CONSTITUTION RULES

All matters concerning the Council and its members are set out in sections 8 and 9 of the Macquarie University Act 1989 (NSW). For example, the Council can determine, by a two-thirds majority resolution, its own size within the specified range, and the number of members it will have in most categories. The size and number of members in each category are specified in ‘constitution rules’ made by Council.

These constitution rules were prescribed by Council through a resolution passed at the Council meeting on 20 June 2012. http://www.universitycouncil.mq.edu.au/pdfs/Minutes_20062012.pdf

A copy of the constitution rules can be found below.

1. In accordance with section 4(1)(b) of the Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011, the following constitution rules are prescribed for the purposes of the standard governing body provisions:

   (a) the total number of members of the Council is 19;

   (b) the total number of members in each category is:

      (i) 3 official members;

      (ii) 5 elected members (being 3 academic staff members, 1 non-academic staff member and 1 student member);

      (iii) 5 Council appointed members;

      (iv) 2 members appointed by the Minister; and

   (c) the minimum number of external members who must be graduates of the University is 4. They will become (graduate) members by appointment by the Council.

2. That the written notice to the Minister, in accordance with section 4(2) of the Universities Governing Bodies Act 2011, will note:

   (a) that the standard governing body provisions and the constitution rules are to commence on 1 January 2013; and

   (b) for the purpose of enabling the Council to be duly constituted on or after commencement of the standard governing body provisions and the constitution rules, elections may be conducted and appointments made before that commencement date as if the standard governing body provisions and the constitution rules were in force.