



## **Statute No. 25 – Vice Chancellor**

1. (1) The Vice Chancellor is the chief executive officer and academic principal of the University.
- (2) Subject to the Act, Statutes and Regulations and to any resolution of the Senate, the Vice Chancellor shall be responsible for:
  - (a) the academic, administrative, financial and other business of the University,
  - (b) the leadership, management and development of the University, and
  - (c) the delivery of the University's Strategic Plan as approved by Senate.
2. The Vice Chancellor has all such powers and duties as may be:
  - (a) necessary, incidental or convenient to carry out the responsibilities of Vice Chancellor;
  - (b) conferred by the Act, Statutes, By-laws and Regulations of the University; or
  - (c) delegated to or conferred by a resolution of the Senate.
3. (1) Without limiting the generality of the powers and duties conferred by clause 2, the Vice Chancellor shall have the delegated authority to:
  - (a) appoint, promote and dismiss staff, determine their remuneration, conditions of service, powers and duties, and determine University policies on these matters;
  - (b) exercise general supervision over the activities and welfare of members of the staff and students of the University and over the academic affairs of the University;
  - (c) formulate the University budget for submission to Senate for approval;
  - (d) manage the human, financial and physical resources of the University;
  - (e) incur expenditure up to a limit set by Senate, on items for which budgetary provision has been made;
  - (f) prepare the Strategic Plan of the University for approval by the Senate;
  - (g) establish and maintain an efficient and effective management structure for the University;
  - (h) ensure the implementation of the Statutes, By-laws, Regulations, Rules and policies of the University, and compliance with the responsibilities and obligations required by State and Commonwealth legislation;
  - (i) make any decision or take any action on behalf of the Senate where the Vice Chancellor and Chancellor agree that the decision is urgent and requires immediate action and that it is not practicable to convene a special meeting of the Senate, provided that where this power is exercised the use of the power shall be reported to members of the Senate as soon as possible, and endorsement of the action taken shall be sought from the Senate at its next meeting;

- (j) appoint an Acting Vice Chancellor during any period of illness or absence of one month or less, generally or for any specific occasion. An appointment for a longer period requires Senate approval. If circumstances prevent the Vice Chancellor from making a necessary appointment to the position of Acting Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor makes the appointment.
  - (k) The Vice Chancellor is an ex officio member of all University committees except where specifically excluded by resolution of the Senate. The Vice Chancellor may attend any meeting or appoint a person to represent the Vice Chancellor on any such committee.
3. (2) The Vice Chancellor may delegate, in writing, any function, or any power or duty conferred or imposed to any person or committee of persons subject to the Statutes and the regulations made under section 26 of the *Murdoch University Act 1973*.
  4. The Vice Chancellor shall report to each regular meeting of the Senate on the affairs of the University, and as requested by the Senate but at least once each year shall report on the extent to which the University is meeting its strategic goals and targets.
  5. The Vice Chancellor is appointed by Senate. The term of appointment and whether to reappoint or extend the term, shall be determined by the Senate, and shall not be delegated.
  6. The remuneration and conditions of service of the Vice Chancellor shall be determined by the Chancellor's and Nominations Committee. The Committee shall:
    - (a) comprise the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, the Chair of the Senate Committee concerned with resources, the Chair of the Senate Committee concerned with audit and risk and at least one other member appointed by the Chancellor from among the members of the Senate who are not staff or students of the University;
    - (b) act in accordance with any guidelines which may be set by the Senate;
    - (c) Report to the Senate on its decisions and on the procedures followed in arriving at these decisions.
  7. The Vice Chancellor may be removed from office at any time if in the opinion of an absolute majority of the Senate it is in the best interests of the University. The exercise of this power by the Senate shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Vice Chancellor's contract of employment.

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