

SUNWAY UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF ACADEMIC SENATE MEETING

Meeting held on Friday 20 September 2024 between 3.30pm and 4.30pm at Hall 3, Level 1, Graduate Ce

Members Present

1 Prof. Abhi Veerakumarasivam [Chair]	AV	8 Assoc. Prof. Dr Katta Ramesh	KR
2 Prof. Chai Lay Ching	CLC	9 Assoc. Prof. Dr Lin Mei-Hua	LMH
3 Prof. Mahendhiran Sanggaran Nair	MSN	10 Assoc. Prof. Dr Low Yeh Ching	LYC
4 Prof. Adarsh Kumar Pandey	AKP	11 Assoc. Prof. Dr Padma Priya K.R Pillai	PP
5 Prof. Adrian Lee Yuen Beng	LYP	12 Assoc. Prof. Dr Zaheer Anwer	ZA
6 Prof. Angela Lee Siew Hoong	LSH	13 Assoc. Prof. Dr Zuhaili Akmal Ismail	ZAI
7 Prof. Arshian Sharif	AS	14 Dr Cheong Huey Tyng	CHT
8 Prof. Bradley Carl Freeman	BCF	15 Dr Nicholas Lee Boon Kheng	LBK
9 Prof. Chua Hui Na	CHN	16 Dr Stella Ong Kim Yoke	OKY
10 Prof. Ir. Denny Ng Kok Sum	NKS	17 President of Student Council	SC
11 Prof. Ir. Mo Kim Hung	MKH	18 Puan Izah Isa	II
12 Prof. Ir. Rosdiadee Nordin	RN	19 Rita Lo	RL
13 Prof. Ir. Ts. Yap Kian Meng	YKM		
14 Prof. Jarlath Ronayne	JR		
15 Prof. Keng Shian Ling	KSL		
16 Prof. Kenneth Anthony Cafferkey	KAC	Absent with Apologies	
17 Prof. Ker Pin Jern	KPN	1 Assoc. Prof. Dr Alexander Trupp	AT
18 Prof. Keshab Man Shrestha	KMS	2 Assoc. Prof. Dr Jason Ng Wei Jian	NWJ
19 Prof. Khatijah Abdullah @ Lim Geok Khim	KA	3 Prof. Agamutu Pariatamby	AP
20 Prof. Lau Sian Lun	LSL	4 Prof. Alvin Ng Lai Oon	NLO
21 Prof. Mayco Axel Santaella	MAS	5 Prof. Andrew Abbott	AA
22 Prof. Mayeen Uddin Khandaker	MUK	6 Prof. Angela Amphawan	AA
23 Prof. Mohamed Kheireddine Aroua	MKA	7 Prof. Cheah You Sum	CYS
24 Prof. Motoki Watabe	MW	8 Prof. Datin Dr Chia Yook Chin	CYC
25 Prof. Patrick Siau Chi Yin	SCY	9 Prof. Dato' Dr Mazlin Mokhtar	MM
26 Prof. Pervaiz K Ahmed	PKA	10 Prof. Dato' Elizabeth Lee	EL
27 Prof. Pradeep Nair	PN	11 Prof. Goh Bey Hing	GBH
28 Prof. Rebecca Wong Shin Yee	WSY	12 Prof. Ho Chee Kit	HCK
29 Prof. Roslina Abdul Manap	RAM	13 Prof. Ir. Ong Hwai Chyuan	OHC
30 Prof. Saidur Rahman	SR	14 Prof. Ir. Satesh Narayana Namasivayam	SNN
31 Prof. Santha Vaithilingam	SV	15 Prof. Khoo Gaik Cheng	KGC
32 Prof. Serge Demidenko	SD	16 Prof. Leong Yuen Yoong	LYY
33 Prof. Shakila Parween Yacob	SPY	17 Prof. Lim Weng Marc	LWM
34 Prof. Shandre Mugan Thangavelu	SMT	18 Prof. Long Chiau Ming	LCM
35 Prof. Ts. Lee Chien Sing	LCS	19 Prof. M A Hannan	MAH
36 Prof. Vetriselvan Subramaniyan	VS	20 Prof. Raja Affendi Raja Ali	RARA
37 Prof. Wong Chin Huat	WCH	21 Prof. Sibrandes Poppema	SP
38 Prof. Wong Koi Nyen	WKN	22 Prof. Snezana Panovska	SZP
39 Prof. Yeah Kim Leng	YKL	23 Prof. Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood	JM
40 Prof. Yuka Fujimoto	YF	24 Prof. Tan Sri Dr Noorul Ainur Mohd Nur	NAMN
41 Assoc. Prof. Dr Malissa Maria Mahmud	MMM	25 Prof. Teo Ee Sing	TES
42 Assoc. Prof. Dr Sim Tze Ying	STY	26 Prof. Teo Kok Lay	TKL
		Sunway University Postgraduate	
		27 Student Council	PGSC

