

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 24/02**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 12 April 2024** 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 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:

Professor Clare Pollock, Interim Vice-Chancellor and President

Professor Kevin Dunn, Provost

Professor Brian Stout, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning and Teaching

Professor Deborah Hatcher, Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic Development

Professor Rod McClure, Pro Vice-Chancellor Health Futures

Professor Bahman Javadi, Interim Dean, School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences

Professor Adam Possamai, Interim Dean, School of Social Sciences

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

Professor Dennis Chang, Director, NICM, representing the University's Research Institutes

Professor Deborah Hatcher, Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic Development and Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery

Associate Professor Jennifer Mensch, School of Humanities and Communication Arts (Level D, E)

Professor Alphia Possamai-Inesedy, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Advancement

Associate Professor Liesel Spencer, School of Law (Level D or E)

In Attendance:

Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Office of Governance Services
Ms Shubha Devadasen, Associate Director, Office of Governance Services
Associate Professor Freya MacMillan, Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Research
Ms Jo Maguire, Manager, Policy & Governance and Privacy Officer
Ms Terri Mears, Manager, Disability Service
Ms Allyson McDonald, Governance Officer
Professor Kate Stevens, Director, MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour & Development
Ms Georgia Vasiliadis, Senior Governance Officer
Ms Kristin Wiese, Associate Director, Engaged Teaching Project

☆ 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 Senate Risk Register
- Item 2.2 – Rescope of the Engaged Teaching Project
- Item 2.3 – Governance Framework – Entities and Educational Partners
- Item 3.1 – Chair’s Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor’s Report
- Item 3.4 – Accord Update
- Item 3.5 – TEQSA Steering Committee Update
- Item 3.6 – Update from Schools
- Item 3.7 – Indigenous Research Strategy
- Item 3.9 – Questions on Notice/Hot Topics
- Item 3.10 – Academic Senate Policy Committee Update & Policy Review
- Item 3.11 – Disestablishment of the Multi-Disciplinary Teaching and Learning Committees
- Item 4.6 – Research Studies Committee
- Item 4.8 – 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, 23 February 2024, (meeting 24/01) are attached for confirmation.

For Confirmation.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 23 February 2-24, (meeting 24/01) 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

☆ 2.1 ACADEMIC SENATE RISK REGISTER

To discuss risks, controls and mitigation strategies that relate to Academic Senate performing its functions as expressed in the Academic Governance Policy. Professor Robert Mailhammer to speak to this item.

For Discussion and Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate discusses and approves the attached risk register.

☆ 2.2 RESCOPE OF THE ENGAGED TEACHING PROJECT

Update to highlight the changes in the recently approved rescope of the Engaged Teaching Project provided by Professor Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education and Ms Kristin Wiese, Associate Director, Engaged Teaching Project.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 2.3 GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK – ENTITIES AND EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS

Paper presented by Dr Nicolene Murdoch providing a high-level Governance Framework to be applied to offshore campuses, educational entities and provider partners.

For Discussion and Endorsement.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate endorse the Governance Framework – Entities and Educational Partners, and all associated recommendations, to proceed for consultation and implementation.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

☆ 3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 23 February 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 10 April 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees, is appended to the Chair's report.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended. Professor Clare Pollock, Interim Vice-Chancellor, will speak to this report.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.3 STUDENT REPORT

There are no reports by the student representatives for noting.

☆ 3.4 ACCORD UPDATE

Verbal update on the Accord by Professor Clare Pollock on what the Accord recommendations mean for Western and predictions for Western.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.5 TEQSA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Verbal update by the new Chair of the Steering Committee, Professor Maryanne Dever.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.6 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.

3.6.1 SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Update to be provided by Professor Meg Smith, Interim Dean, School of Business.

3.6.2 SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Update to be provided by Professor Michele Simons, Dean, School of Education.

3.6.3 SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Update to be provided by Professor Sarah Lewis, Dean, School of Health Sciences.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.7 INDIGENOUS RESEARCH STRATEGY

Presentation to Senate provided by Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.8 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE – REVISED MEMBERSHIP

To seek Academic Senate's approval for the revised Academic Senate Policy Committee's (ASPC) terms of reference (membership).

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approve the revised membership of Academic Senate Policy Committee contained in its terms of reference.

☆ 3.9 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

Monitoring research partnerships which is within the remit of Academic Senate (clause 3c of the Academic Governance Policy). Paper by Dr Margarite Poulos.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.10 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW

3.10.1 ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Academic Senate Policy Committee update report is appended. Professor Clare Pollock, Chair of the Academic Senate Policy Committee, will speak to this report.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.10.2 REVISED SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS POLICY

To provide Academic Senate (AS) with the revised *Support For Students Policy* approved via the Brief Channel process under Delegation Schedule HH12 for noting.

For Noting.

3.10.3 REVISED LEARNING AND TEACHING POLICY

To seek Academic Senate (AS) approval for the revised and renamed *Learning and Teaching Policy* (previously *Teaching and Learning – Fundamental Code*).

For approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approves the revised and renamed Learning and Teaching Policy (previously Teaching and Learning – Fundamental Code).

3.10.4 CURRICULUM DESIGN AND APPROVALS PROCEDURES - CURRICULUM QUALITY

To seek Academic Senate (AS) approval for the new *Curriculum Design and Approvals Procedures - Curriculum Quality* and related amendments to the *Curriculum Design and Approvals Policy*.

For approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approves the new Curriculum Design and Approvals Procedures - Curriculum Quality and the related amendments to the Curriculum Design and Approvals Policy.

