

Functions of Academic Senate

These functions are outlined in the [Governance Rule](#).

The Academic Senate has the following functions that include, for the purposes of clause 18(f) of the By-Law and Schedule 1 to this Rule, the teaching and learning, research, and research training (academic) governance functions as described in the Higher Education Standards Framework Threshold Standards (HESF):

Item	Academic Senate Assurance Summary
a)	act as the principal advisory committee to the Council and Vice-Chancellor to provide academic leadership advice, reporting and compliance assurance on academic governance and standards, and oversight of academic risk processes;
b)	provide appropriate academic input to the University's strategic plan;
c)	act as the principal academic forum for discussion and deliberation of academic matters through informed and open discussion;
d)	critically evaluate the quality and effectiveness of educational innovations or proposals for innovations (based on HESF);
e)	jointly manage effective and targeted two-way communication between the Academic Senate, Council, senior executive, committees and the wider University community on academic activities and relevant academic standards across the University;
f)	consider any relevant teaching and learning and/or research and research training proposal made by any college, school, or board, at or in connection with the University, including providing general advice on academic priorities;
g)	approve new programs and/or awards that meet self-accreditation requirements, having been satisfied of effective quality assurance of new program design and consistency of processes;
h)	ensure that existing and established programs are regularly monitored, reviewed and updated for continuous improvement, utilising internal and external advice/input where appropriate;
i)	approve, monitor and review the development of academic policies and other high-level procedural documentation as appropriate, and oversees their effectiveness and implementation;
j)	maintain oversight of academic integrity including monitoring for potential risks;
k)	review required performance reports and survey outcomes in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the University's academic and research monitoring and review systems, including endorsing internal and external institutional benchmarking to support best practice;
l)	maintain standing orders for the Academic Senate and its committees;
m)	determine the structure and functions of Academic Senate committees;
n)	monitor, review and recommend updates to the Delegation of Academic Matters to align with the academic policy framework and ensure effective and consistent implementation across the University;
o)	conduct regular self-evaluation (reviews) of the effectiveness of academic governance and monitoring systems; and
p)	exercise the authorities delegated to the Academic Senate by the Council under Schedule 1.