



ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 24/04**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 9 August 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:

Distinguished Professor George Williams AO, Vice-Chancellor and President

Professor Jennifer Westacott AO, Chancellor Western Sydney University

New representative:

Dr Tuki Attuquayefio, School of Psychology, Level A, B or C Representative

Professor Jane Frost, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Level D, E 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:

Professor Clare Pollock, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and President

Professor Linda Taylor, Pro Vice-Chancellor, International

Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman, School of Education, Level D, E Representative

In Attendance:

Ms Sophie Buck, Director, Office of Governance Services

Ms Shubha Devadasen, Associate Director, Office of Governance Services, Secretariat

Professor Freya MacMillan, Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Research

Ms Jo Maguire, Manager, Policy & Governance and Privacy Officer

Professor Kate Stevens, Director, The MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour & Development

Professor André van Schaik, Director, International Centre for Neuromorphic Systems (ICNS)

Ms Georgia Vasiliadis, Senior Governance Officer

☆ 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 – Question on Notice
- Item 3.1 – Chair’s Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor’s Report
- Item 3.3 – Student Report
- Item 3.4 – Growing Research and Research Quality at Western
- Item 3.5 – Research Commercialisation at Western
- Item 3.6 – School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences Review
- Item 3.7 – TEQSA Re-Registration Update
- Item 3.8 – Update from Schools and Institutes
- Item 4.2 – Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
- Item 4.3 – Senate Education Committee
- Item 4.4 – Senate Assessment 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, 14 June 2024, (meeting 24/03) are attached for confirmation.

For Confirmation.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 14 June 2024, (meeting 24/03) 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 QUESTION ON NOTICE

Monitoring research partnerships, notably the partnership between the International Centre for Neuromorphic Systems (ICNS) and Thales.

For Discussion and Noting.

2.2 ADOBE CREATIVE CLOUD

A paper in response to the question raised on “harvesting user and usage data” and clarity on how the Adobe systems work for the Enterprise agreement with Western Sydney University.

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 14 June 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 6 August 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. Distinguished Professor George Williams AO, Vice-Chancellor and President, will speak to this report.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ **3.3 STUDENT REPORT | POSTGRADUATE STUDENT REPORT**

A paper on matters relevant to Higher Degree Research students. Mr Prasad Perera, Higher Degree Research student representative to speak to this paper.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ **3.4 GROWING RESEARCH AND RESEARCH QUALITY AT WESTERN**

A paper to discuss growing research, improving research quality, achieving strategic goals and the measures of research quality. Professor Robert Mailhammer to speak to this paper.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ **3.5 RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION AT WESTERN**

A paper to inform Academic Senate of our Decadal Ambition to maximise the impact of innovation and entrepreneurship at Western. Professor Deborah Sweeney, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Enterprise and Global, and Mr Tim Horan, Senior Manager Strategic Partnerships, Enterprise to speak to this paper.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ **3.6 SCHOOL OF COMPUTER, DATA AND MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES REVIEW**

A briefing paper and the 2023 review of the School of Computer, Data and Mathematical Sciences, consisting of a Panel Report and Action Plan is appended. Professor Bahman Javadi to speak to the recommendations.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ **3.7 TEQSA RE-REGISTRATION UPDATE**

An update on the progress of the TEQSA Re-Registration project, including identified risks, key considerations, and research requirements.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆ 3.8 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.

3.8.1 THE MARCS INSTITUTE FOR BRAIN, BEHAVIOUR & DEVELOPMENT

Update to be provided by Professor Kate Stevens, Director of The MARCS Institute for Brain, Behaviour & Development.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.8.2 SCHOOL OF LAW

Update to be provided by Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dean, School of Law.

For Discussion and Noting.

3.9 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

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

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.

3.11 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, consider and approve the following new prizes, and consider and approve the amendments to the following existing.

New donor scholarship for approval
Rachael & David Chin Law Scholarship

Amendments to Existing Scholarships
Revolution - Women in STEM Scholarship
Revolution - Women in Business Scholarship
Dialysis Australia Clinical Placement Scholarship in Nursing

New Donor-Funded Prizes
Dr Jayadev Award for Excellence
Mind Connections Prize for Clinical Psychology
A R Byrne & Associates Award for Criminal Law

Sita Hardikar 3MT Prize
Dr. Mukund Joglekar 3 + 1Q award

Amendments to Existing Prize
Advice Wise award

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate reviews and approves all proposed scholarships and prizes for immediate execution.

3.12 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

There are no students lists for noting or approval.

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 report of the e-meeting of the Senate Executive Committee held on 4 and 5 July 2024 (meeting e24/04), is appended for noting by members and consisted of the following items:

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Approval of Scholarships

Approval of the revisions to the six one-off student scholarships for Western Sydney University Indonesia, Surabaya Campus.

1. *Dr. Dra. H. Khofifah Indar Parawansa Scholarship - one Scholarship offered for the September 2024 intake covering three years of study.*
2. *Dr. Emil Elestianto Dardak Scholarship – two scholarships offered for the September 2024 intake, covering three years of study.*
3. *City of Surabaya Mayor's Scholarship - two Scholarships offered for the September 2024 intake.*
4. *Australian Consul-General Scholarship - one scholarship offered for the September 2024 intake, covering three years of study.*

For Noting.

☆ 4.2 **ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE**

The report of the meetings of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) held on 4 June 2024 (meeting 24/04) and 9 July 2024 (meeting 24/05), are appended. Dr Nicolene Murdoch, Chair of APCAC, to provide a brief update.

For Approval.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate notes the reports of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meetings held on 4 June 2024 (meeting 24/04) and 9 July 2024 (meeting 24/05), and approves the recommendations contained therein.

☆ 4.3 **SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee held on 13 June 2024 (meeting 24/02) and the post-meeting slide are appended for noting. Professor Maryanne Dever, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, to provide a brief update.

For Noting.

☆ 4.4 **SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 30 July 2024 (meeting 24/03) are appended for noting. Professor Brian Stout, Chair of the Senate Assessment Committee, to provide a brief update.

For Noting.

4.5 **RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

There are no Research Committee meeting minutes for noting.

4.6 **RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE**

The confirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 11 June 2024 (Meeting 24/06) and the unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 9 July 2024 (Meeting 24/07) are appended for noting by the Senate.

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 29 May 2024 (meeting 24/03) are appended for noting by the Senate.

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 | October Academic Senate

For noting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

If raised at the meeting.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (24/04) will be 9 August 2024 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2024 is as follows:

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