

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



## ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 23/02**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 14 April 2023** at **9:30AM**, at **Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02)**.

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## AGENDA

### 1. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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#### ☆ 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:

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

- Professor Barney Glover
- Mr Anthony Mitri (Dr Theresa Wyborn attending in place of)
- Professor Brian Stout (Professor Adam Possamai attending in place of)
- Professor Deborah Hatcher
- Professor Dennis Chang
- Dr Erin Mackenzie (on ADP Leave)
- Associate Professor Jacqueline Ullman (on ADP Leave)
- Associate Professor Liza Cubeddu
- Professor Michele Simons
- Professor Neil Merrett

In Attendance:

- Professor Miroslav Filipovic (Chair, Professoriate Leadership Group)
- Ms Allyson McDonald (Senior Governance Officer)
- Ms Jane Hutchison (University Secretary)
- Ms Jo Maguire, (Manager, Policy and Governance and Privacy Officer)
- Ms Shubha Devadasen (Associate Director, Office of Governance Services)

- Ms Sophie Buck (Director, Office of Governance Services)
- Ms Katie Aguilera (Manager, Academy, Scholarships and Partnerships)

## ☆ 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 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 3.1 – Chair’s Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor’s Report
- Item 3.5 – Academic Integrity Strategy
- Item 3.6 – 2022 Survey Results of Senate and its Standing Committees
- Item 3.7 – Learning Guide Data
- Item 3.9 – Academic Senate Policy Committee Update and Policy Review
- Item 3.10 – Approval of Scholarships

### **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**

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 scheduled meeting held on Friday, 24 February 2023, (meeting 23/01) are attached for confirmation.

### **For Confirmation.**

### **It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 24 February 2023, (meeting 23/01), 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**

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There is no business arising from previous meeting

**3. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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☆ 3.1 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 24 February 2023 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 12 April 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees, is appended to the Chair's report.

The Chairs of the Senate Standing Committees will also provide brief updates of the key developments from the committee.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

☆ 3.2 **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended. The Vice-Chancellor may speak to this report.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

**3.3 STUDENT REPORTS**

There are no student reports for this meeting.

**3.4 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS**

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

☆ 3.5 **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STRATEGY**

The Academic Integrity Strategy is essential for maintaining the reputation and integrity of the university, and it involves honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility in teaching, learning, and research. It is necessary to promote and assert an approach aimed at supporting academic integrity and ensuring the ongoing ethical professionalism of staff and students within and beyond the university.

The Academic Integrity Strategy has been circulated for approval by the Academic Senate.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate approves the Academic Integrity Strategy.*

☆ **3.6** [2022 SURVEY RESULTS OF SENATE AND ITS STANDING COMMITTEES](#)

The results of the survey on Academic Senate and its Standing Committees, conducted from 23 November - 16 December 2022 are available for discussion.

**For Discussion.**

☆ **3.7** **LEARNING GUIDE DATA**

At the December 2022 meeting of the Senate, the issue of Learning Guides being distributed to students after the commencement of the semester was raised. This item will review the Learning Guide data since the issue was raised.

**For Discussion.**

**3.8** [ACADEMIC SENATE WORK PLAN](#)

The Academic Senate 2023 Work Plan has been circulated to the Senate for noting.

**For Noting.**

☆ **3.9** **ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE & POLICY REVIEW**

**3.9.1** [ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE UPDATE](#)

The Academic Senate Policy Committee Update report is appended. Professor Clare Pollock may speak to this report.

**3.9.2** [STUDENT MISCONDUCT RULE](#)

The proposed changes in the revised version of the *Student Misconduct Rule* are listed within the appended papers.

**For Endorsement.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate endorses the revised Student Misconduct Rule and recommends to the Board of Trustees for approval.*

## ☆ 3.10 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

### 3.10.1 AMENDMENTS TO CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee is requested to consider and approve the amendments to the current Vice-Chancellor's Academic Excellence International Student Scholarship, as noted in the appended paper.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate approves the following proposed amendments to the Vice-Chancellor's Academic Excellence International Student Scholarship.*

### 3.10.2 NEW DONOR-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee is requested to approve the following new scholarships and amendments to current scholarships, as noted in the appended paper:

