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ACADEMIC SENATE

The next meeting (Meeting 22/01) of the Academic Senate of Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 25 February 2022** at **9:30AM,** at **Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02)** or **via Zoom.**

The Zoom details for this meeting are: ███████████████████████

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AGENDA

1   PROCEDURAL MATTERS

☆1.1   INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Senate, Professor Robert Mailhammer, will chair the meeting.

Acknowledgement of Country
Western Sydney University acknowledges that today's meeting is being held on the country of the Darug, Eora, Dharawal (also referred to as Tharawal) and Wiradjuri peoples and acknowledges their ancestors who have been Traditional Owners of their country for thousands of years. We pay 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 a specific mention to:

- Newly elected or re-elected Academic Senate Members:
  Professor Sarah Zhang (Deputy Chair), Ms Ayda Succarie, Associate Professor Ann Dadich, Dr Evan Crawford, Associate Professor Ana Hol, Dr Erin Mackenzie, Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman, Dr Ranjith Liyanapathirana, Associate Professor Samanthika Liyanapathirana, Dr Evan Atlantis, Associate Professor Amit Arora, Dr Margarite Poulos, Associate Professor Jennifer Mensch, Dr Maria Bhatti, Professor Catherine Renshaw, Dr Erika Gyengesi, Professor Neil Merrett, Ms Leeanne Hunt, Professor Yenna Salamonson, Dr David Arness, Associate Professor Michael Tyler, Dr Maggie Davidson, Associate Professor Liza Cubeddu, Dr Ana Rodas, Associate Professor Corrine Sullivan, and Dr Alexie Papanicolaou.
- New ex-officio member: Dr Denis Chang, the representative of the University Research Institutes

- New student representatives: Mr Samudaya Nanayakkara (Postgraduate student), Ms Tiffany Sharpe (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student) and Ms Vidushi Sethi (International student).

- Welcome to Mr Kerry Holling, the Chief Digital Officer who is in attendance to present *item 2.1 SMS Project Update*

Welcome to the following observers:

- Professor Susan Page, Director of Indigenous Learning and Teaching
- Professor Gawain Bodkin-Andrews, Director Indigenous Research
- Ms Jane Hutchison University Secretary

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

Professor Amir Mahmood
Associate Professor Liza Cubeddu
Professor Yenna Salamonson
Professor Kate Stevens
Mr Michael Burgess

✩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:

2.1   SMS Project Update
3.1   Report from the Chair
3.2   Report from the Vice Chancellor
3.3   Student Report
3.4   Academic Senate Work Plan for 2022
3.5   School of Medicine Review 2021
3.8   Policy Review (all items)

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 — AS22/01-1.6
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The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate meeting held on Friday, 10December 2021 (Meeting 21/06) have been circulated.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 10 December 2021 (Meeting 21/06), as an accurate record.

☆1.7 ACTION SHEET FROM LAST MEETING — AS 22/01-1.7
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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 SMS Project Update — AS 22/01-2.1
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The Chief Digital Officer, Kerry Holling will present this paper to the Committee. This was an action arising from the Academic Senate Meeting of 10 December 2021.

For Discussion and Noting

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

☆3.1 REPORT FROM THE CHAIR — AS 22/01-3.1
Late Paper

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 1 January 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 23 February meeting of the Board of Trustees, will be appended to the Chair's report.

For Discussion.

☆3.2 REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR — AS 22/01-3.2
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The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended.

For Noting.

☆3.3 STUDENT REPORT — AS 22/01-3.3
Late Paper

A report compiled by the student representatives of Senate will be provided at each meeting of Senate for noting.

For Noting.

☆**3.4 ACADEMIC SENATE WORK PLAN for 2022** AS 22/01-3.4
Late Paper

The purpose of this item is to discuss and review the Academic Senate 2022 Work Plan document.

For Discussion and Noting

☆**3.5 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE REVIEW 2021** AS 22/01-3.5
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The purpose of this paper is to present the School of Medicine Review 2021 Panel Report and Action Plan. The School of Medicine was reviewed in 2021 as part of the University's cycle of School Reviews.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, Professor Simon Barrie will present this paper to the Committee

For Discussion and Noting

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. No Questions on Notice have been received.

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 the Senate.

