This Regulation is made pursuant to Statute 2.4 – University Institutes.

1. There shall be an institute to be known as the Deakin Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute.

2. The objects of the Institute are to:

(a) conduct and promote high quality multidisciplinary research to achieve societal innovation and economic benefit through the application of artificial intelligence based software systems;

(b) build the capability and capacity in artificial intelligence research within Deakin by attracting, mentoring, and collaborating with high calibre higher degree by research students, early career researchers and senior staff;

(c) support the University’s teaching programs through integration of research evidence;

(d) advance and utilise scientific knowledge through academic and research collaboration between staff, students, external collaborators and stakeholders within the artificial intelligence field and artificial intelligence software systems applications;

(e) expand and enhance the University’s relationships with industry through the development of research and commercial partnerships; and

(f) enhance the research reputation of Deakin University.

3. The Deakin Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute shall have a board to be known as the Deakin Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute Board.

4. The composition and terms of reference of the Deakin Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute Board shall be established by the Vice-Chancellor.

5. The Deakin Applied Artificial Intelligence Institute Board shall meet at least two times in each calendar year.

6. The Vice-Chancellor shall appoint a Principal Officer of the Institute on such terms and conditions as he or she sees fit.

7. The Council may grant to the Principal Officer the rank and title of Professor.

8. The Principal Officer shall:

(a) report to the Executive Dean – Science Engineering and Built Environment and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research; and

(b) within three months after 31 December in each year, present to the Institute Board an annual report of the activities of the Institute for the preceding 12 months, including a full report on the financial affairs of the Institute and progress against the key performance indicators, together with any other statements or information required by the Institute Board.
9. The Institute Board shall consider the report received from the Principal Officer as specified in clause 8(b), and shall:

(a) submit the report to the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Executive Dean – Science Engineering and Built Environment as soon as practicable; and

(b) forward the report to the Academic Board for noting;

together with any comments, as it sees fit.

10. If the Vice-Chancellor concludes that the Institute is not fulfilling its objects or ceases to be aligned with the strategic directions of the University, the Vice-Chancellor may recommend to Council that the Institute be discontinued or may recommend changes to this Regulation.

Approved by Legislation Committee on 25 May 2018.