

Membership of the Academic Senate 2025

Chair			
President Academic Senate		Associate Professor Marcus Rodrigs	31/12/2027
a. Ex-Officio Members			
i.	Vice-Chancellor	Professor Alex Zelinsky AO	Ex-officio
ii.	Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement and Equity)	Mr Nathan Towney	Ex-officio
iii.	Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)	Professor Belinda Tynan	Ex-officio
iv.	Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)	Professor Zee Upton	Ex-officio
v.	College Pro Vice-Chancellors	Professor Robert Greenberg	CHSF Ex-officio
		Professor Craig Simmons	CESE Ex-officio
		Professor Lisa Wood	CHMW Ex-officio
vi.	Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience)	Professor Susan Ledger	Ex-officio
vii.	Academic Registrar Representative	Mr John Radvan	Ex-officio
viii.	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education Innovation)	Professor Steven Warburton	Ex-officio
ix.	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)	Professor Juanita Todd	Ex-officio
x.	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry and Engagement)	Mr Warwick Dawson	Ex-officio
xi.	Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic Excellence)	VACANT	Ex-officio
xii.	Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Leadership)	Mrs Loren Collyer	Ex-officio
xiii.	Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre	Associate Professor Anna Bennett	Ex-officio
xiv.	Dean of Graduate Research	Professor Kylie Shaw	Ex-officio
xv.	Chief Executive Officer of NAIHE (Singapore)	Professor Abhisek Bhati	Ex-officio
b. Elected Staff Members			
i.	Three academic staff members (Level A, B or C) elected from each College by the academic staff at that level within that College	Dr Kate Ferguson-Patrick	CHSF 31/12/2026
		A/Prof Elizabeth Roberts-Pedersen	CHSF 31/12/2025
		Dr Bin Li	CHSF 31/12/2026
		Dr Kyle Harrison	CESE 31/12/2026
		Dr Joseph Pegler	CESE 31/12/2025
		Mr Nathan West	CESE 31/12/2025
		Dr Cameron Younger	CHMW 31/12/2026
		Dr Jude Weidenhofer	CHMW 31/12/2025
		Dr Rachael Unicomb	CHMW 31/12/2026
ii.	Three academic staff members (Level D or E) elected from each College by the academic staff at that level within that College	A/Professor Nancy Cushing (DPAS R*)	CHSF 31/12/2025
		Professor Jesper Gulddal (DPAS TL*)	CHSF 31/12/2026
		Professor Marianna Sigala	CHSF 31/12/2026
		A/Professor Terrence Summers	CESE 31/12/2026
		Professor James McCoy	CESE 31/12/2025
		A/Professor Michelle Kelly	CESE 31/12/2026
		Professor Vanessa Murphy	CHMW 31/12/2026
		A/Professor Daphne James	CHMW 31/12/2025
		Professor Allison Cummins	CHMW 31/12/2025

iii. Two academic staff members from the elected members of each College Board elected by the College Board;	VACANT	CHSF	31/12/2025
	A/Professor Angela Page	CHSF	31/12/2026
	Dr Boyang Li	CESE	31/12/2026
	Maria Cano Dominguez	CESE	31/12/2025
	Dr Shep Chidarikire	CHMW	31/12/2025
	Professor Amanda Dawson	CHMW	31/12/2025
iv. Two academic staff member from the Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre elected by the academic staff from that Centre	Dr Michelle Mansfield		31/12/2025
	Dr Annika Westrenius		31/12/2026
v. One Academic (Level D or E) [Non-Newcastle Campus] and elected by academic staff members based at a campus or premises other than the Newcastle Campuses	A/Professor Troy Gaston		31/12/2026
vi. One academic (Level A or B or C) [Non-Newcastle Campus] and elected by academic staff members based at a campus or premises other than the Newcastle Campuses	Dr Joyleen Christensen		31/12/2026

Elected Student Members

c. Three enrolled undergraduate students, one of whom must be from a University location other than Newcastle Campuses, elected by the University's undergraduate student body	Ms Jennifer Lowe	31/12/2025
	Ms Imogen Reid	31/12/2025
	VACANT	31/12/2025
d. One Postgraduate Coursework Student	Ms Anushka Karki	31/12/2025
d. ii. One Postgraduate HDR Student	VACANT	31/12/2025
e. One International Student	VACANT	31/12/2025
f. One Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Student	Ms Amelia Devine	31/12/2025

g. Up to Four Additional Members

Up to four additional academic staff or student members selected from within the University to provide for inclusiveness in the membership of the Academic Senate in regard to aspects such as gender, Indigenous representation, location and academic unit of the University	Nil	
	Nil	
	Nil	
	Nil	

h. Rights of Audience and Debate

The University Secretary and the Director, Strategy Planning and Performance will have standing Rights of Audience and Debate at all meetings of Academic Senate	University Secretary	Mrs Dianne Allen
	Director, Strategy Planning and Performance	Mr Joel Palmer

Quorum

	Membership Number	Vacancies	Total
Ex-Officio Members	17	1	16
Elected Members	36	4	32
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	53	5	48

*DPAS TL and DPAS Research two-year terms expire 31/12/2025. DPAS positions are contingent on continued membership.