



ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 23/04**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 11 August 2023** at, **9:30AM**, at, **Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02)**.

For apologies and enquiries, contact Georgia Vasiliadis by email at:
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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:

New members:

Interim Dean:

- Associate Professor Swapan Saha, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment

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

- Ms Debra Farrelly, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student & University Planning
- Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Engagement & Advancement)

In Attendance:

- Ms Sophie Buck (Director, Office of Governance Services)
- Dr Rebecca Gelding (Executive Officer, The MARCS Institute)
- Ms Jane Hutchison (University Secretary, Office of University Secretary)
- Ms Christine Sharpe (Acting Associate Director, Office of Governance Services)
- Associate Professor Chloe Taylor (Associate Professor Sport and Exercise Science)

☆ 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 3.1 – Chair’s Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor’s Report
- Item 3.3 – Student Report
- Item 3.4 – Academic Promotions
- Item 3.5 - Academic Literacy Strategy and Advisory Group Strategy and Terms of Reference
- Item 3.6 – Transnational Education
- Item 3.7 – Australian Universities’ Accord Interim Report
- Item 3.9 – Academic Senate Policy Committee Update & Policy Review

It is recommended:

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

☆ 1.4 ORDER OF BUSINESS

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, 116 June 2023, (meeting 23/03) are attached for confirmation.

For Confirmation.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 16 June 2023, (meeting 23/03), 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 TEQSA STEERING GROUP UPDATE

The TEQSA Steering Group is working towards preparing the University for the TEQSA accreditation review scheduled for 2025. Emeritus Professor Paul Wormell is currently leading this group and presented an update at the June meeting of the Academic Senate. A paper of responses from questions arising from that presentation.

For Noting.

2.2 EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTING TO SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The internal audit report on Education Quality Assurance reporting to Senate Education Committee is appended with a briefing paper. The Chair of the Academic Senate will speak to this report.

For Noting.

2.3 THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAYS PROGRAM COMMITTEE

It is recommended that Academic Senate notes

- a. That The College Academic Pathway Program Committee be removed as a regular item on the Senate agenda and be treated like a School Academic Committee (SAC). Thus, the minutes should not be tabled.
- b. That The College Joint Management Committee feed into the Third Party Provider Committee, as per other partnerships – where there is a level of academic oversight and Quality Reporting to the Third Party Provider Committee.

- c. That an annual report of The College Academic Pathway Program Committee be presented to Senate each year at the start of the year for the previous year.

For noting.

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

☆ 3.1 CHAIR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 16 June 2023 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 3 August 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees, is appended to the Chair's report.

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

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

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

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.3 STUDENT REPORT

A report compiled by the disability student representative elected member of Senate will be provided at each meeting of Senate for noting.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.4 ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS 2022 – REPORT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE

A written report provided to the Academic Senate in accordance with the Western Sydney University Promotions Policies.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.5 ACADEMIC LITERACY STRATEGY AND ADVISORY GROUP STRATEGY AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Academic Senate for the Academic Literacy strategy and the Academic Literacy Advisory Group Terms of Reference.

For Approval.

☆ 3.6 TRANSNATIONAL EDUCATION

An update on the Transnational Education Transformation Project. Professor Linda Taylor, Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) to present this update to Senate.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.7 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES ACCORD INTERIM REPORT

An update on the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report. Professor Clare Pollock to present this update to Senate.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.8 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

There are 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

The Academic Senate Policy Committee update report is appended. Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost will speak to this report.

3.9.2 PROGRESSION POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The proposed *Progression Policy and Procedures* listed within the appended papers. Director, Data Integrity, Quality and Operations will speak to this paper.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approves the revised Progression Policy from the date of publication.

3.9.3 REVIEW OF GRADE POLICY

The proposed *Review of Grade Policy* (which includes amendments to the Assessment Policy) is listed within the appended papers. Director, Data Integrity, Quality and Operations will speak to this paper.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate approves the revised Review of Grade Policy including amendments to the Assessment Policy from the date of publication.

3.10 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee is requested to consider and approve the following new scholarships and consider and approve the amendments to the following current donor-funded scholarships.

New donor scholarship for approval:

- Sydney Zoo Indigenous Scholarship
- Peter Eichhorn Indigenous Scholarship
- Sydney Zoo Engineering & Robotics Scholarship
- Yara Australia Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping

Amendments to the current scholarships:

- Liverpool Boys High School Scholarship (current name)
- Neville Amy Scholarship in Science
- Hawkesbury Foundation George Bennett Memorial Food Scholarship (current name)
- Rotary Club of Richmond Scholarship

For Approval.

3.11 POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

There are no posthumous awards for noting.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no Senate Executive Committee Meetings held since the last Academic Senate Meeting on 16 June 2023

4.2 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

The Report (and corresponding annexures – Attachment 1 and 2) of the meetings of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 6 June (meeting 23/04) and 6 July 2023 (meeting 23/05) are appended.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate notes the report and corresponding annexures of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meetings held on 6 June (meeting 23/04) and 6 July 2023 (meeting 23/05) and approves the recommendations contained therein.

4.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee held on 8 June 2023 (Meeting 23/02) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 30 May 2023 (Meeting 23/03) and the report from the e-meeting held on 23 – 29 June 2023 (e23/02) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Research Committee meetings held on 5 April 2023 (Meeting 23/02) and 14 July 2023 (Meeting 23/03) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

The confirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee held on 9 May 2023 (Meeting 23/04) and the unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee held on 13 June 2023 (23/05) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) held on 5 July 2023 (Meeting 23/03) are appended.

For Noting.

4.8 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

The Third-Party Provider Committee (TPPC) met on 31 May 2023 (Meeting 23/03). The unconfirmed minutes are appended.

For Noting.

4.9 THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed e-minutes of the College Academic Pathway Program Committee held on 5 – 9 June 2023 are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.10 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 3 August 2023. 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

5. OTHER BUSINESS

If raised at the meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (23/05) will be on 13 October 2023 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2023 are as follows:

- 23/05 – 13 October 2023
- 23/06 – 8 December 2023