

# WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



## ACADEMIC SENATE

The meeting (**Meeting 25/06**) of the Academic Senate, Western Sydney University will be held on **Friday 5 December 2025** at, **9:30AM**, at <https://uws.zoom.us/j/84663133860>.

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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 Ms Jess Gleeson, Director, Data Integrity, Quality & Operations and Registrar.

*Western Sydney University acknowledge that today's meeting is being held on the country of the Burramattagal People of the Darug Nation People and acknowledge their ancestors who have been Traditional Custodians of their country for tens of thousands of years. Western Sydney University also wishes to acknowledge and pay our respects to Elders past and present.*

The Chair will welcome all members and attendees.

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

Professor Saba Bebawi, Dean, School of Humanities and Communication Arts

Professor Hind Benbya, Dean, School of Business

Professor Dennis Chang, Director, NICM, representing the University's Research Institutes

Professor Ann Dadich, School of Business (Level D, E Representative)

Dr Nicolene Murdoch, Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Global Partnerships and Transnational Education

Professor Samantha Liyanapathirana, School of Engineering, Design and Built Environment (Level D, E Representative)

Associate Professor Alexie Papanicolaou, University Research Institutes Representative

Professor Awais Piracha, School of Social Sciences (Level D, E Representative)

Professor Alpha Possamai-Inesedy, Pro Vice-Chancellor Student Success

Ms Fiona Salisbury, Executive Director, Library Services

Dr Ataus Samad, School of Business (Level A, B, C Representative)

Associate Professor Liesel Spencer, School of Law (Level D or E Representative)

Professor Michelle Trudgett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership

Professor Gabrielle Weidemann, Interim Dean, School of Psychology

Professor Juan Francisco Salazar Sutil, Interim Director ICS, will attend on behalf of Professor Dennis Chang.

In Attendance:

Ms Shubha Devadasen, Associate Director, Office of Governance Services, Secretariat  
Distinguished Professor Brian Falzon, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering,  
Computing and Science (ECS)

Ms Julia Haremza, Director of Risk and Resilience

Professor Sarah Lewis, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health

Mr Philip Maloney, University General Counsel

Professor Freya MacMillan, Associate Pro Vice-Chancellor Research

Ms Georgia Vasiliadis, Senior Governance Officer

## ☆ 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 Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee
- Item 2.4 Standing Committee Structure and Terms of Reference
- Item 2.5 Special Considerations Policy
- Item 2.6 Higher Degree by Research Examination Procedures
- Item 2.7 Research Quality Indicators
- Item 2.8 External Member of Academic Senate
- Item 3.1 Academic Careers at Western: Towards Trust and Autonomy in Academic Workloads
- Item 4.1 Chair's Report
- Item 4.2 Vice Chancellor's Report
- Item 4.3 Provost Report
- Item 4.4 Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education and Students Report
- Item 4.5 Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation Report
- Item 4.6 Student Report
- Item 4.7 Quality Indicators on Education
- Item 4.13 Questions on Notice/Hot Topics
- Item 4.14 Research Strategy Green Paper

### **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 10 October 2025 (meeting 25/05) are attached for confirmation.

**For Confirmation.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate confirms the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Friday 10 October 2025 (meeting 25/05) 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) and the 2025 Forward Planner are attached.

Members are requested to report on any developments in relation to the items.

## 2. APPROVALS

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#### ☆ 2.1 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.1, 6.3.1a, c, 6.3.2c, d, f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 2, 3*

The Committee is requested to review the curriculum items for consideration at this meeting via the Curriculum Management Platform (CMP), [CMP Meeting Book](#).

##### 2.1.1 PROPOSAL-19114 SOSS PROGRAMS FOR SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUATION FROM AUTUMN 2026

**For Noting.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 19114 and:*

*a) notes the SoSS Programs for Suspension and Discontinuation from Autumn 2026.*

**2.1.2 PROPOSAL-19115 SOP PROGRAMS FOR SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUATION FROM QUARTER 4, 2025**

**For Noting.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 19115 and:*

*a) notes the SoP Programs for Suspension and Discontinuation from Quarter 4, 2025.*

**2.1.3 PROPOSAL-19068 SOHCA PROGRAMS FOR SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUATION FROM AUTUMN 2026**

**For Noting.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 19068 and:*

*notes the SoHCA Programs for Suspension and Discontinuation from Autumn 2026.*

**2.1.4 PROPOSAL-19048 MULTIPLE SOCDMS PROGRAMS FOR SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUATION FROM AUTUMN 2026**

**For Noting.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 19048 and:*

*a) notes the SoCDMS Programs for Suspension and Discontinuation from Autumn 2026.*

**2.1.5 PROPOSAL-19050 MULTIPLE DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMS FOR SUSPENSION AND DISCONTINUATION FROM AUTUMN 2026**

