AGENDA (Showing Estimated Timing)

Date: **Tuesday, 17 November 2026**
Time: **9:30am**
Venue: **Council Room, IDC106, Industry Development Centre, Callaghan**

Chair:

Associate Professor Marcus Rodrigs - (President of Academic Senate)

Ex-Officio Members:

Professor Alex Zelinsky AO - (Vice-Chancellor and President)
Mr Nathan Towney - (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Engagement and Equity)
Professor Belinda Tynan - (Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Global)
Professor Craig Simmons - (Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation)
Professor Juanita Todd - (Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Professor Chris Dayas - (on behalf of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)
Professor Belinda Bennett - (Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor, College of Human and Social Futures)
Professor Rachel Buchanan - (Interim University Registrar)
Professor Jennifer McDonnell - (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Student Experience)
Professor Karen Blackmore - (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Education Innovation)
Professor Rohan Walker - (Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor, Research)
Dr Bill Lyons - (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Industry and Engagement)
Dr Alek Voninski - (Pro Vice-Chancellor, Global)
Mrs Loren Collyer - (Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor, Indigenous Strategy and Leadership)
Associate Professor Anna Bennett - (Director, Pathways and Academic Learning Support)
Dr Helen Ross - (Director, Graduate Research)
Professor Abhishek Bhati - (Chief Executive Officer, Singapore)

Elected Members:

Dr Kyle Harrison - (Level A, B or C - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Dr Gabriel Rau - (Level A, B or C - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Dr Joseph Pegler - (Level A, B or C - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Dr Shep Chidarikire - (Level A, B or C - College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)
Dr Tim Connor - (Level A, B or C - College of Human and Social Futures)
Dr Kate Ferguson-Patrick - (Level A, B or C - College of Human and Social Futures)
Associate Professor Bin Li - (Level A, B or C - College of Human and Social Futures)
Associate Professor Geoffry De Iuliis - (Level D or E - College of Engineering, Science and Environment and Deputy President of Academic Senate)
Associate Professor Michelle Kelly - (Level D or E - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Associate Professor Terrence Summers - (Level D or E - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Associate Professor Adam Collison - (Level D or E - College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)
Professor Vanessa Murphy - (Level D or E - College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)
Associate Professor Nancy Cushing - (Level D or E - College of Human and Social Futures)
Professor Jesper Gulddal - (Level D or E - College of Human and Social Futures)
Professor Marianne Sigala - (Level D or E - College of Human and Social Futures)
Dr Boyang Li - (College Board Representative - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Dr Mark Wallis - (College Board Representative - College of Engineering, Science and Environment)
Dr Catherine Johnston - (College Board Representative - College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)
Dr Michelle Stubbs - (College Board Representative - College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)
Dr Justin Ellis - (College Board Representative - College of Human and Social Futures)
Associate Professor Angela Page - (College Board Representative - College of Human and Social Futures)
Dr Michelle Mansfield - (Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre)
Professor Troy Gaston - (Level D or E - Non-Newcastle Campus)
Dr Joyleen Christensen - (Level A, B or C - Non-Newcastle Campus)

Elected Members:

Ms Omotola Abimbola - (Undergraduate Student Member)
Ms Imogen Reid - (Undergraduate Student Member)
Ms Marie Ferguson - (Undergraduate Student Member - Non-Newcastle Campus)
Ms Cheryl Johanna-Meeran - (Postgraduate Coursework Student Member)
Mr Thomas Tildsley - (Postgraduate Higher Degree by Research Student Member)
Mr Ashutosh Chugh - (International Student Member)
Mr Jodan Perry - (Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Student Member)

Rights of Audience and Debate:

Mr Hamish Lithgow - (Acting University Secretary)
Mr Joel Palmer - (Director, Strategy, Planning and Performance)
Mr John Radvan - (Senior Manager, Academic Governance and Compliance)
The Hon Patricia Forsythe AM - (Chancellor)

Rights of Audience:

Mr Daniel Bell - (General Counsel and Chief Governance Officer)
Ms Sarah Crichton - (Secretariat Officer) (Minutes Secretary)
Mr Anthony Gorzalka - (Director, Risk Services)
Ms Melinda Hannan - (Executive Assistant, President of Academic Senate's Office)
Mr Jonathan Hunter - (University of Newcastle College of International Education Representative)
Professor Bill Leggat - (Central Coast Representative)
Mr Alwyn Rhodes-May - (Head of Capability, Digital Engagement) (Board Observer)
Associate Deans, Education - (Board Observers)
Associate Deans, Research - (Board Observers)
School Executive Officers - (Board Observers)

Invitees:

Mr Martin Sainsbury - (Chief People and Culture Officer) (Item 10.02)

Apologies:

Professor Allison Cummins - (Level D or E - College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)