☆**3.8 POLICY REVIEW**

3.8.1 Academic Policy Committee Update AS 22/01-3.8.1
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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 Academic Governance Policy   AS 22/01-3.8.2

The purpose for this paper is to seek the endorsement of the Academic Senate for the revised Academic Governance Policy

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate endorses the revised Academic Governance Policy

3.8.3 Revised Admissions Policy   AS 22/01-3.8.3

The purpose for this paper is to seek the approval of the Academic Senate for the revised Admissions Policy

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the revised Admissions Policy from the date of approval

3.8.4 Assessment Policy   AS 22/01-3.8.4

The purpose for this paper is to seek the approval of the Academic Senate for the revised Assessment Policy

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the revised Assessment Policy from the date of approval

3.8.5 Revised Student Fees Policy   Late Paper

The purpose for this paper is to seek the approval of the Academic Senate for the revised Student Fees Policy

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the revised Student Fees Policy from the date of approval

3.9 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS   AS 22/01-3.9

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

It is recommended:
That the Academic Senate approval the following proposed new Donor Funded Scholarships:
- *Anne and Bill Mackarell Scholarship;*
- *John Holland Building Scholarship for Women in Construction Management;*
- *John Holland Group Equity Scholarship in Construction Management;*
- *Protected Cropping Australia- Next Gen Scholarships; and*
- *Orro Scholarship in Engineering and IT*

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   AS 22/01-4.1
Late Paper

Senate Executive Committee conducted the following meetings:
- Wednesday 15 December 2021(meeting 21/12) by electronic circulation.
- Friday 11 February 2022 (meeting 22/01)

The report for meeting 21/12 has been circulated
The report for meeting 22/01 will be available at the next meeting.

For Noting.

4.2   RESEARCH COMMITTEE   AS 22/01-4.2
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The Research Committee met on Wednesday 17 November 2021, (meeting 21/05) the minutes have been circulated.

4.3   RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE   AS 22/01-4.3
Late Paper

The Research Studies Committee met on Tuesday, 7 December 2021 (meeting 21/12). The minutes have been circulated. The Research Studies Committee also met on Tuesday 8 February 2022 (meeting 22/01). The minutes for this meeting will be available at the next meeting of Academic Senate.

For Noting.

4.4   SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE   AS22/01-4.4
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Senate Education Committee met on Thursday 25 November 2021, (meeting 21/06). The minutes have been circulated.

4.5   ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE
AS 22/01-4.5
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The Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) met on Thursday 9 December 2021 (meeting 21/12) and Tuesday 8 February 2022 (meeting 22/01)

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meeting held on Thursday *9 December 2021* (meeting 21/12) *and Tuesday,8 February 2022 (meeting* 22/01) *and approves the recommendations contained therein.*

4.6   SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The Senate Assessment Committee met on Tuesday, 22 February 2022 (meeting 22/01). The minutes will be available at the next meeting of Academic Senate.

4.7   THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

AS 22/01-4.7
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The College Academic Pathway Program Committee met on 25 November 2021 (WSTC21/10). The minutes have been circulated

For Noting.

4.8   ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE   **AS 22/01-4.8**
Late Paper

The Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) met on Wednesday, 19 January 2022. The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.9   THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

The Third-Party Provider Committee (TPPC) met on Thursday 27 January 2022 (Meeting 22/01). The Minutes will be available at the next meeting of Academic Senate.

4.10   2021 ANNUAL REPORTS   **AS22/01-4.10**

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.

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4.10.7	School of Law SAC	Late Paper

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4.10.15	Research Committee	Not available until next meeting
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4.10.17	Academic Senate Assessment Committee	Late Paper
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4.10.19	Academic Senate Executive Committee	Not available until next meeting
4.10.20	Senate Academic Appeals and Integrity Committee	Late Paper
4.10.21	Third Party Provider Committee	Late Paper
4.10.22	Academic Senate Policy Committee	Late Paper
4.10.23	Multidisciplinary Teaching and Learning Committee Humanities, Arts and Social Science (HASS) Cluster	Not available until next meeting
4.10.24	Multidisciplinary Teaching and Learning Committee Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Cluster	Page 267
4.10.25	Multidisciplinary Teaching and Learning Committee Health and Medicine Cluster	Not available until next meeting

For Discussion and Noting.

4.11   2021 ACADEMIC SENATE ATTENDANCE RECORD (Annual Report)

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AS 22/01-4.11
Late Paper

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The purpose of this item is to provide the Academic Senate with a record of attendance at 2021 meetings of the Academic Senate.

For Noting.

4.12   ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS REPORT 2021   **AS 22/01-4.12**
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The purpose of this report is to notify Academic Senate of academic promotions in accordance with the *Western Sydney University Promotions Policies (Promotion – Academic Promotion Procedures)*.

For Noting.

4.13 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 13 April 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

5   FOR INFORMATION

No items**.**

6   NEXT MEETING

The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for **Friday, 29 April 2022**. Details regarding location will be advised closer to the meeting date.

Meeting dates for 2022 are as follows:
- 17 June
- 12 August
- 14 October
- 9 December.

Meetings commence at 9:30AM and conclude by 12:30PM.