**For noting.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 19050 and:*

*a) notes the SoL Programs for Suspension and Discontinuation from Autumn 2026.*

**2.1.6 PROPOSAL-18871 BACHELOR OF DESIGN**

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 18871 and:*

*a) approves the new program and program discontinuations.*

## **2.1.7 PROPOSAL-19051 BACHELOR OF HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND SPORT**

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate considers proposal 19051 and:  
a) approves the program discontinuations.*

## **2.2 APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 2.2.1, 2.2.2, 6.3.1b, c, 6.3.2b, d  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

The Committee is requested to consider and approve the following new donor-funded scholarships, consider and approve the amendments to the following existing scholarships and consider and approve the following new donor-funded grant.

*New Donor-Funded Scholarships for Approval*

- Anthony Cowley and Margaret June Cowley Scholarships in Accounting

*Amendments to Existing Scholarships*

- Perera Foundation Scholarship
- Sydney Zoo Indigenous Scholarship
- Professor B Bhaskara Rao Memorial Scholarship
- Two Blues Charter Hall Scholarship
- Ray White Commercial Western Sydney Scholarship

*New Donor Funded Prizes*

- The Lighthouse Club's Women in Construction Award
- The Lighthouse Club's Construction Award - Indigenous Student
- Occupational Therapy Australia Prize
- Professor Guikang Wei Award for Excellence
- Hon Brian Sully AM QC Memorial Prize
- Professor Deborah Hatcher Memorial UAIN Prize
- Professor Deborah Hatcher Memorial Prize for Enrolled Nurse program

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*The Academic Senate review and approve the proposed new scholarships, amendments to existing scholarships and new donor funded prizes for immediate execution.*

## **2.3 GRADUAND LISTS, UNIVERSITY MEDALS AND POSTHUMOUS AWARDS**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 1.5.1, 1.5.2, 1.5.3, 1.5.4, 6.2.1h  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

### **2.3.1 OCTOBER CONFERRAL OF UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

The Chair of Academic Senate approved and noted the October conferral of University Awards on 21 October 2025 (meeting e25/04).

**It was resolved (e25/04: 01):**

*The Chair of Academic Senate:*

- i. *Approved the award of degrees with distinction to graduands listed Attachment A – Graduands for awards with distinction.*
- ii. *Approved the award of the University Medal to the graduates listed in Attachment B – Graduates to be awarded the University Medal.*
- iii. *Noted the conferral of awards to graduates with pass or honours coursework degrees as listed in Attachment C - Graduates with pass and honours coursework degrees approved within SAC delegation.*
- iv. *Noted the conferral of awards to graduates with a research degree as listed in Attachment D - Graduates with research degrees approved within RSC delegation.*

**For Noting.**

**2.3.2 AWARDING OF UNIVERSITY MEDAL**

The Chair of Academic Senate approved the awarding on a University Medal on 23 October 2025 (meeting e25/05).

**It was resolved (e25/05: 01):**

*The Chair of Academic Senate approved the award of the University Medal to the graduate listed in Attachment A – Graduate to be awarded the University Medal.*

**For Noting.**

**2.3.3 DECEMBER CONFERRAL OF UNIVERSITY AWARDS**

This paper seeks approval from Senate to confer awards to students identified in the December conferral and provides list of conferred students for noting.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*The Academic Senate:*

- i. *approve the award of degrees with distinction to graduands listed Attachment A – Graduands for awards with distinction.*
- ii. *note the conferral of awards to graduates with pass or honours coursework degrees as listed in Attachment C - Graduates with pass and honours coursework degrees approved within SAC delegation.*
- iii. *note the conferral of awards to graduates with a research degree as listed in Attachment D - Graduates with research degrees approved within RSC delegation.*

**2.3.4 POSTHUMOUS AWARD**

*Higher Education Standard(s) Satisfied: 1.5, 6.2.1h*

There are no posthumous awards for noting.

## ☆ 2.4 STANDING COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-d, 6.3.2.b, 6.3.3  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6*

### 2.4.1 FACULTY BOARDS

Professor Kevin Dunn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Transformation, to present the Faculty Board structure and the Terms of Reference for these committees to Academic Senate.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate approve:*

- *the Terms of Reference and Memberships of the Faculty/Institute Research Board, Faculty/Institute Higher Degree Research Board, Faculty/Institute Academic Board, and Urgent Business Committee of Faculty/Institute Academic Board, as sub-committees of Academic Senate;*
- *amendments to the Graduate Research School Academic Committee TOR and membership; and*
- *the discontinuation of School Academic Committees, School Research and Higher Degree Research Committees, as sub-committees of Academic Senate.*

