Statute 1.1 - General Provisions: Interpretation

(1) In any Statute unless a contrary intention appears:

a. "Academic Board" means the Academic Board constituted pursuant to Clause 25 of the Constitution by Statute 2.5 - The Academic Board.
b. "Academic Staff" means continuing and fixed term full-time and part-time members of the academic staff of the University.
c. "Constitution" means the Constitution of Australian Catholic University Limited.
d. "Course" means a course of study for a Degree, Diploma or other Award and includes practicums.
e. "Current Awards" mean the Degrees, Diplomas and other Awards which are offered by the University as at the date of the first promulgation of these Statutes and which are listed in the Appendix.
f. "Executive Dean" in relation to a Faculty, means the person appointed Executive Dean of that Faculty pursuant to Clause 26.2 of the Constitution.
g. "Degrees, Diplomas and other Awards" means, each without limitation, the degrees, diplomas and other awards offered by the University.
h. "Electoral Officer" has the meaning given such expression in Statute 8.2 - Elections to Faculty Boards.
i. "Faculty" means a Faculty of the University constituted pursuant to Statute 2.6 - The Faculties.
j. "Faculty Board" means a Faculty Board established by a Faculty pursuant to clause 6 of Statute 2.6 - The Faculties.
k. "Handbook" means a Handbook published by the University in any medium in respect of each Faculty in which the University conducts activities.
l. "Honorary Awards Committee" means a Committee constituted under that name by resolution of the Senate.
m. "Member" means a member of Australian Catholic University Limited pursuant to Clause 7 of the Constitution.
n. "National Head of School" means the person appointed as head of a national school pursuant to Statute 2.8 - The National Schools.
o. "National School" means a national school of the University constituted pursuant to Statute 2.8 - The National Schools.
p. "Professors" means the Professors of the University from time to time.
q. "Secretary" means the person from time to time appointed as Secretary of Australian Catholic University Limited pursuant to Clause 18 of the Constitution.
r. "Statute" means a statute of the University made pursuant to Clause 24 of the Constitution and Section 5 of the Australian Catholic University (Victoria) Act 1991.
s. "Student" means a person whose application to enrol in a course of study or unit of the University has been accepted by the University and whose enrolment has not been withdrawn; and "enrolled student" has a corresponding meaning.

(2) In any Statute, unless the contrary intention appears:

a. words or expressions defined in Clause 32 of the Constitution shall have the same meaning when used in a Statute;

b. words importing the masculine gender shall include females, and words importing the feminine gender shall include males; and
c. words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.

(3) The headings of and within the Statutes shall be deemed to be part of the Statute.

a. Every schedule to a Statute shall be deemed to be part of the Statute.
b. No footnote to any Statute shall be deemed to be part of any Statute.

(4) Where in any Statute reference is made to any other Statute and that other Statute is subsequently amended, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the reference shall, from the date of the amendment, be deemed to be that Statute as so amended.

(5) Where any Statute is repealed in whole or in part, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the repeal shall not:

a. revive anything not in force or existing at the time at which the repeal takes effect; or
b. affect the previous operation of any Statute so repealed, or anything duly done or suffered under any Statute.

(6) Where in any Statute any person holding an office is referred to in general terms, that reference shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be a reference to all persons who at any time hold that office for the time being.

(7) Where a Statute confers a power or imposes a duty, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the power may be exercised and the duty shall be performed from time to time as occasion requires.

(8) Where a Statute confers a power or imposes a duty on the holder of an office as such, then, unless the contrary intention appears, the power may be exercised and the duty shall be performed by the holder for the time being of the office or the person appointed by the Senate to act in the place of the holder of the office or during a vacancy in the office.

(9) Where a Statute or rule provides for the appointment of a person to an office in the University by virtue of some other office held by him or her, whether in the University or elsewhere, that person shall, unless the contrary intention appears, hold the appointment ex officio.

(10) A person elected or appointed to an office in the University for a term under any Statute shall, unless the contrary intention appears, be eligible for reelection or re-appointment to that office.

(11) Where in any Statute or by resolution of the Senate the holder for the time being of any office in the University is named as a member of a committee or other body of the University by reason of that office then in each case, unless a contrary intention appears, the member may appoint another person to attend meetings of such Committee or other body and either annually or for a lesser period PROVIDED HOWEVER that the Committee or other body may by resolution decline to accept such other person as a member.

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