

UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY (ORGANISATIONAL DESIGN - TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS) RULE 2016 (AS AMENDED)

The Senate, as the governing authority of the University of Sydney, by resolution adopts the following Rule under subsection 37(1) of the University of Sydney Act 1989 (as amended) for the purposes of the University of Sydney By-law 1999.

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PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1 Name of Rule

This is the University of Sydney (Organisational Design – Transitional Provisions) Rule 2016 (as amended).

2 Commencement and termination

- (1) This Rule commences on 15 December 2016
- (2) This Rule will cease to have effect on 30 June 2018.

3 Statement of intent

- (1) This Rule provides for the effective management and governance of the University during the process of implementation of the Organisational Design Strategy.
- (2) Except to the extent that a contrary intention is expressed this Rule binds the University, staff, affiliates and students.

4 Interpretation

- (1) In this Rule:

award course resolution means a faculty resolution, approved by the Academic Board and tabled at a meeting of the Senate, which sets out the requirements for an award course at the University. Award course resolutions are sometimes also referred to as course resolutions or degree resolutions.

Note: See [University of Sydney \(Coursework\) Rule 2014](#); [Coursework Policy 2014](#); [University of Sydney \(Higher Degree by Research\) Rule 2011 \(as amended\)](#).

delegate means an officer, employee, authority, committee, consultant or contractor of the University to whom Senate has made a delegation of authority.

delegation of authority means a delegation of power from the Senate, made under section 17 of the [University of Sydney Act 1989](#), to an officer, employee, authority, committee, consultant or contractor of the University.

faculty means a faculty, however named, established by the *University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016*.

faculty resolution means a resolution made by a faculty in accordance with, as appropriate, its constitution or the *University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016*. Such resolutions include, but are not limited to, award course resolutions.

Organisational Design Strategy	means the process of restructuring the University's faculties which was endorsed by Resolution SEN_7/15_98 of the Senate on 14 December 2015.
receiving faculty	means a faculty extant at the date of commencement of this Rule which, as a result of the Organisational Design Strategy, will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• incorporate as a school another faculty extant at the date of commencement of this Rule;• assume the teaching responsibilities of a faculty extant at the date of commencement of this Rule; or• become a University School.
transferring faculty	means a faculty extant at the date of commencement of this Rule which, as a result of the Organisational Design Strategy will transfer its teaching responsibilities to another faculty, or which will become: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a school within another faculty; or• a University School.
Strategic Plan	means the University's Strategic Plan 2016-2020 .
Senior Executive Group (SEG)	means the former committee of that name which comprised members of the University's senior leadership team, which has been replaced by UE.
University Executive (UE)	means the committee of that name which comprises members of the University's senior leadership team, which has replaced the SEG.
University school	means a school, however named, established by the <i>University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016</i> as a University School.

- (2) A heading to a Part or Schedule is a provision of this Rule. Other headings are not provisions of this Rule, but the number of a section or subsection is a provision of this Rule even if it is in a heading.
- (3) A note, marginal note, footnote or endnote is not a provision of this Rule.
- (4) A reference to a rule (other than this Rule) or policy is a reference to the rule or policy as amended or replaced by the University from time to time.

PART 2 ACADEMIC BOARD

5 Suspension of provisions

- (1) The following provisions of the [University of Sydney \(Academic Governance\) Rule 2003 \(as amended\)](#) are suspended.
 - (a) Section 5;
 - (b) Section 6; and
 - (c) Part 5, as it relates to the filling of casual vacancies.

- (2) The [Guidelines for Faculties to Elect Academic Staff Members to the Academic Board](#) are suspended.

6 Continuation of membership

- (1) Members of the Academic Board as at the date of commencement of this Rule will continue as such for the duration of the currency of this Rule.
- (2) A person will cease to be a member of the Academic Board during the currency of this Rule if they:
- resign from the Academic Board;
 - in the case of the Vice-Chancellor or an *ex-officio* member, cease to hold the relevant position;
 - in the case of an elected academic staff member, cease to be a member of the academic staff;
 - in the case of an elected student member, cease to be an enrolled student;
 - are absent from three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Academic Board and are not excused within six weeks of the last of those meetings; or
 - die.

7 Casual vacancies

- (1) The Chair of the Academic Board will nominate a person to fill any casual vacancy who meets the same requirements which applied to the former member's position.
- (2) Any person filling a casual vacancy will, subject to this Rule, hold office for the remainder of the currency of this Rule.

PART 3 SENIOR EXECUTIVE GROUP AND UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE

8 References to SEG to be read as references to UE

- (1) In any Rule, policy, procedures, guidelines or local provisions:
- a reference to the Senior Executive Group will be read as a reference to the University Executive;
 - a reference to any Senior Executive Group committee or subcommittee will be read as a reference to the corresponding University Executive committee or sub-committee, or to the appropriate administrative unit, to which the responsibility has been assigned.
- (2) Schedule One sets out the reassignment of functions from the Senior Executive Group committees to University Executive committees and administrative units as at the date of commencement of this Rule.

PART 4 POLICIES DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW

9 General Counsel's certification

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the [University of Sydney \(Policies Development and Review\) Rule 2012](#), the General Counsel may, in writing, certify that a proposed policy amendment is necessary if satisfied that it is substantially for the purposes of either or both of:
 - (a) implementing the Organisational Design Strategy; or
 - (b) correcting errors and inconsistencies within or between registered documents.
- (2) In providing a certificate under this section, the General Counsel may specify the consultation required for development of the policy amendment.

