

**Academic Senate Meeting – 3 March 2023
Report to 27 April 2023 University Council Meeting**

The following major items were considered by Academic Senate at its 3 March 2023:

Outcomes of Academic Senate Annual Review

The Chair updated members on the outcomes of the internal review of Academic Senate that occurred in 2022, noting that the gathering of input from Senate members and members of the wider University community was key to implementing positive changes going forward. The establishment of the Monitoring and Assurance Committee (MAC) to provide oversight, on behalf of Academic Senate and its committees, of elements of the Higher Education Standards Framework that relate to institutional monitoring, and the upholding of higher education standards in relation to policies and procedures, was highlighted as being one of those positive changes. Senate were informed that MAC will meet for the first time on 27 March and are scheduled to meet six times in 2023.

The collegiality of Senate was highlighted throughout the internal review and the Chair noted that the numerous networking and conversational aspects of Senate that members enjoy will continue throughout 2023. Additionally, the Chair advised members that an external review of Senate is planned for 2024.

ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Academic Senate engaged in an in-depth discussion on the challenges and opportunities presented by the recent release of ChatGPT and other generative AI software, noting the speed at which subsequent releases of updated software will continue to occur. Senate were informed that the challenges this software presented in relation to breaches of academic integrity were not new to higher education, but the opportunities for generative AI to assist in learning and teaching, and research were an exciting development for the sector. Senate endorsed the University statement on the use of ChatGPT and generative AI technology, and provided significant input into the wording of the new academic integrity breach type related to this technology.

Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU) – 2022 Course Quality Assurance Report

Whilst speaking to the 2022 Course Quality Assurance Report from SHOU, the Director, Academic Quality and Standards noted that 2023 marks the twenty year anniversary of the partnership between UTAS and SHOU. The Executive Dean, CoBE informed Senate that nearly 6000 students have graduated from the program in that time. In relation to the report, the student experience was noted as being key to ongoing quality assurance with the review of student satisfaction results currently being worked through with the Joint Management Committee that manages the partnership.

Update to HDR Candidature Support

The acting Dean of Graduate Research and the Deputy Chair, Academic Senate updated Senate on work being done to ensure quality support and infrastructure for Higher Degree Research (HDR) candidates. Senate were informed that this work had progressed to implementing better infrastructure solutions for HDR students and strengthening existing support mechanisms, and that discussions were continuing to address any barriers to student success which may be posed by the geographical location of supervisors and support infrastructure.

Annual Reports from Senate Committees

Academic Senate received and noted the 2022 Annual Reports from the University Admissions Committee, the University Learning and Teaching Committee, the University Research Committee, the University Course and Unit Proposals Committee and the Student Experience Committee.

Next Meeting of Academic Senate

The next scheduled meeting of Academic Senate will be held on Friday 12 May 2023. A special meeting of Academic Senate will be held on 3 May 2023 to consider the University's response to the forthcoming referendum.

Appendix 1:

Decisions by Senate at the 3 March 2023 Academic Senate meeting.

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College/Division	Title	Resolution or Outcome
All	Strategic Session: ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate endorsed the University Statement on the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence.
College of Business and Economics (CoBE)	Significant Amendment - 35A1 Graduate Certificate in Business Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate approved proposed amendments to course 35A1 Graduate Certificate in Business Studies - a course delivered via UP Education for the UTAS International Pathway College and available to International students only - to maintain alignment with 35A2 Graduate Certificate in Business Studies - the sibling course delivered by the College of Business and Economics and available to Domestic students only. These two 'child' courses belong to the parent study package/course code of 35A Graduate Certificate in Business Studies and exist purely for cohort management purposes.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - 20A Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course 20A Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. New course codes were created to enable this re-categorisation, and 20A was replaced by 20B. As 20A has been replaced and will not be offered again, the course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - C5Z Graduate Certificate in Business Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course C5Z Graduate Certificate in Business Administration. This course was initially offered in 2016 an entry point, and from 2017 through to 2020 it was only offered as an exit award from Master of Business administration courses. The course has not been available at all in 2021 or 2022. With the introduction of the MBA suite (approved by ASCAC on 24 March 2022) there is now another Graduate Certificate in Business Administration that will be used for exit purposes, making C5Z surplus to requirements.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - H4E Bachelor of E-Health (Health Informatics) (Professional Honours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of H4E Bachelor of E-Health (Health Informatics) (Professional Honours). Discontinuation of this course was proposed following a review of the Australian Institute of Health Services Management (AIHSM) course portfolio. Students wishing to undertake AQF8 level or higher studies in this study area can pursue alternative options that will be available from 2023, such as C5R Graduate Certificate in Digital Health. Continuing students will be contacted and provided with advice if there are any changes to their study plans required as a

