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ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 24/03**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 14 June 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:
New student representatives:
Mr Prashith Fernando, Undergraduate Student Representative
Ms Treasure Kamuli, Undergraduate Student Representative
Mr Nabin Gautam, Postgraduate Student Representative
Mr Prasad Perera, Higher Degree Research Candidate Student Representative

Board of Trustees members attending this meeting:
Associate Professor Alison Downham Moore, Academic Staff elected member

At the time of writing, apologies had been received from**:**
Dr Fran Doyle, School of Psychology (Level A, B or C Representative)
Dr Peter Lewis, School of Nursing and Midwifery (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Rod McClure, Pro Vic-Chancellor Health Futures and Dean School of Medicine
Professor Clare Pollock, Interim Vice-Chancellor
Professor Catherine Renshaw, Interim Dean, School of Law
Professor Michele Simons, Dean, School of Education
Dr Erika Smith, School of Social Sciences (Level A, B or C Representative)
Professor Deborah Sweeney, Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Vice President, Research, Enterprise & International

Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman, School of Education (Level D, E Representative)
Professor Sarah Zhang, Deputy Chair

In Attendance:
Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Office of Governance Services
Ms Rose Cutts, Director, Education Quality & Policy
Ms Jo Maguire, Manager, Policy & Governance and Privacy Officer
Ms Christine Sharpe, Executive Governance Officer, Office of Governance Services
Ms Georgia Vasiliadis, Senior Governance Officer
Ms Sara Zhou, Manager, Business Improvement, Office of Strategy, Performance and Risk

☆ 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 <u>Conflict of Interest Policy</u> and the <u>Compliance Program Unit webpage.</u>

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– Indigenous Research Strategy
- Item 3.1 – Chair's Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor's Report
- Item 3.3 – Student Report
- Item 3.4 – Researchers Future Accelerator Program
- Item 3.5 – TEQSA Steering Committee Update
- Item 3.6 – AI Principles
- Item 3.7 – Update from Schools and Institutes
- Item 3.9 – Real Projects, Real Stakeholders, Real Learning
- Item 4.3 – Senate Education Committee
- 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, 12 April 2024, (meeting 24/02) are attached for confirmation.

For Confirmation.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 12 April 2024, (meeting 24/02) 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   INDIGENOUS RESEARCH STRATEGY

Presentation to Senate provided by Professor Gawaian Bodkin-Andrews.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.   GENERAL BUSINESS

☆ 3.1   CHAIR'S REPORT

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 12 April 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 Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education, will speak to this report.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.3 STUDENT REPORT

A verbal update by a student representative on any issue of interest and importance in their respective field.

3.3.1 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT REPORT

Brief update by Mr Prashith Fernando, Undergraduate student representative.

3.3.2 POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPORT

Brief update by Mr Prasad Perera, Higher Degree Research student representative.

3.3.3 DIVERSITY STUDENT REPORT

Brief update by Mr Ashes Niroula, International student representative.

For Noting and Discussion.

☆ 3.4 RESEARCHERS FUTURE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM

A verbal update will be provided by Professor Clive Baldock, Dean of Graduate Studies and Researcher Development.

For Noting and Discussion.

☆ 3.5 TEQSA STEERING COMMITTEE UPDATE

To provide Academic Senate with an update on the TEQSA Re-Registration project plan, at 12-months prior to submission. Update provided by Ms Rose Cutts, Director, Education Quality & Policy.

For Noting and Discussion.

☆ 3.6 AI PRINCIPLES

Professor Maryanne Dever will speak to this item.

For Noting and Discussion.

☆ 3.7 UPDATE FROM SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES

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

3.7.1 NICM HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Update to be provided by Professor Dennis Chang, Director, NICM Health Research Institute.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.7.2 SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Update to be provided by Professor Deborah Hatcher, Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.8 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

There are no Questions on Notice or Hot Topics for this meeting.

☆ 3.9 REAL PROJECTS, REAL STAKEHOLDERS, REAL LEARNING

A paper to present to Senate how successful collaborations among university professional divisions, academics and industry partners can benefit all parties while keeping innovation and 'student-centredness' at the core of operations. Presentation by Associate Professor Ana Hol, School of Computer Data and Mathematical Sciences, Ms Jess Gleeson Director, Data Integrity, Quality and Operations and Ms Sara Zhou, Manager, Business Improvement, Office of Strategy, Performance and Risk.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.10 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW

3.10.1 ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE

There is no Academic Senate Policy Committee update report for noting.