### 2.4.2 RESTRUCTURING UNIVERSITY-LEVEL STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE

A paper to ask the approval of Academic Senate of the proposed restructuring of University-level standing committees of the Academic Senate, implementing recommendations of the report of external review of Academic Governance (MinterEllison Report). Professor Robert Mailhammer, Chair Academic Senate to speak to this paper.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate approves*

- *the disestablishment of the Academic Senate Policy Committee and the Research Studies Committee;*
- *the Terms of Reference of the Assessment Committee, the Coursework Program Committee, the Research Committee and the Senate Education Committee.*

## ☆ 2.5 SPECIAL CONSIDERATION POLICY

*Higher Education Standard(s): 2.2.1, 2.2.3, 6.1.3d, 6.3.2.a  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2, 3*

A paper to seek approval from Academic Senate for the new Special Consideration Policy. Ms Jess Gleeson, Director, Data Integrity, Quality & Operations and Registrar to speak to this paper.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That Academic Senate approves the Special Consideration Policy for implementation from 1 January 2026, and the consequential retirement of the Disruption to Studies*

*Policy, Disruption to Studies Procedures, Extension Guidelines and the Assessment Extensions for Students with an ARAP.*

☆ **2.6 HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH EXAMINATION PROCEDURES**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 4.2.1.d-e  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 6*

Multiple changes at Western and more broadly have required a review and revision of Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Examination Procedures at Western. The paper summarises the background and proposes new HDR examination procedures for information, discussion and endorsement at Academic Senate. Professor Jeff Powell to speak to this paper.

**For Discussion and Endorsement.**

**Recommendation:**

*That Academic Senate review and endorse the proposed HDR examination procedures.*

☆ **2.7 RESEARCH QUALITY INDICATORS**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1.a-b, 6.3.2.e+h  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1*

A paper to inform Senate's consideration of research performance reporting to acquit its responsibilities under the Higher Education Standards Framework (HESF). Professor Ian Anderson, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Enterprise may speak to this item

**For Discussion and Endorsement.**

**Recommendation:**

*That Academic Senate review and endorse the proposed indicators for reporting and their cadence.*

☆ **2.8 EXTERNAL MEMBER OF ACADEMIC SENATE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-d  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

A paper to ask the approval of Academic Senate to appoint Emeritus Professor David Cohen as External Member of the Academic Senate implementing a recommendation of the report of external review of Academic Governance (MinterEllison Report). Professor Robert Mailhammer, Chair of Academic Senate to speak to this item.

**For Approval.**

**It is recommended:**

*That the Academic Senate approves the appointment of Emeritus Professor David Cohen as External Member of the Academic Senate of Western Sydney University.*

### **3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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#### **☆ 3.1 ACADEMIC CAREERS AT WESTERN: TOWARDS TRUST AND AUTONOMY IN ACADEMIC WORKLOADS**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 4.1.2, 4.2.3  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5*

Professor Kevin Dunn, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic Transformation to speak to this paper.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

### **4. GENERAL BUSINESS**

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#### **☆ 4.1 CHAIR'S REPORT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

A written report from the Chair covering activities undertaken on behalf of the Senate since 10 October 2025 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 and Noting.**

#### **☆ 4.2 VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

The Vice-Chancellor's Report is appended. Distinguished Professor George Williams AO, Vice-Chancellor and President, will speak to this report.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

#### **☆ 4.3 PROVOST REPORT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

Professor Deborah Sweeney, Provost will provide a verbal update.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

#### **☆ 4.4 DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR EDUCATION AND STUDENTS REPORT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education and Students' Report is appended. Professor Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education and Students will speak to this report.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

☆ 4.5 **PRO VICE-CHANCELLOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION REPORT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1, 6.3.2*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

Professor Ian Anderson, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation will provide a verbal report.

☆ 4.6 **STUDENT REPORT**

*Higher Education Standard(s) :6.3.3*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 3*

The report from the Higher Degrees Research Student Representative, Mr Prasad Perera is attached.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

☆ 4.7 **QUALITY INDICATORS FOR EDUCATION**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.3.7, 6.2.1.c+f, 6.3.1.a-b, 6.3.2.e-h*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5*

A paper to propose a set of quality indicators for education that Senate can consider through its appropriate sub-committees, for reporting and advice to Academic Senate and the Board of Trustees. Professor Maryanne Dever, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Education and Students to speak to this paper.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

4.8 **TEQSA RE-REGISTRATION ACTION PLAN AND SELF-ASSURANCE CYCLE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.1-4, 6.2.1, 6.3.1-3*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1*

To provide Academic Senate with an update on (1) the action plan resulting from the University's TEQSA re-registration application, and (2) Western's post-renewal approach to self-assurance.