10 Suspension of policy process

If the General Counsel provides a certificate under section 9 of this Rule:

- (a) sections 12(2)(a)- (c) and 12(h) of [the University of Sydney \(Policies Development and Review\) Rule 2012](#) will not apply; and
- (b) the General Counsel may specify the consultation to be undertaken in developing the amended policy.

11 Adoption of policies

If the General Counsel provides a certificate under section 9 of this Rule:

- (a) sections 13(c) of the [University of Sydney \(Policies Development and Review\) Rule 2012](#) will not apply; and
- (b) the determining authority may adopt an amended policy if satisfied that, in addition to the requirements of sections 13 (a),(b) and (d) of the [University of Sydney \(Policies Development and Review\) Rule 2012](#):
 - (i) General Counsel has provided certification under section 9 of this Rule; and
 - (ii) the amendments made are appropriate to support the effective implementation of the Organisational Design Strategy or to correct errors and inconsistencies within or between registered documents.

PART 5 FACULTIES AND UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS

12 Resolutions of transferring faculties

- (1) Faculty resolutions, including award course resolutions, made by a transferring faculty and current at the date of commencement of this Rule will continue in effect as if made by the receiving faculty.

- (2) In the case of a transferring faculty which will become a school within a receiving faculty, the transferring faculty's resolutions will apply only to the relevant school in the receiving faculty.
- (3) If a faculty resolution made by a transferring faculty is not ratified or amended by the receiving faculty during the currency of this Rule, that resolution will cease to have effect on the date this Rule ceases to have effect.

13 References to faculties and University Schools

In any Rule, policy, procedures, guidelines or local provisions:

- (a) a reference to "a faculty" will be read as a reference to "a faculty or University school", as appropriate; and
- (b) a reference to a transferring faculty will be read as a reference to the relevant receiving faculty.

14 Sydney College of the Arts

The provisions of the following instruments will continue to apply to Sydney College of the Arts until a date to be determined by the Vice-Chancellor:

- (a) the constitution of Sydney College of the Arts as at 1 January 2016;
- (b) *University of Sydney (Authority within Academic Units) Rule 2003*;
- (c) *Senate Resolution Appointment and Roles of Pro-Deans, Deputy Deans, Associate Deans and Sub-Deans*, which commenced on 25 November 2008;
- (d) *Senate resolution Governance of Faculties, Colleges, College Boards, Boards of Studies, Departments, Schools and Committees*, which was last amended on 4 February 2014.

PART 6 DELEGATIONS OF AUTHORITY

15 Exercise of delegations of authority

- (1) Delegates must exercise their delegations of authority in accordance with any management direction made by the Provost.
- (2) During the operation of this Rule, the definition of "HOA" in section 3(1) of the *University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions) Rule 2016* will be read as if the words "outside a faculty or University school" were omitted.

NOTES

University of Sydney (Organisational Design – Transitional Provisions) Rule 2016 (as amended)

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Administrator: General Counsel

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Related documents:

University of Sydney Act 1989 (as amended) (NSW)

University of Sydney By Law 1999 (as amended) (NSW)

University of Sydney (Coursework) Rule 2014

University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Administrative Functions) Rule 2010 (as amended)

University of Sydney (Delegations of Authority – Academic Functions) Rule 2016

University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools Rule) 2016

University of Sydney (Higher Degree by Research) Rule 2011 (as amended)

Coursework Policy 2014

Policies Development and Review Procedures

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Provision	Amendment	Commencing
4, 15	Remove references to transition period	24 March 2017
2(2)	Delete 8 January 2018. Insert 30 June 2018.	22 May 2017
15	Renumber existing section as 15(1) Add new 15(2).	22 May 2017

SCHEDULE ONE

SEG:	Now responsibility of:
Senior Executive Group	University Executive
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy and Services Committee	UE Indigenous Strategy and Services Committee
AINST Board	UE AINST Board
Alumni Development and Marketing Committee	Discontinued – refer to UE Operations Committee
Colleges Consultative Committee	UE Colleges Consultative Committee
Cultural Resources Committee	Discontinued – refer to UE Operations Committee
Curriculum and Course Planning Committee	UE Curriculum and Course Planning Committee
Disability Action Plan Committee	Discontinued – refer to Student Support Services
Education Committee	UE Education Committee
Finance and Infrastructure Committee	For finance matters, refer to UE Financial Performance Committee. For infrastructure matters, refer to University Executive.
FIC Subcommittees	FIC Subcommittees
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business Intelligence Leadership Group - Space, Infrastructure and Technology Innovation Sub-Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referred to Planning and Information Office to continue as a working group - Referred to Finance, and Campus Infrastructure and Services to continue as a working group
Human Resources and Equity Committee	Discontinued – refer to UE Operations Committee
International Committee	Discontinued –refer international matters to the office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement)
Research Committee	UE Research Committee
Research Training Committee	UE Research Education Committee
SPARC Committee	UE SPARC Committee



SEG:	Now responsibility of:
Student Consultative Committee	UE Student Consultative Committee
Web Board	Discontinued – refer to systems working group of UE Operations Committee
Work Health and Safety Committee	UE Work Health and Safety Committee