

## **Statute No. 26**

### **Conferral and presentation of awards of the University**

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#### **1. General**

- 1.1 This Statute applies to the academic and honorary awards of the University designated by the Council.
- 1.2 The process for the conferral of awards shall be as prescribed by the Council.
- 1.3 The procedure for the presentation of awards to eligible candidates shall be as prescribed by the Council.
- 1.4 The Chancellor, on behalf of the Council, shall preside over all graduation ceremonies. In the absence of the Chancellor, a graduation ceremony is to be presided over by the Pro-Chancellor and in the absence of both the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor by the Vice-Chancellor or his or her nominee.

#### **2. Academic Awards**

- 2.1
  - (a) The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible for maintaining a Register of Graduates containing at least the name, date of birth, date of completion, date of conferral, student identification number, testamur identification number and particulars of each such academic award of every person to whom an academic award has been conferred.
  - (b) The Register of Graduates shall not be altered or amended except for the purposes of Clause 2.2, or unless the Vice-Chancellor directs that some manifest error or omission be corrected.
  - (c) No person shall be deemed to hold an academic award unless the name of such person and the academic award is recorded in the Register of Graduates.
- 2.2
  - (a) The Council reserves the right to revoke, on good cause being shown, any academic award which has been granted to any person and upon such revocation the Vice-Chancellor shall strike such persons off the Register of Graduates.
  - (b) The Council may at any time thereafter, on good cause being shown, restore to any person an academic award which has been revoked, and thereupon the Vice-Chancellor shall restore the name of such person to the Register of Graduates.

#### **3. Honorary Awards**

- 3.1 The Honorary Awards Committee shall be a standing committee of the Council.
- 3.2 The Council, on the recommendation of the Honorary Awards Committee, may award *honoris causa* any degree of the University, or any other honorary award determined by the Council, to any person, whether or not a graduate of the University.
- 3.3 The Council shall prescribe the nomination and selection processes to be followed by the Honorary Awards Committee.
- 3.4 The Council reserves the right to revoke any honorary award.

#### **4. Graduation Seal**

- 4.1 In this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires "Graduation Seal" means the Graduation Seal of the University described in sub-section 4.2 of this section.

- 4.2 The form of the Graduation Seal of the University is

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- 4.3 The Vice-Chancellor shall hold the Graduation Seal in safe custody and available for use as authorised by this Statute.
- 4.4 The Graduation Seal shall be used only by the authority of the Council and in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.
- 4.5 The Vice-Chancellor shall approve the affixing of the Graduation Seal to all documents or classes of documents which the Council has authorised to be sealed with the Graduation Seal. The Vice-Chancellor may determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that in relation to any testamur to which the Graduation Seal is affixed, that the Graduation Seal may be affixed by way of a facsimile of the Graduation Seal.
- 4.6 Every testamur of an academic award to which the Graduation Seal is affixed shall be signed by the Vice-Chancellor and countersigned by such person as shall be appointed by the Council for the purpose.
- 4.7 There shall be inserted at the end of every testamur of an academic award a sealing clause in the following form -

*The Graduation Seal of Edith Cowan University was hereto affixed on  
the .....day of ..... by the authority of the Council.*

- 4.8 The Vice-Chancellor shall maintain a register of the use of the Graduation Seal in which shall be recorded, in respect of each testamur of an award to which the seal is affixed, particulars of the testamur, its date, the authority for it and name and title of the persons signing and countersigning the testamur as required by sub-section 4.6 of this section.
- 4.9 The Council may determine either generally or in any particular case or cases that in relation to any testamur of an academic award to which the Graduation Seal is affixed, the signature of the Vice-Chancellor or the other person appointed by the Council to countersign the affixing of the Graduation Seal or both may be affixed by some means and be a facsimile of those persons' signatures in such manner as may be specified in the Council's resolution.

## **5. Academic Regalia**

- 5.1 The Council may specify in Rules, the official regalia of the University.

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