

University Medal Committee Terms of Reference

Section 1 - Establishment

Background

(1) The Academic Senate has established the University Medal Committee (the Committee). These Terms of Reference set out the Committee's purpose, authority, membership and functions and responsibilities.

(2) The procedures for the Committee are set out in the [Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committees Procedure](#).

Purpose

(3) The purpose of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the award of the University Medal in accordance with the [University Medal Policy](#) and [University Medal Procedure](#).

Authority

(4) The Academic Senate may, from time to time, resolve to grant the Committee specific authorisations to discharge its delegated responsibilities. The Committee may request the granting of such authorisations as it sees fit. All such authorisations will be documented in Section 3, Functions and Responsibilities.

Section 2 - Membership

(5) The Committee will comprise:

- a. the Chair of the Committee, appointed by the Chair, Academic Senate;
- b. the Chair or Deputy Chair Academic Senate;
- c. one (1) member nominated by the Faculty Board of each Faculty; and
- d. two (2) elected members of Academic Senate.

Term of office

(6) The term of office for members in clause 5 is two (2) years, unless otherwise specified.

Section 3 - Functions and responsibilities

(7) The Committee will consider and review all nominations received from Faculty Boards in accordance with the eligibility and selection criteria outlined in the [University Medal Policy](#).

(8) The Committee will recommend to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) on the award of University Medals in respect of the nominated candidates.

(9) The Committee will provide a summary report of outcomes to Faculty Boards inclusive of feedback regarding

unsuccessful nominees.

(10) The Committee will review the University's policies, procedures and guidelines governing the award of the University Medal and recommend any necessary amendments to Academic Senate for approval.

(11) The Committee will report annually to Academic Senate on the award of University Medal for that round comparative to previous years, with comment on equity and diversity issues where appropriate.

(12) The Committee will consider and report on any matters referred to it by Academic Senate, from time to time, as required.

Section 4 - Meetings

(13) The Committee shall meet a minimum of three times each year.

(14) The quorum shall be at least half the membership of the Committee plus one.

(15) Vacant positions on the Committee do not count toward the calculation of the number required for a quorum.

(16) Refer to the [Academic Senate and Academic Senate Committees Procedure](#) for meeting requirements and protocols.

Section 5 - Variations

(17) Variations to the Terms of Reference and/or membership of the Committee must be approved by Academic Senate.

Section 6 - Definitions

(18) For the purpose of this document:

- a. Committee – means the University Medal Committee; and
- b. Faculty – a reference to the term “Faculty/Faculties” and includes the Macquarie Business School.

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