*New Scholarships (for approval):*

- Enza Zaden Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Dialysis Australia Clinical Placement Scholarships in Nursing
- Dialysis Australia Scholarships in Nursing
- Two Blues Charter Hall Scholarship

*Amendments to Current Scholarships (for approval):*

- Costa Group Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Perfection Fresh Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Protected Cropping Australia Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- AIS Greenworks Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Lynch Group Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Horticulture
- Flavorite Hydroponic Tomatoes Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Enid Helen Hort and Family Scholarship
- Hawkesbury Foundation George Bennett Memorial Food Scholarship
- Western Sydney Wanderers & BMD Group Indigenous Scholarship

*Amendment to Residency Statuses Eligible for Domestic Scholarships (for approval):*

- amendment to the residency statuses eligible for domestic scholarships, including New Zealand citizens eligible for HESC-HELP and FEE-HELP

*Updates to Scholarships Processes (for noting):*

- provides an update on the changes and improvements in the administration of domestic coursework scholarships

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate approves the following proposed new donor-funded scholarships:*

- Enza Zaden Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Dialysis Australia Clinical Placement Scholarships in Nursing
- Dialysis Australia Scholarships in Nursing
- Two Blues Charter Hall Scholarship

*And that the Academic Senate approves the amendment to residency statuses eligible for domestic scholarships*

*And that the Academic Senate approves the amendments to the following current scholarships:*

- Costa Group Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Perfection Fresh Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Protected Cropping Australia Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- AIS Greenworks Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Protected Cropping
- Lynch Group Scholarship for Emerging Leaders in Horticulture
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- Enid Helen Hort and Family Scholarship
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**3.11 APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE CHANGES**

There are no Terms of Reference changes for approval.

**3.12 POSTHUMOUS AWARDS**

There are no posthumous awards for noting.

**4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

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**4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Reports from the below Senate Executive meetings are attached for noting by members:

- Meeting 23/01 consisting of the following items:
  - Endorsement of Dr Ana Rodas as Deputy Chair of the Senate Education Committee.
  - 2022 Survey Results for Senate and its standing committees.
  - Senates 2023 priorities.

**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 29 March 2023 (meeting 23/02) is appended.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meeting held on 29 March 2023 (23/02) and approves the recommendations contained therein.*

#### **4.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

There have been no new meetings of the Senate Education Committee since the last meeting of the Academic Senate.

#### **4.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

The minutes from the meeting of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 21 February 2023 are not available for distribution and will be circulated at the next meeting of Senate.

#### **4.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

The minutes from the meeting of the Research Committee held on 2 February 2023 are not available for distribution and will be circulated at the next meeting of Senate.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE**

##### **4.6.1 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE 23 01 – 7 FEBRUARY 2023**

The following confirmed minutes of the 7 February 2023 meeting of Research Studies Committee are appended for noting by the Senate.

**For Noting.**

##### **4.6.2 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE 23 02 – 7 MARCH 2023**

The following confirmed minutes of the 7 March 2023 meeting of Research Studies Committee are appended for noting by the Senate.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE**

The Report of the meeting of the Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) held on 1 March 2023 (meeting 23/01) is appended.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.8 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE**

The Third-Party Provider Committee (TPPC) met on 1 February 2023 (Meeting 23/01). The unconfirmed minutes are appended.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.9 THE COLLEGE ACADEMIC PATHWAY PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

The following confirmed minutes of the meetings of the College Academic Pathway Program Committee are appended for noting by the Senate:

- Confirmed minutes of e-meeting 23/01 held on 9 February 2023

**For Noting.**

#### **4.10 2022 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.

**For Noting.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Committee</b>
4.10.1	<a href="#">School of Medicine SAC</a>
4.10.2	<a href="#">School of Social Sciences SAC</a>
4.10.3	<a href="#">School of Law SAC</a>
4.10.4	<a href="#">School of Humanities and Communication Arts SAC</a>
4.10.5	<a href="#">Graduate Research School SAC</a>
4.10.6	<a href="#">Research Studies Committee</a>

#### **4.11 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for 13 June 2023. 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](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/about_uws/leadership/board_of_trustees)

#### **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

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If raised at the meeting.

## 6. NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (23/03) will be on 16 June 2023 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2023 are as follows:

- 23/03 – 16 June 2023
- 23/04 – 11 August 2023
- 23/05 – 13 October 2023
- 23/06 – 8 December 2023