THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degrees Rules 2015

The Council of the Australian National University makes the following rules.

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1 Name

These are the *Honorary Degrees Rules 2015*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after it is registered.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under section 8 of the *Programs and Awards Statute 2013*.

4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Committee* means the Honorary Degrees Committee.

*Honorary degree* means a degree that the University may confer under section 5.

5 Honorary degrees conferred by University

(1) This section specifies under section 3 of the *Programs and Awards Statute 2013* the honorary degrees that the University may confer.

(2) The University may confer the following honorary degrees:
   (a) Honorary Doctor of Science;
   (b) Honorary Doctor of Letters;
   (c) Honorary Doctor of Laws;
   (d) Honorary Doctor of the University.

6 Council approval for honorary degrees

The Council may, by resolution:
   (a) approve the award of honorary degrees, on the recommendation of the Committee;
   or
   (b) revoke an approval, on the recommendation of the Committee.

7 Council determinations in relation to honorary degrees

The Council may, by resolution, determine the following:
   (a) conditions of eligibility for the award of honorary degrees;
   (b) the privileges conferred by honorary degrees and the conditions to which honorary degrees are subject;
   (c) conditions for the use of the honorary title ‘Doctor’ (or any abbreviation of that title), or any postnominal, by the holders of honorary degrees;
   (d) procedures for the making, and consideration, of nominations for the award of honorary degrees;
   (e) procedures for revoking approval of the award of honorary degrees.

8 Establishment of Committee

The Honorary Degrees Committee is established as a committee of the Council.
9 Committee members

(1) The Committee consists of the following members:
   (a) the Chancellor;
   (b) the Pro-Chancellor;
   (c) the Vice-Chancellor;
   (d) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
   (e) 3 other members of the Council appointed by the Council, none of whom is:
       (i) a member of the staff of the University; or
       (ii) a student at the University;
   (f) a member of the academic staff of any of the following ANU Colleges, appointed
       by the Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor:
       (i) the ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences;
       (ii) the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific;
       (iii) the ANU College of Business and Economics;
       (iv) the ANU College of Law;
   (g) a member of the academic staff of any of the following ANU Colleges, appointed
       by the Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor:
       (i) the ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science;
       (ii) the ANU College of Medicine, Biology and Environment;
       (iii) the ANU College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences;
   (h) a member appointed by the Council, on the recommendation of the Vice-
       Chancellor, who is either:
       (i) the President of the Australian National University Postgraduate and Research
           Students’ Association Inc.; or
       (ii) the President of the Australian National University Students’ Association Inc.

(2) The Council may:
   (a) set the term of appointment of a member of the Committee appointed by it (an
       appointed member); or
   (b) end the appointment of an appointed member at any time, on the recommendation
       of the Vice-Chancellor.

(3) An appointed member may resign by written notice given to the Vice-Chancellor.

(4) If an appointed member ceases to be eligible to be appointed as a member of the
    Committee under the paragraph of subsection (1) under which the person was appointed,
    the person automatically ceases to be a member of the Committee.

10 Alternate members

(1) The Vice-Chancellor may, in writing, appoint an eligible person to be an alternate of a
    member of the Committee.

(2) In subsection (1):

    eligible person: a person is an eligible person of a member of the Committee if the
    person is not already a member of the Committee and:
    (a) for a member of the Committee mentioned in section 9(1)(a), (b), (c) or (e)—is not:
        (i) a member of the staff of the University; or
        (ii) a student at the University; and
(b) for the member of the Committee mentioned in section 9(1)(d)—the Pro Vice-Chancellor; and
(c) for a member of the Committee mentioned in section 9(1)(f), (g) or (h)—eligible to be appointed as that member.

(3) The Vice-Chancellor may:
   (a) set the term of appointment of an alternate of a member of the Council; or
   (b) end the appointment of an alternate at any time.

(4) An alternate of a member of the Council may resign by written notice given to the Vice-Chancellor.

(5) If an alternate of a member of the Council ceases to be eligible to be appointed as an alternative of that member of the Council, the person automatically ceases to be an alternative of that member.

(6) An alternate of a member of the Council may attend, and take part, in a meeting of the Committee in the place of the member if the member is unable to attend the meeting.

(7) Without limiting subsection (6), if an alternate of a member attends a meeting of the Committee in the place of the member, the alternate may vote on all resolutions before the meeting (other than a resolution on which the member has voted under section 11(5)).

11 Committee procedures

(1) The Chancellor presides at all meetings of the Committee at which the Chancellor is present.

(2) If the Chancellor is absent, the Pro-Chancellor presides.

(3) If the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor are absent, the member (or alternate) chosen by the members (and alternates) present presides.

(4) Business may be carried out at a meeting of the Committee only if at least 6 members (or alternates) are present.

(5) However, a member (or alternate) may vote on a resolution at a meeting by email or in writing if notice of the resolution is given, and the member (or alternate) votes, under procedures decided by the Committee.

(6) If a member (or alternate) votes under (5) on a resolution at a meeting, the member (or alternate) is taken, for the purposes of the application of subsection (4) to the resolution, to have been present at the meeting.

(7) A resolution of the Committee is a valid resolution, even though it was not passed at a meeting of the Committee, if:
   (a) at least 6 members agree, in writing, to the proposed resolution; and
   (b) notice of the resolution is given under procedures decided by the Committee.

(8) The Committee may conduct its proceedings (including its meetings) as it otherwise considers appropriate.

[Note: Under the Acts Interpretation Act 1901, s 33B the Committee may permit members to participate in meetings by telephone, close-circuit television or any other means of communication.]

12 Repeal

The Honorary Degrees Rules 2014 are repealed.