WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 23/03**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday, 16 June 2023** at, **9:30AM**, at, **Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).**

For apologies and enquiries, contact Georgia Vasiliadis by email at: ███████████████

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:

New members:
- Mr Bowen Fucile, elected student member (Undergraduate)
- Ms Sirjan "Cookie" Sidhu, elected student member (Undergraduate)
- Mx Vicky-Rae Reed, elected student member (Disability Representative)
- Professor Miroslav Filipovic, nominated academic staff member replacing elected staff member Level D-E for School of Science (due to resignation of Associate Professor Liza Cubbedu)
- Associate Professor Liesel Spencer, nominated academic staff member replacing elected staff member Level D-E for School of Law (due to resignation of Professor Catherine Renshaw)

Acting Deans:
- Associate Professor Gary Dennis, School of Science
- Professor Tony Rossi, School of Health Sciences
- Dr Rachel Bentley, School of Humanities and Communication Arts

At the time of writing, apologies had been received from:
- Professor Graciela Metternicht
- Professor Gregory Kolt

- Professor Matt McGuire
- Dr Erin Mackenzie

In Attendance:
- Emeritus Professor Paul Wormell
- 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)

☆ 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 – 2022 Survey Results of Senate and its Standing Committees
- Item 3.1 – Chair's Report
- Item 3.2 – Vice Chancellor's Report
- Item 3.4 – TEQSA Steering Group update
- Item 3.5 – Education Quality Assurance Reporting to Senate Education Committee
- Item 3.7 - Student Management System Update
- Item 3.9 – Academic Senate Policy Committee Update and Policy Review

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 April 2023, (meeting 23/02) are attached for confirmation.

For Confirmation.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday, 14 April 2023, (meeting 23/02), 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 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.

2.2 ACADEMIC INTEGRITY STRATEGY

The Academic Integrity Strategy was approved subject to amendments at the last meeting of Senate. The revised strategy document is appended 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 April 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 13 June 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 will speak to this report.

For Discussion and Noting.

☆3.3   STUDENT REPORT

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

For Noting.

☆3.4   TEQSA STEERING GROUP UPDATE

The TEQSA Steering Group is working towards preparing the University for the TEQSA accreditation review scheduled for 2025. Emeritus Professor Paul Wormell is currently leading this group and will present an update.

Presentation and Discussion.

☆ 3.5   EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTING TO SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The internal audit report on Education Quality Assurance reporting to Senate Education Committee is appended with a briefing paper. The Chair of the Academic Senate will speak to this report.

For Noting.

3.6   QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS

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

☆ 3.7   STUDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM UPDATE

The presentation will be made by Ms Libby Hughan, Senior Manager, Student Systems.

Presentation and Discussion.

3.8   SCHOOL OF SCIENCE REVIEW

The School of Science was reviewed in 2022 as part of the University's cycle of School Reviews. The School of Science Review 2022 Panel Report, and School of Science Review Action Plan are circulated for noting by the Senate.

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. Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost will speak to this report.

3.9.2 MICROCREDENTIAL PROCEDURES

The proposed *Microcredentials Procedures* are listed within the appended papers. Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost will speak to this paper.

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the draft Microcredential Procedures from the date of publication.

3.9.3 LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES POLICY

The proposed changes in the revised version of the *Learning Technologies Policy* are listed within the appended papers. Pro Vice-Chancellor Learning Futures may speak to this paper.

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the revised Learning Technologies Policy from the date of publication.

3.9.4 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COURSEWORK STUDENTS POLICY

The proposed changes in the revised version of the *Scholarships for Coursework Students Policy* are listed within the appended papers. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Advancement may speak to this paper.

For Endorsement.

It is recommended.

That Academic Senate endorse the revised and renamed Scholarships for Coursework Students Policy (previously Scholarships for Undergraduates Policy) to be progressed to the Vice-Chancellor for approval.

3.9.5 DISRUPTION TO STUDIES POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The proposed changes in the revised version of the *Disruption to Studies Policy and Disruption to Studies Procedures* are listed within the appended papers. Director, Data Integrity, Quality and Operations may speak to this paper.

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate approves the revised Disruption to Studies Policy and Disruption to Studies Procedures from the date of approval.

3.10   APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS

3.10.1 DONOR-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee is requested to approve the following new donor funded scholarships and amendments to current donor funded scholarships, as noted in the appended paper. Pro Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Advancement may speak to this paper.

New Scholarships (for approval):
- Genea Scholarship in Science
- Steglick Indigenous Women's Scholarship
- Dean's Western Sydney Local Health District Master of Art Therapy Indigenous Scholarship
- Berg Family Foundation Scholarship for Refugee Students

Amendments to Current Scholarships (for approval):
- Hawkesbury City Council Scholarship
- Dr Jennifer Fraser Yarramundi Scholarship

For Approval.

It is recommended:
The Academic Senate review and approve recommendations in as noted in the appended paper for:
New Scholarships:
- Genea Scholarship in Science
- Steglick Indigenous Women's Scholarship
- Dean's Western Sydney Local Health District Master of Art Therapy Indigenous Scholarship
- Berg Family Foundation Scholarship for Refugee Students

Amendments to Current Scholarships:

- Hawkesbury City Council Scholarship
- Dr Jennifer Fraser Yarramundi Scholarship

3.10.2 UNIVERISTY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee is requested to approve the amendments to an existing university-funded scholarship, as noted in the appended paper:
- Fast Forward Scholarship

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That the Academic Senate review and approve the recommendations as noted in the appended paper.

3.11 APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES TERMS OF REFERENCE CHANGES

The purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of Academic Senate for the revised Terms of Reference and membership for the Third Party Provider Committee.

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That the Academic Senate approves the revised Third Party Provider Committee memberships as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

3.12 POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

There are no posthumous awards for noting.

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

4.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Report from the below Senate Executive meetings is attached for noting by members:
- Meeting 23/02 consisting of the following items:
  - Endorsement of Associate Professor Ann Dadich as Deputy Chair of the Senate Research Committee.
  - Approval of amendments to the Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference.

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 3 May 2023 (meeting 23/03 is appended).

For Approval.

It is recommended:
That Academic Senate notes the report of the Academic Planning and Courses Approvals Committee meeting held on 3 May 2023 (23/03) and approves the recommendations contained therein.

4.3   SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee held on 27 April 2023 (Meeting 23/01) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.4   SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

The confirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 21 February 2023 (Meeting 23/02) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.5   RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The report of the Research Committee meeting held on 5 April 2023 (Meeting 23/02) is appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.6   RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee held on 9 May 2023 (Meeting 23/04) are appended for noting by the Senate.

For Noting.

4.7   ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE

The unconfirmed minutes of the Academic Senate Policy Committee (ASPC) held on 3 May 2023 (Meeting 23/02) are appended.

For Noting.

4.8   THIRD PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE

The Third-Party Provider Committee (TPPC) met on 5 April (Meeting 23/02). 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 23/02 held on 20 – 24 March 2023
- Confirmed minutes of meeting 23/03 held on 20 April 2023

For Noting.

4.10   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

5.   OTHER BUSINESS

If raised at the meeting.

6.   NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Academic Senate Committee (23/04) will be on 11 August 2023 at 9:30am at Parramatta South Campus, Boardroom 1 (PS-EB.2.02).

The remaining meetings scheduled for 2023 are as follows:
- 23/04 – 11 August 2023
- 23/05 – 13 October 2023
- 23/06 – 8 December 2023