

Governance

Senate Legislative Committee Constitution

1 Committee of the Senate

- (1) The Senate Legislative Committee (**SLC**) is a standing committee of the [Senate](#).
- (2) The SLC operates in accordance with the [Senate Code](#) and [Senate Standing Orders](#) in their application to Senate committees.

2 Role

- (1) The role of the SLC is to —
 - (a) consider and make recommendations to Senate on all proposals for:
 - (i) new, amendments to, and repeal of statutes, regulations and by-laws;
 - (ii) new or amended constitutions of committees of the Senate and the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) advise Senate on changes to the *University of Western Australia Act 1911*, *University Colleges Act 1926*, *University Medical School, Teaching Hospitals Act 1996* and *Queen Elizabeth II Medical Centre Act 1966*; and
 - (c) report to Senate as appropriate on such other matters as may be referred to it by the Senate, Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor.

3 Membership

- (1) The SLC comprises —
 - (a) one external member of and appointed by Senate who shall be Chair;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor, or nominee;
 - (c) up to two Senate members appointed by the Senate; and
 - (d) up to two external members, with relevant expertise, co-opted by the foregoing.
- (2) The following are standing invitees to meetings of the committee —
 - (a) the Chancellor; and
 - (b) the University General Counsel and Director of Governance, or nominee

4 Terms of office

- (1) Members under 3(1)(a) and 3(1)(d) have a three-year term of office but may be reappointed at the end of that period.

5 Eligibility for a second or subsequent term of office

- (1) At the end of a term of office, members are eligible to be reappointed or co-opted again for the greater of three terms or a maximum of nine years.

6 Skills and/or qualifications of members

- (1) In determining co-opted members under 3(1)(d), the SLC —
 - (a) must ensure that co-opted members provide expertise in legal qualification and/or legislative drafting;
 - (b) must consider issues of conflict, confidentiality and availability; and
 - (c) must consider co-opting members of the alumni, potential future members of the Senate and former members of the Senate.

7 Quorum

- (1) The quorum for the SLC is half the number of members plus one.

8 Decisions

- (1) All matters are decided by a majority of the members present and voting.
- (2) The chair of the meeting has an ordinary vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, a casting vote.

9 Frequency of meetings

- (1) The SLC shall meet as required.

10 Review and Performance

- (1) The SLC shall, annually —
 - (a) review this Constitution to ensure that it complies with relevant legislative and regulatory requirements, and that it accurately reflects the SLC's current role and responsibilities. Any revisions will be recommended to the Senate for approval; and
 - (b) perform an evaluation of the SLC's performance to determine whether it is functioning effectively by reference to global good practice and report the outcomes to Senate.

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