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1 Ng Beng Lean	NBL
2 Dr Janaki Sinnasamy	JK

By Invitation

1 Assoc. Prof. Dr Calvin Cheong Wing Hoh	CWH
2 Assoc. Prof. Dr Catherine Lee Cheng Ean	LCE
3 Assoc. Prof. Dr Chew Jacty	CJ
4 Assoc. Prof. Dr Daniel Chong Ka Leong	CKL
6 Assoc. Prof. Dr Gan Joo Ee	GJE
7 Assoc. Prof. Dr Jane Teh Kimm Lii	TKL

In Attendance

Dr Sukhdev Singh

The meeting commenced with a note of welcome from the Chair.

Item			Action
1.0	Introductions and Apologies		
	<p>The Chair welcomed the following new members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Ir. Mo Kim Hung – Professor, SET 2. Prof. Khoo Gaik Cheng – Professor, SOA 3. Prof. Pradeep Nair – Executive Director, SEG 4. Prof. Serge Demidenko – Professor, SET 5. Prof. Snezana Panovska - Director - Sunway Conservatoire of Music, SOA 6. Prof. Vetriselvan Subramaniyan – Professor, SMLS 7. Mr. Justin Yong Wenn Wei – President, Sunway University Student Council <p>The Chair thanked the following members who have left the university</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assoc. Prof. Dr Alexander Trupp 2. Prof. Elil Renganathan 3. Prof. Leong Choon Heng 4. Prof. Mohammad Khalid 5. Prof. Susela Devi K. Suppiah <p>Apologies were noted as in the attendance list.</p> <p>The Chair clarified that we do not need a representative for Senate meetings. Feedback on any of the agenda items can be provided via email if a member is unable to attend.</p>		Info
2.0	Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous Meeting		
		The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 rd May 2024 were accepted as a correct record with 2 typo error corrections in items 1.0 and 7.0.	Info
3.0	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes		
	3.1	There were no matters arising.	
4.0	Consideration of the Agenda:		
	4.1	<p>The Chair informed the Senate that the agenda is divided into 3 sections: Section A for Senate approval, Section B for discussion and Section C for noting. Members may also request any item to be moved to Section B for a full discussion.</p> <p>There was no request for any item to be moved to Section B for full discussion.</p>	Info
5.0	Comments from the Chair:		
	5.1	<p>The Chair congratulated the list of top 2% cited scientists that was announced recently. Sunway University is an education focused university with education as our primary goal but to achieve these goals we need to be a knowledge generator. Citation is a marker to rank us as an internationally reputable and highly ranked university. With respect to ranking, we are the only university in ASEAN that has the THE, QS and the Shanghai ranking and the citations have contributed to the rankings largely.</p> <p><i>Some restricted information.</i></p>	Info

