Deakin University

Regulation 3.1(1) – The Chancellor and Deputy Chancellors



This regulation is made pursuant to Statute 3.1 - Officers and Staff of the University.

- 1) Council shall appoint a person, whether a member of Council or not, to be the Chancellor of the University in accordance with section 24 of the *Deakin University Act* 2009 ('the Act').
- 2) The Chancellor:
 - a) shall hold office for an initial term of not more than three years;
 - b) shall be eligible for re-appointment by the Council for a further term or terms, however the initial term and any subsequent term or terms may not exceed more than ten years in total;
 - c) shall be an ex officio member of every Faculty, board and committee established or constituted under the Act or any university statute or university regulation or any resolution of the Council, except a committee established to search for a Chancellor;
 - d) may preside at any meeting of any Faculty, board or committee referred to herein in (c); and
 - e) has authority to act on behalf of the Council in regard to matters determined by the Chancellor's Advisory Committee (a committee of Council), as required to be dealt with prior to the next Council meeting and referred to the Chancellor by that Committee.
- 3) The Council may appoint such number of its members as it considers necessary to be Deputy Chancellors of the University.
- 4) A Deputy Chancellor shall:
 - a) be appointed for a term or terms not exceeding two three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for a further term not exceeding two years or terms of up to three years each; and
 - b) be an ex officio member of every Faculty, board and committee established or constituted under the Act or any university statute or university regulation or any resolution of the Council.
- 5) A Deputy Chancellor may:
 - a) preside at any meeting of any Faculty, board or committee referred to in clause 4(c), subject to the prior right of the Chancellor to preside at any such meeting; and
 - b) in the absence of the Chancellor or during any vacancy in the office of the Chancellor or during the inability of the Chancellor to act, have all the powers and duties of the Chancellor.

Appointment of a Chancellor

- 6) The Council will establish a Search Committee (**'Search Committee'**) for a Chancellor not less than six months prior to the date on which the term of the incumbent is due to expire.
- 7) When the office has become vacant or is to become vacant, other than by expiration of the term, the Search Committee will be established as soon as practicable.
- 8) The Search Committee shall:
 - (a) be chaired by the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) be comprised of at least five members (including the chair) appointed by the Vice-Chancellor;

- (c) nominate one person for consideration by the Council for appointment or not as Chancellor ('the Nominee').
- 9) All members of the Council shall be entitled to vote in an election for a Chancellor. Notice of the election of a Chancellor shall be given to members of the Council at least seven days before the election.
- 10) If a majority of members vote in favour of the Nominee, that person shall be declared elected and appointed as Chancellor.
- 11) If the Nominee is not elected as Chancellor in accordance with sections 9 and 10, the process shall be repeated until a Chancellor is so elected and appointed.

Appointment of Deputy Chancellors

- 12) Deputy Chancellors shall <u>must</u> be appointed by the Council from among the non-elected government or <u>Council appointed members</u> of the Council, (ie. members who <u>in addition</u> are neither <u>current</u> staff nor students). ('eligible members').
- 13) All members of the Council shall be entitled to vote on the appointment of in an election for a Deputy Chancellor.
- 14) Prior to the expiry of a Deputy Vice-Chancellor's term the Council must:
 - a) resolve whether or not to fill the upcoming vacancy and the term of office for the appointment;
 - a)b) Notice of the election of Deputy Chancellors shall be given to Council members at least 30 days before the election and shall call for nominations to be lodged at least 14 days before the election. if required, resolve on a method of voting to be conducted prior to appointing an eligible member to fill the vacancy.
- 14) If the nominations received:
 - a) equal the number of vacancies, those candidates shall be declared duly elected;
 - exceed the number of vacancies, an election shall take place in accordance with Regulation 7.1(1) -Elections.