
**PART 2—CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE
UNIVERSITY**

Division 1—The University

4 The University of Melbourne

- (1) The University of Melbourne is declared to have been established on 11 April 1853 at Melbourne.
- (2) The University established in accordance with subsection (1) and as constituted under the **Melbourne University Act 1958** as in force immediately before its repeal—
 - (a) continues in existence under this Act; and
 - (b) is a body politic and corporate by the name "The University of Melbourne".
- (3) The University consists of—
 - (a) the Council; and
 - (b) the staff, other than staff of any class that is designated from time to time by the Council not to be staff for the purposes of this section; and
 - (c) the graduates; and
 - (d) the students; and
 - (e) members of the staff or classes of staff of the affiliated colleges or other bodies, that are designated from time to time by the Council; and
 - (f) the emeritus professors of the University.

Attachment A

Statute 3.1 – Alumni Council

Interpretation

3.1.1 In this statute, unless the contrary intention appears –

“**alumni**” means those persons included within any definition of that term as resolved by Council from time to time.

“**alumni body**” means a body of alumni which is recognised by Council as representing the interests of alumni.

“**alumni council**” means the alumni council formed by Council under this statute.

“**committee of convocation**” means an alumni body which is the successor to the committee of convocation formerly established pursuant to *Melbourne University Act 1958*.

Recognition of alumni bodies

- 3.1.2 (1) Council may recognise alumni bodies to promote the best interests of the University.
- (2) The university secretary must maintain a list of alumni bodies recognised by Council and may request each of them to provide a copy of any rules or other policies or procedures as may exist dealing with the governance of that recognised alumni body.
- (3) The committee of convocation is a recognised alumni body for the purposes of this statute.

Establishment of alumni council

3.1.3 Council may establish an alumni council for the purpose of facilitating the work of alumni, including recognised alumni bodies, in furthering the interests and objectives of the University and in dealing with the University on matters relevant to alumni.

President of the alumni council

- 3.1.4 The president of the alumni council shall:
- (a) for a period of two years from the date on which this statute comes into operation, be the person who held the position of president of the committee of convocation on or immediately before that date;
 - (b) after the expiry for whatever reason of the presidency contemplated by section 3.1.4(a), be a member of the alumni council appointed in accordance with Regulation 3.1.R1 whom Council appoints to that position on the recommendation of the vice-chancellor; and
 - (c) have observer status at meetings of Council, other than members-only meetings or parts of meetings, subject to the direction of the Chancellor.

Role of the alumni council

3.1.5 The alumni council –

STATUTE 1.1 - PRELIMINARY

Citation

1.1.1 These statutes are cited as The University of Melbourne Statutes.

Interpretation

1.1.2 (1) In these statutes, unless inconsistent with the Act or any statute, or unless a contrary intention appears-

'academic registrar' means the office holder duly appointed with that title, or with a title including that term, and includes a person duly appointed to act in the place of that officeholder for the time being;

'academic year' means-

- (a) the period commencing on and including the Monday falling on or closest to the first day of March of each calendar year and concluding at the end of the annual examination period; or
- (b) any other period determined by the Board;

'Act' means the University of Melbourne Act 2009: where any provision in these statutes is inconsistent with a provision in the Act the provision in the Act prevails;

'acting officer' means a person duly appointed or elected to act in the place of an officeholder for the time being;

'affiliated institution' or **'affiliated body'** means a college, educational, commercial, cultural, sporting or other institution, organisation or body affiliated to the University under section 29 of the Act and in chapter 9 of the statutes and regulations;

'appropriate faculty' means the faculty to which a course or subject pertains or has been assigned for administrative purposes or, if a course or subject does not pertain, or has not been assigned for administrative purposes to a faculty, the Board;

'assessment' means assessment in accordance with Statute 11.1 and the regulations and policies determined by the Board;

'Board' means the Academic Board constituted under Statute 4.1;

'body' or **'body of the University'** means a body of the University other than Council which is constituted as provided under the Act or any statute or regulation and includes a faculty, a department, a school, an institute, a centre, a board or a committee;

'Calendar' means The University of Melbourne Calendar;

'Chancellor' means the Chancellor of the University appointed under section 24 of the Act and Statute 2.3;

'chief financial officer' means the chief financial officer appointed pursuant to a regulation made under Statute 2.5;

STATUTE 5.1 – ACADEMIC STRUCTURES

Establishment of academic units

- 5.1.1** (1) Following consultation with the Board, Council may establish academic units within the University including (but not limited to) faculties, departments, schools, research centres and institutes.
- (2) Notwithstanding sub-section (1), the vice-chancellor may establish academic units as provided in section 5.1.4.
- (3) Council determines what is an academic unit for the purposes of this statute.
- (4) A power to establish any academic unit for the purposes of this statute also includes the power to disestablish that academic unit, and to vary the terms on which any academic unit was established.
- (5) Nothing in this statute affects the continuing existence for the time being of an academic unit established under previous legislation of the University.

Structure and governance of faculties

- 5.1.2** (1) For each faculty, including a graduate school established as a faculty, Council must approve its name, and endorse and monitor its structure and governance arrangements. To obtain Council's endorsement, those arrangements must include provisions deemed appropriate by Council, including the following –
- (a) an academic structure which is appropriate to undertake the teaching, research and other academic functions of the faculty;
 - (b) an appropriate executive structure, to support the dean as the accountable officer for the faculty;
 - (c) a mechanism for collegial consultation with academic and professional staff on matters pertaining to the faculty;
 - (d) a mechanism for consultation with representatives of students from within the faculty; and
 - (e) a mechanism by which a body, that includes external representatives from graduates, any relevant professional bodies, government agencies and industry partners, has advisory input to the faculty and its executive.
- (2) In addition to any powers and duties conferred upon faculties by any other statute or by regulation, each faculty must-
- (a) report to Council or the Board on any matter referred to it by Council or the Board;
 - (b) deal with any relevant matter brought before it by the dean or other relevant officer of the University;
 - (c) advise Council or the Board, either directly or through the vice-chancellor or provost as appropriate, on relevant matters pertaining to administration, research and studies within its scope and the curriculum for each of the degrees and diplomas pertaining to that faculty, and also for any University degrees and diplomas which have been assigned to the faculty for administrative purposes; and