

Statute 15: *The Advisory Board of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts*

1. Definitions

1.1. In this Statute, unless the contrary intention appears –

“**Academy**” means the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts;

“**Committees**” means any committee of the WAAPA Advisory Board established pursuant to section 7;

“**Community Member**” means a person who is not a member of staff or an enrolled student of the University;

“**Foundation Board**” has the same meaning as under *University Statute No. 17 – Edith Cowan University Foundation*; and

“**staff of the Academy**” means fixed-term or ongoing employees of the University who are engaged to work primarily in the Academy.

“**WAAPA Advisory Board**” means the Advisory Board of the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts constituted pursuant to section 25(1) of the Act.

1.2. Any terms which are not defined in this Statute but are defined in *University Statute No. 1 Interpretation* shall have the meaning given to them in *Statute No. 1*.

2. Functions and duties of the WAAPA Advisory Board

2.1. The WAAPA Advisory Board shall provide strategic advice to Council in relation to the Academy.

2.2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the WAAPA Advisory Board may provide advice to Council or the University (as appropriate) on:

- i. opportunities and mechanisms to promote the objects and interests of the Academy;
- ii. enhancing community engagement and outreach activities of the Academy;
- iii. opportunities to promote and enhance the reputation of the Academy; and
- iv. any other matters referred to it by Council or the Executive Dean of the Academy for consideration.

2.3. The WAAPA Advisory Board shall provide advice and support to the ECU Foundation Board in the strategic planning and practical implementation of campaigns to raise funds for the Academy.

2.4. The WAAPA Advisory Board as a whole and its members individually shall have a general responsibility to act as advocates for the Academy in the broad community, with relevant government agencies and with other external organisations.

3. WAAPA Advisory Board Rules

3.1. Council will make WAAPA Advisory Board Rules (“the **Rules**”) under this Statute which:

- i. will prescribe any matters that this Statute expressly requires be prescribed in the Rules; and
- ii. subject to this Statute, may prescribe any other matters deemed necessary or desirable for the functioning of the WAAPA Advisory Board under this Statute.

4. WAAPA Advisory Board composition

- 4.1. Subject to this section 4, the composition of the Advisory Board will be prescribed in the Rules.
- 4.2. The composition of the WAAPA Advisory Board shall include, but shall not be limited to:
 - i. Community Members appointed by Council who, in the opinion of Council, possess skills and attributes that will assist the WAAPA Advisory Board to prosecute its functions and duties;
 - ii. The Vice-Chancellor, or his or her nominee;
 - iii. The Executive Dean of the Academy;
 - iv. A member of the staff of the Academy (other than the Executive Dean of the Academy), either elected by the staff of the Academy or appointed by the Executive Dean of the Academy, as prescribed in the Rules; and
 - v. An enrolled student in a course administered by the Academy, either elected by the enrolled students in courses administered by the Academy or appointed by the Executive Dean of the Academy, as prescribed in the Rules.
- 4.3. The Chairperson will be appointed by Council and shall be a Community Member.
- 4.4. The Deputy Chairperson shall be a Community Member.
- 4.5. Subject to sub-sections 4.6 and 4.7 below, additional positions in the composition of the WAAPA Advisory Board may be prescribed in the Rules.
- 4.6. The number of positions allocated for Community Members shall constitute at least half of the total number of positions on the WAAPA Advisory Board.
- 4.7. The total number of positions on the WAAPA Advisory Board will not exceed 10.
- 4.8. Any elections required for the purposes of sub-section 4.2 shall be conducted subject to the University's Elections Statute and to any Rules made pursuant to that Statute.
- 4.9. Subject to sub-sections 4.2 to 4.8 above, the
 - i. number;
 - ii. method of appointment; and
 - iii. terms of officeof members of the WAAPA Advisory Board shall be prescribed in the Rules.
- 4.10. WAAPA Advisory Board members shall at all times act in the best interests of the Academy and the University and give precedence to the interests of the Academy and the University over the interests of any person or persons appointing or electing a member.

5. Reporting arrangements

- 5.1. The WAAPA Advisory Board reports directly to Council.
- 5.2. The Chairperson shall provide reports to Council on WAAPA Advisory Board activities as follows:
 - i. on request by resolution of Council;
 - ii. as resolved by the WAAPA Advisory Board;
 - iii. at least once per calendar year.
- 5.3. Subject to this Statute, additional reporting requirements may be prescribed in the Rules.

6. Meetings

Subject to this Statute, the proceedings of the WAAPA Advisory Board may be set out in the Rules.

7. Committees

Subject to this Statute, the establishment and composition of Committees of the WAAPA Advisory Board may be set out in the Rules.

8. Transitional

Any person holding a position as a member of the WAAPA Advisory Board immediately prior to the day that this Statute comes into effect shall continue as a member until:

- (a) the expiry of the appointed or elected term, or
- (b) he or she ceases to be a member for any other reason,

whichever occurs sooner.

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