

STATUTE 4.1 - THE ACADEMIC BOARD

Constitution of the Board

4.1.1 The Board comprises-

- (a) the Chancellor;
- (b) the vice-chancellor;
- (c) the deputy-chancellors;
- (d) the deputy vice-chancellors (including any deputy vice-chancellor appointed as provost);
- (e) the pro-vice-chancellors;
- (f) the senior vice-principal, the head of university services and the vice-principal (information);
- (g) the academic registrar;
- (h) the professors;
- (i) the full-time salaried professorial fellows;
- (j) deans of faculties;
- (k) heads of academic departments;
- (l) heads of schools;
- (m) the president and the education officers of UMSU and the president of UMPA and one nominee of the president of UMPA;
- (n) two members elected by and from the professional staff who will hold office for a term of two years; and
- (o) any other persons whom the Board determines.

Duties and powers of the Board

4.1.2 (1) In addition to the duties and powers imposed or conferred on the Board by the Act, the Board is responsible to the Council for-

- (a) the supervision and development of all academic activities of the University, including the maintenance of high standards in teaching and research; and
 - (b) communication with the academic community through the faculties and departments.
- (2) Consistent with the generality of sub-section (1), the Board must-
- (a) provide the Council with any information required by the Council;
 - (b) act as the final appeal body within the University in all matters relating to students and their grievances against decisions made by University bodies or by individual officers and relating to persons who have ceased to be students because of the decision complained of;
 - (c) consider any reports submitted to it by any faculty, department, school or other body;
 - (d) exercise the powers and perform the duties of a faculty for all courses not pertaining to or assigned for administrative purposes to any faculty; and
 - (e) exercise any other powers or perform any other duties conferred or imposed on the Board by any other statute or by any resolution of the Council.

Election of officeholders

4.1.3 (1) The Board must elect annually three of its members to be president, vice-president and deputy vice-president respectively for the ensuing calendar year.

- (2) A person elected under the preceding sub-section is eligible for election as president, vice-president or deputy vice-president in any subsequent year.

Casual vacancies

4.1.4 (1) A member of the Board, including any member holding office under section 4.1.3, may be elected to fill a casual vacancy occurring in the office of president, vice-president or deputy vice-president.

- (2) A member elected under sub-section (1) holds office for the remainder of the calendar year in which the casual vacancy occurs.

Delegation of powers

4.1.5 (1) Subject to this section, the Board may by resolution delegate any of its powers and duties to any member of the Board or to any committee appointed by the Board.

- (2) The Board may not delegate-

- (a) any of the powers and duties conferred upon it by paragraphs 28(2) (a) and (b) of the Act; or
 - (b) the power of delegation conferred upon it by this section.
- (3) If a delegation is inconsistent with any other resolution of the Board, the delegation is invalid to the extent of the inconsistency.

Board meetings

- 4.1.6 (1) Subject to section 12 of Statute 5.4, the Board meets-
- (a) when the Board considers a meeting is necessary for the conduct of business; or
 - (b) when convened at the discretion of the president of the Board; or
 - (c) when requested by the Chancellor, the vice-chancellor or ten other members of the Board.
- (2) A request under paragraph (1)(c) must be made in writing to the academic registrar.
- (3) Notwithstanding sub-section (1), the Board must meet not less than once each semester.

Quorum

4.1.7 Subject to these statutes, the quorum for any meeting of the Board is twelve members.¹

Vice-chancellor may preside at meetings

- 4.1.8 (1) The vice-chancellor may preside at meetings of the Board.
- (2) If the vice-chancellor does not wish to preside at a meeting, the president of the Board or, in the absence of the president, the vice-president or, in the absence of the vice-president, the deputy vice-president or, in the absence of the deputy vice-president, another member elected by the members present is to preside.

Publication of Board resolutions

4.1.9 The academic registrar must make available to all students, on enrolment and re-enrolment, all Board resolutions containing information which directly affects students.

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¹ See also section 13 of Statute 11.5.