**For Noting.**

4.9 **TEQSA RISK ASSESSMENT**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.1.3a, 6.2.1a+c+e, 6.3.1d*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1*

A paper to provide Academic Senate with the 2024 TEQSA Risk Assessment for Western Sydney University. Professor Cath Ellis, Pro Vice-Chancellor Quality and Integrity and Ms Rose Cutts, Director, Education, Quality and Policy may speak to this item.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.10 ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 3.2.2-3*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 5*

A written report provided to the Academic Senate in accordance with the Western Sydney University Promotions Policies.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

#### **4.11 2024 THIRD PARTY PROVIDER ANNUAL QUALITY REVIEW REPORTS PART B – SUMMARY**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.4.2, 6.3.1a, 6.3.1d, 6.3.2d*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1,3*

The 2024 Third Party Provider Annual Quality Review Reports Part B – Summary is appended for noting.

**For Noting.**

#### **4.12 UPDATE FROM SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a, b, c, 6.3.2d-f*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

There are no Updates from Schools and Institutes.

#### **☆ 4.13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/HOT TOPICS**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1.a, 6.3.1.b, 6.3.2.g*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3*

Distinguished Professor Anthony Uhlmann to speak to this question.

#### **☆ 4.14 RESEARCH STRATEGY GREEN PAPER**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 4.1.1-2, 6.1.3.c, 6.3.1.a, 6.3.2.d+h*

*Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5, 6*

A green paper and the Research Strategy focussed on Western Sydney University's research performance across publications, income, on-time HDR completions and rankings. Professor Ian Anderson, Pro Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation to speak to this paper.

**For Discussion and Noting.**

### **5. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES**

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

## **5.1 SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a, 6.3.1d, 6.3.2d  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 3*

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Executive Committee meeting held on 7 November 2025 (meeting 25/01) are appended for noting by members and consisted of the following items:

### **Division Reporting to Academic Senate and Quality Metrics/Benchmarks**

The committee agreed that the reporting framework and benchmarking criteria should remain flexible and adaptive. The aim is to enable meaningful analysis, institutional accountability, and informed decision-making, while avoiding unnecessary complexity or workload.

### **Student Administration Policy Suite**

Review and approval of the Student Administration Policy and associated procedures for implementation on 1 January 2026.

### **Subject Discontinuation Consideration at School Academic Committees (SAC)**

The Committee discussed concerns about the timing of subject discontinuation notifications to SACs, noting instances where notifications occurred less than six months before the next intake. It was clarified that approvals were made by Deans within policy timeframes, and the delay was due to SAC scheduling, with agreement to maintain consistency with policy intent going forward.

## **5.2 ACADEMIC PLANNING AND CURRICULUM APPROVALS COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.2.1, 6.3.1a, c, 6.3.2c, d, f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 2, 3*

The confirmed minutes of the Academic Planning and Curriculum Approvals Committee (APCAC) meeting held on 28 October 2025 (meeting 25/09) are appended for noting.

**For Noting.**

## **5.3 SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-d, 6.3.2d-f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3*

The confirmed minutes of the Senate Education Committee held on 16 October 2025 (meeting 25/07) are appended for noting.

**For Noting.**

## **5.4 SENATE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-d, 6.3.2e-f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 5*

The unconfirmed minutes of the Senate Assessment Committee held on 18 November 2025 (meeting 25/06) are appended for noting.

**For Noting.**

**5.5 RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-, 6.3.2e-f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 6*

There are no Research Committee minutes for noting.

**5.6 RESEARCH STUDIES COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 6.3.1a-, 6.3.2e-f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1, 3, 6*

The delegations report of the Research Studies Committee for January to June 2025 is appended.

The confirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meetings held on 7 October 2025 (Meeting 25/13), and on 21 October 2025 (Meeting 25/14) and the unconfirmed minutes of the Research Studies Committee meeting held on 11 November 2025 (meeting 25/15) are appended for noting by the Senate.

**For Noting.**

**5.7 ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.2.1, 6.3.1a-c, 6.3.2.d-f  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 2*

There are no Academic Senate Policy Committee minutes for noting.

**5.8 THIRD-PARTY PROVIDER COMMITTEE**

*Higher Education Standard(s): 5.4.2, 6.3.1a, 6.3.1d, 6.3.2d  
Mitigation against risk(s) in Academic Senate Risk Register: 1,3*

There are no Third-Party Provider Committee minutes for noting.

**5.9 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday 19 February 2026.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

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If raised at the meeting.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

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This is the last meeting of Academic Senate for 2025.

The meetings scheduled for 2026 is as follows:

- 26/01 – Friday 6 March 2026
- 26/02 – Friday 8 May 2026
- 26/03 – Friday 3 July 2026
- 26/04 – Friday 11 September 2026
- 26/05 – Friday 11 December 2026.