		result of changes to unit availabilities. In the majority of cases the required units are still available but recoded as part of the 2023 postgraduate curriculum transformation.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - ZOA Undergraduate Certificate in Agribusiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course ZOA Undergraduate Certificate in Agribusiness. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and ZOA was replaced by ZOL. As ZOA has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - ZOB Undergraduate Certificate in Small Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course ZOB Undergraduate Certificate in Small Business. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and ZOB was replaced by ZOM. As ZOB has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - ZOE Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course ZOE Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Design. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and ZOE was replaced by ZON. As ZOE has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - ZOF Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course ZOF Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Technologies. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and ZOF was replaced by ZOQ. As ZOF has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.

CoBE	Course Discontinuation - Z0G Undergraduate Certificate in Equipment Design & Project Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course Z0G Undergraduate Certificate in Equipment Design & Project Management. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and Z0G was replaced by Z0R. As Z0G has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - Z0H Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course Z0H Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Health. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and Z0H was replaced by Z0S. As Z0H has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Course Discontinuation - Z0J Undergraduate Certificate in Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the discontinuation of course Z0J Undergraduate Certificate in Science. The Australian Government's COVID-19 pandemic higher education relief package included the introduction of Undergraduate Certificate short courses that were initially only to be offered in 2021. The availability of the course type as a recognised AQF tertiary qualification was later extended and this led to the re-categorisation of Undergraduate Certificates in UTAS systems to reflect their changed status. To enable this, new course codes were created and Z0J was replaced by Z0T. As Z0J has been replaced and will not be offered again, this course code was discontinued.
CoBE	Significant Amendment - C7U Master of Health Service Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved proposed amendments to course C7U Master of Health Service Management. In response to student interest, the College of Business and Economics proposed to add existing specialisation CMSSPC09 <i>Organisational Resilience</i> to course C7U Master of Health Service Management. The proposal will offer C7U students with more choice, and may have the potential to attract new students to C7U if they can choose a specialisation in organisational resilience.
College of Health and Medicine (CoHM)	New Course - Bachelor of Biomedicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the creation of new course Bachelor of Biomedicine and associated new components.

CoHM	New Course - Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Redesign (Title Change Only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the creation of new course Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Redesign.
CoHM	Significant Amendment - H3N Bachelor of Nursing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved proposed amendments to course H3N Bachelor of Nursing. The College of Health and Medicine proposed to amend the Minimum Time to Complete for H3N to 2.4 years, and retain the Maximum Time to Complete at 7 years, commencing in 2024.
CoHM	Significant Amendment - M1D Diploma of Dementia Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved proposed amendments to course M1D Diploma of Dementia Care. This course was first opened to enrolments in 2019, and students enrolling at that time are now reaching the end of their course duration. Due to majority of students studying part-time a significant number of requests for extension are now being received for this course. As such the college proposed to extend the Maximum Time to Complete from 3 years to 4 years.
College of Sciences and Engineering (CoSE)	New Course - Bachelor of Natural Environments and Conservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved the creation of new course Bachelor of Natural Environments and Conservation, and new vertical double course Bachelor of Natural Environments and Conservation and Master of Protected Area Conservation.
CoSE	Significant Amendment - 70H Undergraduate Certificate in Antarctic and Climate Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved proposed amendments to course 70H Undergraduate Certificate in Antarctic and Climate Science. Changes to the Minimum and Maximum Times to Complete were proposed to align this course with other Undergraduate Certificates, i.e. a Minimum Time to Complete of 0.5 years and a Maximum Time to Complete of 2 years. Some consequential changes to the Course Specification were also proposed.
CoSE	Component Discontinuations - P3O Bachelor of Science and S4E Bachelor of Science with Honours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Senate approved proposed amendments to courses P3O Bachelor of Science and S4E Bachelor of Science with Honours, and consequential changes to the following components: ITSMJR03, KCSMJR05, PSYMJR04, PWDHSP01, CSCHSP01, DSCHSP01 and MARHSP02 and NPSOTH33. Following recommendations from a recent review of the Bachelor of Science, the College of Sciences and Engineering proposed to remove several majors in P3O Bachelor of Science and the associated specialisations in S4E Bachelor of Science with Honours.