3.10.5 CURRICULUM DESIGN AND APPROVALS PROCEDURES – CURRICULUM STRUCTURE

To seek Academic Senate (AS) approval for the revised and renamed *Curriculum Design and Approvals Procedures - Curriculum Structure* (previously *Curriculum Structure Procedures*).

For approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approves the revised and renamed Curriculum Design and Approvals Procedures - Curriculum Structure.

☆ 3.11 DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEES

A paper to recommend to the Academic Senate the Multi-Disciplinary Teaching and Learning Committees (MTALCS) be disestablished and replaced with Teaching and Learning Forums. Professor Robert Mailhammer to speak to this item.

For Discussion and Approval.

It is recommended:

The Academic Senate approves the disestablishment of the Multidisciplinary Teaching and Learning Committees.

3.12 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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

New donor scholarship for approval

- We Build Future Leaders: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship
- GO Foundation Business & Law Scholarships
- Dahua Group Australia Civil Engineering Scholarship
- Matthew Hotchkis Sports Podiatry Scholarship
- Podiatry Professionals Scholarship
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- Podiatry Professionals Scholarship

Amendments to Existing Scholarships

- Katie Page Equity Scholarship for Women
- Katie Page Scholarship for Refugee Women
- Katie Page Scholarship for High Achieving Women
- Two Blues Charter Hall Scholarship

New Donor-Funded Prize

- GJK Facility Services award in Business
- GJK Facility Services Award for Sustainability Analysis & Design
- Greenultimate Award for Academic Excellence
- McBurneys Prize in Accounting
- Speech Pathology Australia Award

- Talk About Prize for Speech Pathology
- ADW Johnson Prize for Civil Engineering
- Pitcher Partners Award in Financial Planning

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate reviews and approves all proposals for immediate execution.

3.13 GRADUAND LISTS WITH DISTINCTION, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

To seek Academic Senate approval of students that have been approved for conferral with distinction by School Academic Committees in January - March 2024, and to seek Academic Senate approval of students that have been recommended to be awarded University medals by Schools Academic Committees and endorsed by the Deans in January - March 2024.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approves the granting of undergraduate and postgraduate awards 'with distinction' to eligible graduands with a GPA of 6.000 or greater, listed in attachment 1 of Item 3.14 Graduand Lists with Distinction, University Medals and Posthumous Awards.

That Academic Senate approves the awarding of University Medals to eligible graduands as recommended by the SAC and endorsed by the Dean of the School, listed in attachment 1 of Item 3.14 Graduand Lists with Distinction, University Medals and Posthumous Awards.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

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

4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The reports of the Senate Executive Committee e-meetings (Meeting e24/01, e24/02 and e24/03) held on 20 – 27 February 2024, 6 – 7 March 2024 and 15 – 22 March 2024 are appended for noting by members and consisted of the following items:

Meeting e24/01 | 20 – 27 February 2024

Revised Research Studies Committee Membership

Endorsement of Professor Yixia (Sarah) Zhang as the Deputy Chair, Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman as the nominated elected Senior Research Academic and Dr Margarite Poulos as the nominated elected Early Career Researcher.

Revised Research Committee Membership

Endorsement of Professor Ann Dadich as the Deputy Chair, Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman as the first nominated elected Senior Research-Academic, Professor Samantha Liyanapathirana the second nominated elected Senior

Research-Academic, Dr Ben Perry as the first nominated elected Early or Mid-Career Researcher and Dr Maria Bhatti as the second nominated elected Early or Mid-Career Researcher.

Meeting e24/02 | 6 – 7 March 2024

Approval of six student scholarships for Western Sydney University Indonesia, Surabaya Campus

Approval of Dr. Dra. H. Khofifah Indar Parawansa Scholarship, Dr. Emil Elestianto Dardak Scholarship (two Scholarship/recipients), City of Surabaya Mayor's Scholarship (two Scholarship/recipients) and Australian Consul-General Scholarship.

Meeting e24/03 | 15 – 22 March 2024

Endorsement of Professor Miroslav Filipovic as Deputy Chair of Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee and of Associate Professor Alexie Papanicolaou as Deputy Chair of Third Party Providers Committee.

For Noting.

4.2 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The Report of the e-meeting of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 11-14 December 2023 (meeting e23/03), the report of the meetings of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 13 February and 26 March 2024 (meetings 24/01 and 24/02) including attachments, and the confirmed minutes of the meeting of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 13 February 2024 (meeting 24/01) are appended.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate notes the reports of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meetings held on 11 – 14 December 2023 (e23/03), 13 February (24/01) and 26 March 2024 (24/02) and approves the recommendations contained therein.

4.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There are no minutes from the Senate Education Committee for noting.

4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

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

4.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes from the Research Committee meeting held on 14 February 2024 (Meeting 24/01) are appended for noting.

For Noting.

☆ 4.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

The confirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 6 February 2024 (Meeting 24/01) and the unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 5 March 2024 (Meeting 24/02) are appended for noting by the Senate. Professor Clive Baldock, Chair of the Research Studies Committee will give a brief update.

For Noting.

4.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate Policy Committee meeting held on 6 March 2024 (Meeting 24/01) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

☆ 4.8 THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Third-Party Provider Committee meeting held on 7 February 2024 (meeting 24/01) are appended for noting by the Senate. Dr Nicolene Murdoch, Chair of Third-Party Provider Committee will give a brief update.

For Noting.

4.9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 10 April 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

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.

4.10.1	Academic Appeals and Integrity Committee
4.10.2	Research Studies Committee
4.10.3	Graduate Research School SAC June Academic Senate

For noting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

If raised at the meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (24/03) will be 14 June 2024 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2024 is as follows:

- 24/03 - 14 June 2024
- 24/04 - 9 August 2024
- 24/05 - 11 October 2024
- 24/06 - 6 December 2024