3.10.2 USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE POLICY

To advise Academic Senate of the new Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy.

For Noting.

3.11 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. The Academic Senate is also requested to review and approve the proposed changes to the Scholarship Continuing Eligibility Criteria for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine) / Doctor of Medicine (MD) for immediate execution.

New donor scholarship for approval
Bankstown Sports Club Scholarship in Social Work
Harvey Norman Young Women's Leadership Academy Scholarships

Amendments to Existing Scholarships
Walter and Eliza Hall Opportunity Scholarship

New Donor-Funded Prize
Glover-Collins Prize for Mathematics
Laerdal Prize for Bachelor of Nursing
Laerdal Prize for Master of Nursing Practice (Pre-registration)

Proposed changes to Scholarship Continuing Eligibility Criteria for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine) / Doctor of Medicine (MD).

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate reviews and approves all proposed scholarships and prizes for immediate execution.

That Academic Senate reviews and approves the proposed changes to Scholarship Continuing Eligibility Criteria for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Clinical Science (Medicine) / Doctor of Medicine (MD) for immediate execution.

3.12 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

This paper seeks approval from Senate to confer awards to students identified in the April and June conferral and provides list of conferred students for noting.

For Approval.

It is recommended:
April Conferral:
Approve the award of degrees with distinction to graduands listed Attachment A – Graduands for awards with distinction.

Approve the award of the University Medal to the graduates listed in Attachment B – Graduates to be awarded the University Medal.

Note the conferral of awards to graduates with pass or honours coursework degrees as listed in Attachment C - Graduates with pass and honours coursework degrees approved within SAC delegation and note the conferral of awards to graduates with a research degree as listed in Attachment D - Graduates with research degrees approved within RSC delegation.

June Conferral:
Approve the award of degrees with distinction to graduands listed Attachment A – Graduands for awards with distinction.

Approve the award of the University Medal to the graduates listed in Attachment B – Graduates to be awarded the University Medal.

Note the conferral of awards to graduates with pass or honours coursework degrees as listed in Attachment C - Graduates with pass and honours coursework degrees approved within SAC delegation and note the conferral of awards to graduates with a research degree as listed in Attachment D - Graduates with research degrees approved within RSC delegation.

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 minutes of the meeting of the Senate Executive Committee held on 10 May 2024 (meeting 24/02), and the report of the e-meeting of the Senate Executive Committee meeting held on 21 May 2024 (meeting e24/04) are appended for noting by members and consisted of the following items:

Meeting 24/02 | 10 May 2024
Approval of Gc Start Up Scale Up (Start Up-Help Pilot)
Approval of administrative changes to the delivery of the Graduate Certificate in Stuart Up Scale Up and participation in the Start Up Year Pilot scheme, including a new program code.

Meeting e24/04 | 21 May 2024
Scholarships for Approval
Review and approval of the proposed university-funded scholarship for immediate execution.
- Barney Glover AO Scholarships for Women in STEM UG
- Barney Glover AO Scholarships for Women in STEM PG

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 22 April 2024 (meeting e24/01) and the report of the meeting of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 2 May 2024 (meeting 24/03), are appended.

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate notes the reports of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meetings held on 22 April 2024 (meeting e24/01) and 2 May 2024 (meeting 24/03) and approves the recommendations contained therein.

✩ 4.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee held on 18 April 2024 (meeting 24/01) and the post-meeting slide are appended for noting. Professor Maryanne Dever, Chair of the Senate Education Committee will provide a brief update.

For Noting.

4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The confirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 30 January 2024 (Meeting 24/01) and the unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 14 May 2024 (meeting 24/02) are appended for noting.

For Noting.

4.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes and report from the Research Committee meeting held on 19 April 2024 (Meeting 24/02) are appended for noting.

For Noting.

✩ 4.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

The confirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meetings held on 9 April 2024 (Meeting 24/03) and 7 May 2024 (Meeting 24/04), and the unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 15 May 2024 (Meeting 24/05) are appended for noting by the Senate. Professor Clive Baldock, Chair of the Research Studies Committee will give a brief update, including an update on the Graduate Research School.

For Noting.

4.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

There are no Academic Senate Policy Committee meeting minutes for noting.

✩ 4.8 THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Third-Party Provider Committee meeting held on 3 April 2024 (meeting 24/02) 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 6 August 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 Graduate Research School SAC | August 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