

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



ACADEMIC SENATE

The next meeting (Meeting 21/03) of the Academic Senate of Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday 18 June 2021** at **9.30AM**, at the following Zoom hubs *and* via Zoom:

- Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02) (Chair location)
- Campbelltown, Building 22, level 2, room 39 (CA-22.2.39)
- Hawkesbury, Building H7, level G, room 15 (HW-H7.G.15)

The Zoom details for this meeting are:

Meeting ID: 852 7270 8657 - <https://uws.zoom.us/j/85272708657>

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AGENDA

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

☆ 1.1 INTRODUCTION, WELCOME, AND APOLOGIES

The Chair of Academic Senate, Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, will chair the meeting. The Chair will invite Fiona Towney, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education, Strategy and Consultation to open the meeting by acknowledging the Traditional Land Owners.

The Chair will welcome all members and attendees, with a specific mention to:

- Welcome to Professor Clare Pollock the University's new Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost.
- Congratulations to Hollie Hammond for her re-election as undergraduate student member.
- Welcome and congratulations to Bakar Mohamad the newly elected undergraduate student member.

At the time of writing, apologies had been received from: Professor Barney Glover, Professor Simon Barrie, Dr Nicolene Murdoch, Associate Professor Karen Soldatic, Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman, Associate Professor Matt McGuire, Professor Adam Possamai, and Professor Kate Stevens.

☆ 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 Report
- 3.4 The Future of International Education
- 3.5 National Priorities and Industry Linkage Funding (NPILF)
- 3.7.1 Question on Notice – Advanced Standing
- 3.9.2 Curriculum Design and Approvals (CDA) Policy – Implementation Update
- 3.9.3 Dual Award and Joint Research Higher Degrees Policy
- 3.9.4 Academic Appeals Procedures

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 21/03-1.6
Page 01

The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate meeting held on Friday 16 April 2021 (Meeting 21/02) have been circulated.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday 16 April 2021 (Meeting 21/02), as an accurate record.

- ☆ 1.7 **ACTION SHEET FROM LAST MEETING** **AS 21/03-1.7**
Page 014
- 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 **2020 ANNUAL REPORT - Resubmission** **AS 21/03-2.1**
Page 016

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.

All school reports were submitted to the 26 February meeting of Senate, the 2020 SAC Annual Report to Senate is resubmitted for noting, following corrections to the Chair/Deputy Dean during 2020.

For Noting.

- 2.2 **IMPACT OF PROGRESSION AND UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS
POLICY SUSPENSION** **AS 21/03-2.2**
Page 020

In response from an action arising from Senate Executive Meeting 21/04 on 12 March, a report is provided from Ms Lizette DeLacy, Director, Data Integrity, Quality & Operations. The purpose of this item is for Senate to assess the impact of the Progression and Unsatisfactory Progress policy suspension by reflecting on the number of students who have been on conditional enrolment for more than one teaching session.

For Noting.

3 GENERAL BUSINESS

- ☆ 3.1 **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR** **AS 21/03-3.1**
Page 021

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 16 April 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 9 June meeting of the Board of Trustees, is appended to the Chair's report.

For Discussion.

- ☆ 3.2 **REPORT FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR** **AS 21/03-3.2**
Page 026

The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended.

For Noting.

☆ 3.3 STUDENT REPORT

AS 21/03-3.3
Page 042

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

For Noting.

☆ 3.4 THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

A presentation will be provided on the future of international education.

For Discussion.

☆ 3.5 NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND INDUSTRY LINKAGE FUND (NPILF)

The purpose of this item is to discuss how the block grants allocated to Universities as part of the National Priorities and Industry Linkage Fund (NPILF) will be used.

For Discussion.

3.6 SCHOOL OF LAW REVIEW 2020

AS 21/03-3.6
Page 043

The purpose of this item is to notify Senate of the School of Law Review 2020 Panel Report and Action Plan.

For Noting.

3.7 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.

☆ 3.7.1 Advanced Standing

The purpose of this item is to seek clarification regarding the application of advanced standing based on previous work experience. It has been identified that academics are not consistently awarding advanced standing and there may be a policy gap in this space. Some schools use 'challenge assessments' to determine a student's capacity. A consistent approach was sought for assessing competency on the basis of previous work experience.

For Discussion

3.8 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. There are no hot topics for discussion at this meeting.