Time	Mins	★	Item #	Item Name	Responsible	Report	Action
9:30	*5*		**1.0**	**WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**		Heading	
			2.0	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, CONFIDENTIALITY UNDERTAKING**		Heading	
9:35	*5*		**3.0**	**MINUTES AND ACTIONS**		Heading	
			3.1	**Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2026**		D26/138600	For confirmation
			3.2	**Matters arising from the minutes not covered in the agenda**		Verbal	For discussion
			3.3	**CONFIDENTIAL Action Register**		D26/142093	For noting
			3.4	**Academic Senate Work Plan**		Paper	For noting
			3.5	**Identification of Items for discussion**		Verbal	For action
			4.0	**MEMBERSHIP & GOVERNANCE MATTERS**		Heading	
			4.1	**Academic Senate Arrangements for 2027**	Chair / US	D26/142056	For noting
			4.2	**Academic Senate Membership and Elections Report 2026**	Chair / US	D26/142239	For decision
			5.0	**PRESIDENT ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT**		Heading	
9:40	*10*	★	**5.1**	**President of Academic Senate Report**	PAS	D26/141211	For noting
			5.1.1	**Review Combined Deputy President of Academic Senate Role**	PAS	In above	
			6.0	**VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT**		Heading	
9:50	*10*	★	**6.1**	**Vice-Chancellor's Report**	VC	D26/141219	For noting
			7.0	**COLLEGE BOARD REPORTS**		Heading	
10:00	*5*	★	**7.1**	**College of Health, Medicine and Wellbeing Board Report**	PVCCHMW	D26/141207	For noting

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10:05	*5*	★	7.2	College of Human and Social Futures Board Report	PVCCHSF	Verbal	For noting
10:10	*5*	★	7.3	College of Engineering, Science and Environment Board Report	PVCCESE	D26/141223	For noting
			8.0	NAIHE SINGAPORE		Heading	
10:15	*5*	★	8.1	Newcastle Australia IHE (NAIHE) Academic Board Report	CEO NAIHE	Verbal	For noting
10:20	15			Academic Senate Member Survey 2026		Break	
10:35	5			BREAK: Photo with VC		Break	
			9.0	PATHWAYS AND ACADEMIC LEARNING SUPPORT		Heading	
10:40	*5*	★	9.1	Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre Board Report	DVCEE	D26/141203	For noting
			10.0	ACADEMIC SENATE FORUM		Heading	
10:45	*10*	★	10.1	CONFIDENTIAL Anti-Racism Consultation for Definitions	DVCEE	D26/137526[v2]	For discussion
			10.1.1	Discussant: Anti-Racism Consultation for Definitions	Adam Collison	Verbal	
10:55	*20*	★	10.2	CONFIDENTIAL Academic Risk Discussion - Student and Staff Risk Indicators	CPCO/PVCSE (DSPP)	D26/141230	For discussion
11:15	*5*	★	10.3	Academic Risk Discussion: Open Forum	ALL	Verbal	For discussion
			11.0	TEACHING AND LEARNING COMMITTEE		Heading	
11:20	*5*	★	11.1	TLC Chair's Report	SDVCAG	Paper	For noting
11:25	*5*	★	11.2	Proposed Revised University Quality Assurance Framework	PVCEI	D26/135448[v2]	For discussion
			11.2.1	Discussant: Proposed Revised University Quality Assurance Framework	Mark Wallis	Verbal	
11:30	*5*	★	11.3	QILT 2025 - Student Experience Survey Update (Sector Data)	DSPP (MSSI)	D26/133259[v2]	For discussion
11:35	*10*	★	11.4	Proposed Policy and Procedure Amendments		Heading	For decision
			11.4.1	Proposed Amendments to the Academic Calendar Approval Procedure	UR	D26/134705[v2]	For decision
			11.4.2	Proposed Amendments to the Student Reservist and Emergency Services Support Procedure	UR	D26/134708[v2]	For decision
			11.4.3	Proposed Amendments to the English Language Proficiency Policy and Procedure	UR	D26/134715[v2]	For decision
			11.4.4	Proposed Enhanced Governance of Third Party Arrangements	UR	D26/134880[v2]	For decision
			11.5	Proposed Amendments to the TLC Terms of Reference	SDVCAG	D26/136885[v2]	For decision
			11.6	Annual Undergraduate Student Re-enrolment Progression Report 2026	PVCSE	D26/133237[v2]	For noting
			11.7	Comprehensive Program Review Update	DSPP	D26/132450[v2]	For noting
			12.0	PROGRAM AND COURSE APPROVAL COMMITTEE		Heading	
11:45	*5*	★	12.1	PCAC Chair's Report	SDVCAG	D26/141764	For noting
			12.2	Establishment of Awards	SDVCAG	D26/141766	For decision
			13.0	RESEARCH COMMITTEE		Heading	
11:50	*5*	★	13.1	Research Committee Chair's Report	DVCRI	D26/141627	For noting
			14.0	GENERAL BUSINESS		Heading	
11:55	*5*	★	14.1	Any Other Business	ALL	Verbal	For discussion
12:00		★	15.0	NEXT MEETING AND MEETING CLOSE		Verbal	