **3.12 CONFERRAL OF GRADUANDS**

**AS21/05-3 .12**

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The purpose of this paper is to notify the Academic Senate of the number of students that have had their graduation conferred by the Chair of the Academic Senate on behalf of Academic Senate.

#### ***For Noting***

### **3.13 REVIEW OF ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEES' TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**AS21/05-3 .13**

**Late Paper**

The purpose of this paper is to advise the Academic Senate of changes to the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Academic Standing Committees and to request their approval to the changes that have been made.

## 4 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

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Items 4.1 – 4.9 provide an overview of the matters dealt with by Senate standing committees.

### 4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS 21/05-4.1 Page 99

Senate Executive Committee conducted an electronic meeting commencing on Friday 17 September (e-Meeting 21/10).

**For Noting.**

### 4.2 RESEARCH COMMITTEE AS 21/05-4.2 Page 102

The Research Committee met on Friday, 3 September 2021 (meeting 21/04). The minutes have been circulated.

**For Noting.**

### 4.3 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE AS 21/05-4.3 Page 110

The Research Studies Committee met on Tuesday, 10 August 2021 (meeting 21/08) and Tuesday 14 September 2021 (meeting 21/09). The de-identified minutes have been circulated.

**For Noting.**

### 4.4 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE AS 21/05-4.4 Page 130

Senate Education Committee met on Thursday 12 August 2021 (meeting 21/04). The minutes have been circulated.

**For Noting.**

### 4.5 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND COURSES APPROVALS COMMITTEE AS 21/05-4.5 Late Paper

The Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee (APCAC) met on Thursday, 2 September 2021 and Thursday, 7 October 2021. The report will be provided as a late paper.

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meeting held on 2 September 2021 (meeting 21/09) and 7 October 2021 (meeting 21/10) and approves the recommendations contained therein.*

#### **4.6 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

**AS 21/05-4.6**  
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The Senate Assessment Committee met on Tuesday, 27 July 2021 (meeting 21/04). The minutes have been circulated.

**For Noting.**

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

**AS 21/05-4.7**  
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The College Academic Pathway Program Committee met on Thursday, 22 July 2021 (WSTC21/06) and Thursday, 26 August 2021 WSTC 21/ 07). The minutes have been circulated.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.8 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**AS 21/05-4.8**  
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The Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) met on Wednesday, 1 September 2021 (ASPC 21/05). The minutes have been circulated.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.9 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE**

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The Third-Party Provider Committee met on Thursday, 7 October 2021 (meeting 21/05). The minutes will be available at the next meeting.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.10 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 8 December 2021. 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/board\\_meetings](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/about_uws/leadership/board_of_trustees/board_meetings)

### **5 FOR INFORMATION**

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No items.



## **6 NEXT MEETING**

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The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, 10 December 2021. Details regarding location will be advised closer to the meeting date.

Remaining meeting dates for 2021:

- 10 December.

Meeting dates for 2022 are as follows:

- 25 February
- 29 April
- 17 June
- 12 August
- 14 October
- 9 December

Meetings commence at 9.30AM and conclude by 12.30PM.