3.9 POLICY REVIEW

3.9.1 Policy Review Update

AS 21/03-3.9.1
Page 084

The purpose of this item is to notify Senate of the proposed policies to be prioritised for 2021 for consideration and progress by the Academic Senate Policy Committee.

For Noting.

☆ 3.9.2 Curriculum Design and Approvals (CDA) Policy – Implementation Update

AS 21/03-3.9.2
Page 091

The purpose of this item is to update Senate on the implementation of the CDA Policy and procedural documents: Curriculum Structure Procedures, Curriculum Approval Procedures and Curriculum Advice to Students Procedures.

For Noting and Discussion.

☆ 3.9.3 Dual Award and Joint Research Higher Degrees Policy

AS 21/03-3.9.3
Page 093

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Senate for the revised *Dual Award and Joint Research Higher Degrees Policy* (previously titled *Dual Award and Joint Higher Degrees Policy*).

It is recommended:

It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the revised and retitled Dual Award and Joint Research Higher Degrees Policy from the date of approval.

☆ 3.9.4 Academic Appeals Procedures

AS 21/03-3.9.4
Page 107

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Senate for the revised *Academic Appeals Procedures*.

It is recommended:

It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the revised Academic Appeals Procedures from the date of approval.

3.10 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.

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3.11 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

3.11.1 Donor Funded Scholarships

AS 21/03-3.11.1
Page 150

Academic Senate is requested to consider the following proposal for five new donor funded scholarships, prepared by the Office of Advancement:

- Dr Wayne Wai-Kung Wong Scholarship in Medicine
- Baxter Healthcare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship in Nursing
- Abergeldie Engineering Scholarship
- Hunt & Hunt Law Scholarship
- Bartier Perry Law Scholarship for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Women

It is recommended:

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

- *Dr Wayne Wai-Kung Wong Scholarship in Medicine*
- *Baxter Healthcare Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarship in Nursing*
- *Abergeldie Engineering Scholarship*
- *Hunt & Hunt Law Scholarship*
- *Bartier Perry Law Scholarship for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Women*

3.12 AWARDS OF THE UNIVERSITY MEDAL

There are no University Medals for noting at this meeting.

3.13 CONFERRAL OF GRADUANDS

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

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 21/03-4.1
Page 156

Senate Executive Committee conducted a meeting on Friday 14 May 2021 (Meeting 21/06). The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.2 RESEARCH COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.2
Page 161

The Research Committee met on 23 April 2021, the minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.3 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.3
Page 168

The Research Studies Committee met on Tuesday 13 April and Tuesday 11 May 2021. The de-identified minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.4 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.4
Page 184

Senate Education Committee met on Thursday 22 April 2021. The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.5 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND COURSES APPROVALS COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.5

Page 193

The Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee (APCAC) met on Tuesday 4 May 2021 (meeting 21/05) and Tuesday 1 June 2021 (meeting 21/06). The report will be provided as a late paper.

It is recommended:

That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4 May 2021 (meeting 21/05) and Tuesday 1 June 2021 (meeting 21/06) and approves the recommendations contained therein.

4.6 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.6

Page 284

The Senate Assessment Committee met on Tuesday 18 May 2021 (meeting 21/02). The unconfirmed minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.7 THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.7

Page 296

The College Academic Pathway Program Committee met on 25 March (WSTC21/03) and 6 May 2021 (WSTC21/04). The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.8 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.8

Page 315

The Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) met on Wednesday 12 May 2021. The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.9 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

AS 21/03-4.9

Page 322

The Third Party Provider Committee met on Thursday 8 April (meeting 21/01) and Tuesday 1 June (meeting 21/02). The minutes have been circulated.

For Noting.

4.10 GRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

AS 21/03-4.10

Page 330

Following endorsement by the Graduate Research School Academic Committee, the Terms of Reference for the Graduate Research School are provided to Academic Senate for approval.

It is recommended:

It is recommended that the Academic Senate approves the Terms of Reference for the Graduate Research School.

4.11 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 4 August 2021. 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/board_meetings

5 FOR INFORMATION

No items.

6 NEXT MEETING

The next Academic Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday 13 August 2021. Details regarding location will be advised closer to the meeting date.

Remaining meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:

- 13 August
- 15 October
- 10 December.

Meetings commence at 9.30AM and conclude by 12.30PM.