

# THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

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Statute No.

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## UNIVERSITY HOUSE STATUTE

### Citation

1. This Statute may be cited as the University House Statute.

### Interpretation

2. In this Statute:

“**Board of Fellows**” means the Board of Fellows established by section 5;

“**Master**” means the holder of the office of Master of University House established by section 3.

### The Master

3. (1) There is established the office of Master of University House.

(2) The Council, after consultation with the Board of Fellows, is to appoint a person to the office of Master of University House.

(3) An appointment under subsection (2) is for such period as the Council, after consultation with the Board of Fellows, determines.

(4) The Vice-Chancellor may appoint a person to act in the office of Master of University House:

- (a) during a vacancy in that office, whether or not an appointment has been made to that office; or
- (b) during any period, or during all periods, when the Master is absent from duty or is, for any reason, unable to perform the duties of office;

but a person appointed to act during a vacancy may not continue so to act for more than 12 months.

(5) Anything done by or in relation to a person purporting to act pursuant to an appointment made under subsection (4) is not invalid merely because:

- (a) the occasion for the appointment had not arisen; or
- (b) there was a defect or irregularity in connection with the appointment; or
- (c) the appointment had ceased to have effect; or
- (d) the occasion to act had not arisen or had ceased.

### Powers and duties of the Master

4. (1) The conduct of University House is vested in the Master.

(2) Subject to subsection (1), the powers, duties and emoluments of the Master are as are determined from time to time by the Council after consultation with the Board of Fellows.

### The Board of Fellows

5. (1) There is established a Board of Fellows of University House.

(2) The Board of Fellows comprises the Master and the number of persons specified in the rules each of whom is to be appointed or elected in accordance with the rules.

(3) The Board of Fellows may advise the Master and the Vice-Chancellor on any matter relating to the conduct of University House.

(4) The Board of Fellows may ask the Master to supply it with such information as the Board considers relevant or necessary for the fulfilment of its functions under subsection (3).

(5) The Master must not fail to comply with a reasonable request under subsection (4).

### **Meetings of Board of Fellows**

6. (1) Subject to subsection (2), the conduct of a meeting of the Board of Fellows is to be regulated as provided for in the rules.

(2) In relation to any matter regarding the conduct of a meeting of the Board of Fellows for which the rules make no provision, the Board may determine that matter by resolution.

### **Resignation**

7. (1) The Master may resign that office by notice in writing to the Council delivered to the Registrar.

(2) A Fellow may resign his or her office by notice in writing to the Master.

### **Removal from office**

8. The Council may at any time remove the Master or a Fellow from office for misconduct or incapacity.

### **Delegation**

9. (1) The Board of Fellows may, by resolution, delegate all or any of its powers (except this power of delegation) to one or more of its members.

(2) A delegation under this section does not prevent the exercise of the delegated power by the Board of Fellows.

### **Rules**

10. The Council may, on the advice of the Board of Fellows, make rules:

- (a) required or permitted by this Statute to be made; or
- (b) necessary or convenient to be made for carrying out or giving effect to this Statute;

and, in particular, in relation to any of the following matters:

- (c) providing for the appointment of a Deputy Master of University House;
- (d) providing for the appointment or election of persons as Fellows of University House;
- (e) providing for membership of University House, including categories of, and conditions pertaining to, that membership;
- (f) regulating entry to University House or to parts of University House;
- (g) regulating access to, and use of the facilities of, University House;
- (h) requiring the payment of fees and charges by members of University House and other persons using the facilities of University House;
- (i) providing for the conduct, management and discipline of persons in University House;
- (j) providing for the conduct and management of the affairs of University House.

**Transitional**

**11. (1)** The person who, immediately before the transition day, held office as Master under the old Statute is taken to hold the office of Master under section 3 for the unexpired portion of his or her term of office.

**(2)** The persons who, immediately before the transition day, comprised the Governing Body of University House under the old Statute are taken to comprise the Board of Fellows established under section 4 and hold office as members of the Board of Fellows for the unexpired portion of the term for which each of them was appointed or elected as a member of that Governing Body, as the case may be.

**(3)** In this section:  
“old statute” means the University House Statute repealed by section 12.  
“transition day” means the day on which this Statute commences.

**Repeal**

**12.** The University House Statute No. 20 of 8 July 1955, as amended by No. 23 of 1956, No. 26 of 1959, No. 39 of 1960, No.69 of 1965, No. 94 of 1970, No. 115 of 1976, No. 123 of 1977, No. 140 of 1980, No. 149 of 1981, No. 167 of 1983, No. 179 of 1984, No. 189 of 1986 and Nos. 195 and 198 of 1987, is repealed.

Given under the Common Seal of The Australian National University

this twelfth day of March 1992.

(signed) L W Nichol  
Vice-Chancellor,

(Common Seal of)  
The Australian National University

(signed) W R Williams  
Secretary.

I, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby approve the foregoing Statute.

Dated 7<sup>th</sup> May 1992

(signed) Bill Hayden  
Governor-General

(signed) P Baldwin  
Minister for State for Higher Education and Employment Services