Section A: Recommendations from Steering Committee for Confirmation			
6.0	Academic Senate Committee Terms of Reference (TORs)		
		<p>The Chair presented the TORs to all the committees approved at the previous Senate meeting. There are 2 types of committees, the sub and standing committees. The sub committees provide leadership in specific areas of function, education, sustainability etc. These committees can make decisions but present their recommendations to the Senate for approval. The standing committees make decisions on behalf of the Senate and report to the Senate for noting.</p> <p>There was a suggestion to include Planetary Health in the purpose of the TOR of the University Sustainability and ESG Committee (USEC) and add Relevant Appointees from the University in the list of members.</p> <p>The Chair thanked all for the useful comments and suggestions for the TORs.</p> <p>Senate approved the Committee TORs and the suggested inclusion in the TOR for USEC.</p>	
Section B: Matters for Discussion			
7.0	Analysis of Results of the August 2024 Exam Cycle and Approval of Awards Confirmed by Programme Assessment Boards and URDC		
		<p><i>Some restricted information.</i></p> <p>Senate approved the awards.</p>	

Section C: Reports Received for Noting			
8.0	Appointment of External Examiners		
		<p>CLC presented a total of six External Examiners appointed after approval by Senate Chair’s action as follows:</p> <p><i>Some restricted information.</i></p> <p>Senate approved the above appointments.</p>	
9.0	Approval of Award for PGR student		
		<i>Some restricted information.</i>	
10.0	Direct Entry from Bachelor to PhD		
		<p>MSN presented the four applications for direct entry to PhD that were approved by Chair’s action due to the urgency. Both candidates have very strong CGPA and have research background. These have gone through the internal assessment process at the school level and were recommended by the</p>	

		<p>respective schools.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. URDC recommendation of 2 applications on Direct Entry from Bachelor to PhD was approved by Chair's action on 26 June 2024 2. URDC recommendation of 2 applications on Direct Entry from Bachelor to PhD was approved by Chair's action on 4 September 2024. <p>The Chair added that Senate Chair takes action to approve for 2 reasons, urgency and if it is a straightforward routine approval. Any matter that is contentious/has a conflict of interest needs to be presented at Senate.</p>	
11.0	Erratum Notice (Correction of Thesis Titles: replacing prior submission for approval on 24 June 2024).		
		<i>Some restricted information.</i>	
12.0	Status of Programme Approval and Accreditation		
		<i>Some restricted information.</i>	

13.0	Academic Senate Sub and Standing Committee Reports		
	13.1	Senate noted the following Reports of Award Classifications Confirmed by Programme Assessment Boards (PAB): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Arts - Sunway Business School - School of Engineering and Technology - School of Hospitality and Service Management - School of Mathematical Sciences - School of Medical and Life Sciences - School of American Education 	
	13.2	Senate noted the following School Board of Studies reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School of Arts – Meetings held on 28 May and 6 Sep. 2024 - Sunway Business School – Meeting held in Sep. 2024 - School of Education – Meeting held on 5 Sep. 2024 - School of Hospitality and Service Management – Meeting held on 15 Mar. 2024 - School of American Education – Meetings held on 25 Aug., 22 Sep. 2023, 2 Feb., 21 Jun. 2024 - 	
	13.3	Senate noted the Academic Standards and Policy Committee (ASPC) report summary of the meeting held on 18 Jul. 2024.	
	13.4	Senate noted the University Education Committee (UEC) report summary of the meeting held on 9 Aug. 2024.	
	13.5	Senate noted the University Employability and Alumni Committee (UEAC) summary report of the Meeting held on 4 Jul. 2024	
14.0	Any Other Business		
		The Chair informed the President, Student Council that he is the legitimate representative in addition to the Postgraduate representative to represent students at the Senate. Student bodies within the schools like the SBS Student Concilium should be providing input to the Student Council.	

The meeting ended at 4.15pm with a note of thanks from the Chair. The next meeting is scheduled for 22nd November 2024.

Minutes confirmed by:

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Chair

Date: