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ACADEMIC SENATE

The next meeting (Meeting 21/06) of the Academic Senate of Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday 10 December 2021 at 9.30AM.**

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AGENDA

1   PROCEDURAL MATTERS

☆ 1.1   INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Senate, Professor Alphia Possamai-Inesedy, will chair the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country:
Today's meeting is being held across the lands of many different Indigenous Australian Nations. We acknowledge the ancestors of these nations who have occupied these spaces for tens of thousands of years. We also acknowledge and pay my respect to Elders past and present, and to all Indigenous Australian people listening today.

Welcome to the following presenters and member representations:

- Peter Shergold, Chancellor of the University of Western Sydney – in attendance to present item 3.4 *Review of the NSW vocational education and training sector undertaken by David Gonski AC and Professor Peter Shergold AC*
- Dr Kieryn McKay, SAGE Project Officer and Dr Chloe Taylor, Director of Academic Program, Sport and Exercise Science, – in attendance to answer questions regarding their presentation item 3.5 *Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE)*
- Lynnae Venaruzzo, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Futures

Welcome to the following observers:

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

- Ms. Kerry Stubbs, Member, Board of Trustees
- Ms. Natalia Vukolova, Graduate Member, Board of Trustees

Welcome to Senate Member/s: Professor Andy Marks, Pro Vice Chancellor, Strategy, Government and Alliances

No changes to Academic Senate student representation have been advised.

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

Professor Simon Bedford
Associate Professor Matthias Boer
Associate Professor Mary Hardie
Professor Heather Horst
Dr Annette Sartor
Professor Deborah Sweeney
Professor Linda Taylor
Professor Zhong Tao

☆ 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 Review of the NSW vocational education and training sector undertaken by David Gonski AC and Professor Peter Shergold AC
- 3.5 SAGE – Q&A
- 3.8 Policy Review
- 3.13.1 Senate Education Committee Terms of Reference
- 3.13.2 Senate Assessment Committee Terms of Reference
- 3.14 Research Annual Reports and Summaries

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 21/06-1.6**

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The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate meeting held on Friday 15 October 2021 (Meeting 21/05) have been circulated.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday 13 August 2021 (Meeting 21/05), as an accurate record.

☆ **1.7   ACTION SHEET FROM LAST MEETING   AS 21/06-1.7**

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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.

2   BUSINESS ARISING

2.1   Impact on Progression and Unsatisfactory Progress Policy Suspension.

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The Director Data Integrity, Quality and Operations will speak to this agenda item.

3   GENERAL BUSINESS

☆ **3.1   REPORT FROM THE CHAIR   AS 21/06-3.1**

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A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 15 October 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 21/06-3.2**

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For Discussion.

☆ **3.3**   **STUDENT REPORT**   **AS 21/06-3.3**
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For Discussion

10.00 am☆ **3.4 Review of the NSW vocational education and training sector undertaken by David Gonski AC and Professor Peter Shergold AC**

Presentation by Professor Peter Shergold AC

For Noting and Discussion

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

Here is the link to the pre-recorded SAGE presentation. Please view the presentation prior to the meeting. https://cloudstor.aarnet.edu.au/plus/s/ZPMBgUmtXRSn9MA

Dr Kieryn McKay and Dr Chloe Taylor will attend the meeting to answer questions about the SAGE program

For Noting and Discussion

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.

No HOT TOPICS have been submitted for discussion

☆**3.8**   **POLICY REVIEW**

3.8.1 Academic Senate Policy Committee Update

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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   Revised Progression Policy   AS21/06:3.8.2

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Senate for the revised *Progression Policy.*

It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the Progression Policy from the date of approval.

3.8.3   Draft Curriculum Publication Procedures   AS21/06:3.8.3

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Senate for the new *Curriculum Publication Procedures* to replace the existing *Unit Outline and Learning Guides Policy*

It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the draft Curriculum Publication Procedures from the date of approval.

3.8.4   Student Feedback Policy and Guidelines   AS21/06:3.8.4
This Agenda Item has been withdrawn

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Senate for the new *Student Feedback Policy* and *Student Feedback Guidelines* to replace the existing *Student Feedback on Units and Teaching Survey Policy.*

It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the draft Student Feedback Policy and Student Feedback Guidelines from the date of approval and approves the expiration of the Student Feedback on Units and Teaching Survey Policy on implementation of the new policy.

3.9   POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

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.

There are no posthumous awards for noting at this meeting.

3.10   APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

3.10.1   Donor Funded Scholarships   AS 21/06-3.10.1

The purpose of the paper is to seek approval for newly created Donor Funded Scholarships

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the following proposed new Donor funded scholarships:

- *Bartier Perry Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Law Scholarship.*
- *Dr Anna Pham Scholarship in Medicine;*
- *The Goodridge Foundation Indigenous Scholarships in Nursing;*
- *Stillman & Mackisack Asylum Seeker Scholarship; and*
- *GO Foundation Indigenous Education Scholarship in any undergraduate degree.*

3.11   AWARDS OF THE UNIVERSITY MEDAL

There are no University Medals for noting at this meeting.

3.12   CONFERRAL OF GRADUANDS

There are no awards conferred to graduands by the Chair of Academic Senate since the last meeting.

3.13   REVIEW OF ACADEMIC SENATE AND SCHOOL COMMITTEES' TERMS OF REFERENCE   AS21/06-3 .13
LATE PAPER

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

The Terms of Reference for each Committee is attached in both marked and a clean copy for consideration and approval.

☆3.13.1 Senate Education Committee

☆3.13.2 Senate Assessment Committee

3.13.3 Third Party Provider Committee

3.13.4 Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee

3.13.5 Research Studies Committee

3.13.6 School Academic Committee

3.13.7 School Research and Higher Degrees Committee

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Academic Senate approves the changes made to the Terms of Reference for the following Committees effective from the date of the Meeting.

Senate Education Committee
Senate Assessment Committee
Third Party Providers Committee
Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
Research Studies Committee
School Academic Committee
School Research and Higher Degrees Committee

3.14   ANNUAL SCHOOL AND INSTITUTES RESEARCH REPORTS

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These reports were prepared for the Research Committee and were discussed at the meeting of 17 November 2021 and were referred to the Academic Senate for information and noting.

For Noting and Discussion

4 REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENATE COMMITTEES

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

4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Senate Executive Committee conducted an electronic meeting commencing on Wednesday 24 November (e-Meeting 21/11).

For Noting.

4.2 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Research Committee met on Wednesday, 17 November 2021 (meeting 21/05). The minutes will be available for the next meeting.

For Noting.

4.3 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

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The Research Studies Committee met on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 (meeting 21/10) and Tuesday 9 November 2021 (meeting 21/11). The de-identified minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.4 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Senate Education Committee met on Thursday 25 November 2021 (meeting 21/06). The minutes will be provided to the next meeting.

For Noting.

4.5 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

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The Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) met on Thursday, 7 October 2021 and Thursday, 2 November 2021.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee meeting held on Thursday, 7 October 2021 and Thursday, 2 November 2021 and approves the recommendations contained therein.

4.6 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

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The Senate Assessment Committee met on Tuesday, 19 October 2021 (meeting 21/05). The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.7   THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE
                                                      AS 21/06-4.7
The College Academic Pathway Program Committee met on Thursday 30 September ,
2021 WSTC 21/08) and conducted an e-meeting commencing on Thursday 21
October 2021 (WSTC21/09). The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.8   ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE   **AS 21/06-4.8**

The Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) met on Wednesday, 20 October 2021
(21/06). The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.9   THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE   **AS 21/06-4.9**
The Third-Party Provider Committee met on Thursday, 7 October 2021 (meeting
21/05). The minutes have been circulated.

The Meeting that was scheduled for 9 December 2021 was cancelled.

For Noting.

4.10 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 23 February 2022.
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/boar
d_meetings

5   FOR INFORMATION

No items.

6   NEXT MEETING

The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, 25 February 2022 Details
regarding location will be advised closer to the meeting date.

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.