

This Regulation is made pursuant to Statute 2.1 – *The Council*.

1. The Council, in accordance with the *Deakin University Act 2009* (**'the Act'**), shall be constituted by:
    - (a) official members in accordance with section 11(1)(a) of the Act, being:
      - (i) the Chancellor (who shall be the Chair);
      - (ii) the Vice-Chancellor; and
      - (iii) the Chair of the Academic Board,
    - (b) five government appointed members, in accordance with section 11(1)(b), 11(3), and 11(5A) of the Act;
    - (c) five Council appointed members, in accordance with section 11(1)(c) and 11(5A) of the Act;
    - (d) two elected members, in accordance with section 11(4A) of the Act, being:
      - (i) one person elected by and from the staff of the University in accordance with University statutes and regulations for a term not exceeding three years;
      - (ii) one person elected by and from the students of the University in accordance with University statutes and regulations for a term not exceeding one year.
  
  2. For the purposes of elections conducted pursuant to section 1(d) and on the date on which notice of the election is published:
    - (a) a staff member will be:
      - (i) an eligible nominee for the election if holding an appointment of 0.5 time fraction or more and not subject to a conflict of interest;
      - (ii) an eligible voter in the election if holding any staff appointment, including a casual appointment;
    - (b) a student will be:
      - (i) an eligible nominee for the election if enrolled at the University in a course leading to a degree or other award and not a full-time employee of the University and not subject to a conflict of interest;
      - (ii) an eligible voter in the election if enrolled at the University in a course leading to a degree or other award.
  
  3. A person who is an eligible voter in elections for both a staff and student member conducted pursuant to section 1(d) should choose to vote in only one category as determined by their principal activity or as they so elect.
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4. Subject to the approval of the Chancellor and the policies made by Academic Board, a student member of Council elected in accordance with section 2(b) may intermit their studies without creating a casual vacancy in accordance with section 5 of Regulation 7.1.1 – *Elections* and is designated as an enrolled student during that period of intermission.
5. An ordinary meeting of the Council shall be held at least six times in each calendar year in accordance with a schedule of meetings approved by the Council, subject to the following:
  - (a) the Council may, at its discretion, vary the schedule of meetings at any time during the course of the year; and
  - (b) the Council shall have the power to adjourn any meeting to a later date.
6. The Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor may call an extraordinary meeting of the Council to consider urgent business on whatever notice is deemed appropriate in the circumstances.
7. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor or, in their absence, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors, must call an extraordinary meeting of Council within 14 days of receiving a written and signed request of at least six members of Council. The request shall set out the reasons for requiring such a meeting.
8. The Council:
  - (a) may by resolution establish standing or ad hoc committees of Council; and
  - (b) shall stipulate the composition, terms of reference and operating provisions of its committees.

Approved by Council on 11 December 2008 and incorporates all amendments to 22 March 2019.