

Governance

Honorary Degrees Committee

The Constitution of the Honorary Degrees Committee.

This committee operates in accordance with the [UWA Principles for the Operation of Committees](#) and [UWA Rules for the Operation of Committees](#). Members must act in accordance with the [University Committee Members' Code of Conduct](#).

Members must also act in accordance with the Senate Code which applies to Senate and Senate committees. In accordance with the Code members must among other things:

- ❖ act always in the best interest of the University as a whole, with this obligation to be observed in priority to any perceived duty a member may owe to those electing or appointing him or her;
- ❖ maintain confidentiality and, except with the approval of the Chair or if required by State or Commonwealth legislation, not divulge information at any time to any person external to the committee.

Constitution

1. Committee of the Senate

The Honorary Degrees Committee is a standing committee of the Senate.

2. Role

- (1) The role of the Committee is to —
 - (a) make recommendations to Senate on the award of honorary degrees;
 - (b) make recommendations to Senate on the award of the Chancellor's Medal.

3. Membership

- (1) The Committee comprises:
 - (a) The Chancellor;
 - (b) The Pro-Chancellor;
 - (c) The Vice-Chancellor
 - (d) The Chair of the Academic Board;
 - (e) Two other Senate members appointed by the Senate
 - (f) Two academic staff members elected to the Committee by the Academic Board.
- (2) The Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor is a standing invitee to meetings of the committee.
- (3) The University Secretary is Executive Officer to the Committee.

4. Term of office

The term of office of members appointed under 3(1)(e) and (f) is two years.

5. Eligibility for a second or subsequent term of office

At the end of a term of office, members appointed under 3(1)(e) and (f) are eligible to be reappointed again up to a maximum of three terms.

6. Quorum

(1) The quorum for the Committee is five.

7. Decisions

(1) All questions which come before the committee are decided by a majority of the members present and voting.

(2) The chair of the meeting has an ordinary vote and a casting vote.

8. Frequency of meetings

(1) The Committee normally meets at least once a year but may meet more frequently if necessary.