

Membership of the Academic Senate 2026

POSITION	NAME	TERM	
a. Ex-Officio Members (17)			
i. Vice-Chancellor	Professor Alex Zelinsky AO	Ex-officio	
ii. Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and Global)	Professor Belinda Tynan	Ex-officio	
iii. Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Innovation)	Professor Juanita Todd	Ex-officio	
iv. Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Engagement and Equity)	Mr Nathan Towney	Ex-officio	
v. Pro Vice-Chancellor (College Human and Social Futures)	Professor Robert Greenberg	Ex-officio	
vi. Pro Vice-Chancellor (College Engineering, Science and Environment)	Professor Craig Simmons	Ex-officio	
vii. Pro Vice-Chancellor (College Health, Medicine and Wellbeing)	Professor Lisa Wood	Ex-officio	
viii. Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Student Experience)	Professor Susan Ledger	Ex-officio	
ix. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education Innovation)	Professor Karen Blackmore <i>(Acting)</i>	Ex-officio	
x. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global)	Dr Alek Voninski	Ex-officio	
xi. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Newcastle Australia Institute of Higher Education)	Professor Abhisek Bhati	Ex-officio	
xii. Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research)	Professor Rohan Walker (dual role)	Ex-officio	
xiii. Pro Vice-Chancellor (Industry and Engagement)	Professor Alan Broadfoot <i>(Acting)</i>	Ex-officio	
xiv. Interim Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Leadership)	Ms Loren Collyer	Ex-officio	
i. Academic Registrar Representative	Mr John Radvan	Ex-officio	
ii. Dean of Graduate Research	Professor Rohan Walker <i>(Acting)</i>	Ex-officio	
iii. Director Pathways and Academic Learning Support	A/Professor Anna Bennett	Ex-officio	
b. Elected Members (37)			
i. President Academic Senate (Chair)	A/Professor Marcus Rodriqs	31/12/2027	
ii. Deputy President Academic Senate	A/Professor Geoffry De luliis*	31/12/2026	
iii. Three academic staff members (Level A, B or C) elected from each College by the academic staff at that level within that College	Dr Tim Connor	CHSF	31/12/2027
	Dr Kate Ferguson-Patrick	CHSF	31/12/2026
	A/Professor Bin Li	CHSF	31/12/2026
	Maria Cano Dominguez <i>-Parental leave May 2027</i>	CESE	31/12/2027
	Dr Kyle Harrison	CESE	31/12/2026
	Dr Joseph Pegler	CESE	31/12/2027
	VACANT	CHMW	31/12/2026
	Dr Shep Chidarikire	CHMW	31/12/2027
	VACANT	CHMW	31/12/2026
iv. 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	CHSF	31/12/2027
	Professor Jesper Gulddal	CHSF	31/12/2026
	Professor Marianna Sigala	CHSF	31/12/2026
	VACANCY* Geoffry De luliis to commence from 31/12/26	CESE	31/12/2027*
	A/Professor Michelle Kelly	CESE	31/12/2026
	A/Prof Terrence Summers	CESE	31/12/2026
	A/Professor Adam Collison	CHMW	31/12/2027
	Professor Allison Cummins	CHMW	31/12/2027
	Professor Vanessa Murphy	CHMW	31/12/2026

v. Two academic staff members from the elected members of each College Board elected by the College Board;	Dr Justin Ellis	CHSF	31/12/2026
	A/Professor Angela Page	CHSF	31/12/2026
	Dr Boyang Li	CESE	31/12/2026
	Dr Mark Wallis	CESE	31/12/2027
	Dr Catherine Johnston	CHMW	31/12/2026
	Dr Michelle Stubbs	CHMW	31/12/2026
vi. Two academic staff member from the Pathways and Academic Learning Support Centre elected by the academic staff from that Centre;	Dr Michelle Mansfield		31/12/2027
	Dr Annika Westrenius		31/12/2026
vii. 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	Professor Troy Gaston		31/12/2026
viii. 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
ix. One undergraduate students from any location One undergraduate students from any location One undergraduate student from a Non-Newcastle Campus	Imogen Reid		31/12/2026
	Omotola Abimbola		31/12/2026
	Marie Ferguson		31/12/2026
x. One Postgraduate Coursework Student One Postgraduate HDR Student	Cheryl Johanna Meeran		31/12/2026
	Thomas Tildsley		31/12/2026
xi. One International Student	Ashutosh Chugh		31/12/2026
xii. One Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Student	VACANT		31/12/2026
c. 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	NOT IN USE		

d. 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	Acting University Secretary	Mr Hamish Lithgow
	Director, Strategy Planning and Performance	Mr Joel Palmer
	Council Members	All

Quorum

	Membership Number	Less Vacancies	Total
Ex-Officio Members	17	0	17
Elected Members	37	4	33
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	54	4	50