

STATUTE 11.5 – CONFERRING AND OTHER CEREMONIES

Interpretation

- 11.5.1 In this statute unless the contrary intention appears-
'candidate' means a person who has fulfilled the conditions prescribed for admission to a degree or for the granting of a diploma or other award notwithstanding whether the candidate has fulfilled conditions required for course completed status under Commonwealth or State definition.

Conferring ceremonies

- 11.5.2 (1) Subject to such particular provisions as Council may make by regulation in respect to the admission of candidates absent from a conferring ceremony, every candidate is to be admitted to a degree or diploma at a conferring ceremony held on a date specified by Council.
- (2) In the case of diplomas, sub-section (1) is satisfied provided that diplomas granted under procedures specified in accordance with sub-section (3), which do not include a conferring ceremony, are recorded in the proceedings of the next conferring ceremony.
- (3) Subject to this statute, and after consultation with the Board, Council may prescribe-
- (a) the procedure to be followed at a conferring ceremony; and
 - (b) the several forms to be used in-
 - (i) the presentation of candidates for degrees and diplomas;
 - (ii) the admission of candidates to degrees;
 - (iii) the granting of diplomas; and
 - (iv) the issue of diplomas to candidates.

Admission to degree of master without examination

- 11.5.3 Council may on the recommendation of the Board, and after receiving advice from a committee designated by Council for that purpose, admit without assessment to the degree of master pertaining to a faculty any person of appropriate academic standing who is or has been a member of staff of the University and who has been proposed to Council by more than half of the academic staff of the faculty.

Admission to honorary degree of doctor

- 11.5.4 Council may on the recommendation of the Board admit to any honorary degree of doctor any person, whether or not the person has graduated at a university, who is proposed for such admission, by the faculty in which the degree is to be conferred, as being a person of probity and distinguished eminence in some branch of learning proper to that faculty. Such a proposal is approved by the faculty if not less than 30% of the academic staff of the faculty vote on the proposal and it is supported by at least 75 percent of the votes cast.

Admission to honorary degree of doctor of Laws

- 11.5.5 Council may admit to the honorary degree of doctor of Laws any person, whether or not the person has graduated at a university, who has been proposed to Council by the Board in accordance with rules made by the Board as being a person of probity and distinguished by eminent public service or outstanding cultural achievement. Such a proposal is approved by the Board if not less than 30 per cent of Board members vote on the proposal and it is supported by at least 75 per cent of the votes cast.

Fees not payable for admission to certain degrees

- 11.5.6 No fees are payable for admission to any degree without examination or to any honorary degree under the provisions of this statute.

Conferring of degrees posthumously

- 11.5.7 Notwithstanding any other provision of this statute, a degree may be conferred posthumously if the deceased candidate had fulfilled the conditions prescribed for admission to the degree-
- (a) not more than twelve months before the proposed date of conferring of the degree; or
 - (b) with the special permission of the Board, more than twelve months before the proposed date of conferring of the degree.

Ownership of certificates

- 11.5.8 A testamur awarded in respect of a degree or diploma remains the property of the person to whom it was awarded or any other person to whom it was subsequently legally transferred or assigned unless Council cancels, revokes or withdraws the degree or diploma whereupon the testamur becomes the property of the University.

Academic Dress

- 11.5.9 Council may by regulation determine all matters pertaining to academic dress.

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