

## **RULE CHANGES APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Pursuant to clause 44 in division 3, part 4 of the By-law, the following rule changes made by the Council take effect from 14 July 2008.

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At its meeting 08/2 on 16 April 2008, Council resolved

COU/08-2/30

that:

.2 the proposed changes to Rules 13.4 Conferral of Award, Rule 13.9 Testamurs and Rule 13.10 Academic Dress of the Student and Related Rules, and the associated changes to the definitions contained in Schedule 1 to the Student and Related Rules, as detailed in Attachment 1 to Document 5.1, be approved with effect from 14 July 2008;

Attachment 1 reads:

# Section 13 of the Student and Related Rules – Awards and Graduation, and associated definitions

[new text <u>underlined</u>, text to be deleted <del>stuck through</del>, Rules to be renumbered as appropriate]

#### **13.3** Eligibility to graduate

- 13.3.1 Academic Board shall recommend to Council the conferral of awards upon those students who have satisfactorily completed course requirements in accordance with Rule 13.2 and are considered eligible to graduate.
- 13.3.2 Notwithstanding Rule 13.3.1 above, the Registrar may determine that a student who has completed course requirements in accordance with Rule 13.2 is not eligible to graduate in particular circumstances including but not limited to:
  - (1) where proceedings relevant to the student are pending or have commenced in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 (Student Misconduct and Appeals); or
  - (2) where the student has not discharged all of his or her financial obligations to the University; or
  - (3) where the student has not returned all borrowed library books, University equipment and materials.

## **13.4** Conferral of award

- 13.4.1 Degree, and Diploma and Graduate Certificate awards are conferred by a resolution of the University Council-at University graduation ceremonies.
- 13.4.2 <u>Degree and Diploma awards may be presented at a University graduation ceremony.</u> Graduate Certificate awards <del>are conferred by a resolution of the University Council</del> <del>and</del> may be presented at a faculty ceremony.

- 13.4.3 An award of the University may be conferred posthumously.
- 13.4.4 A student who is eligible to graduate is normally required to do so at the first allocated graduation or presentation ceremony following the completion of course requirements whether in person or 'in absentia'.
- 13.4.5 In exceptional circumstances, a student may be permitted to defer graduation by one half year.
- 13.4.6 Students who are eligible to graduate, who have not been approved for deferral of graduation and who do not attend the allocated ceremony will have their award conferred 'in absentia' at the allocated ceremony.

#### 13.9 Testamurs

- 13.9.1 A testamur is the official certificate of the University that attests to a particular person having satisfied requirements for and graduated with a particular award of the University.
- 13.9.2 A testamur is a legal document issued under the seal of the University and is issued in original form only once for each specific award conferred.

#### 13.9.3 A register of all testamurs issued shall be maintained by the Registrar.

13.9.<u>3</u> A certificate of replacement for a testamur may be requested by a graduate and issued by the Registrar in the form and on such conditions as determined by the Council <u>Vice-Chancellor</u> from time to time.

### 13.10 Academic dress

- 13.10.1 Academic dress is prescribed by the University Council for each award of the University, with the exception of Graduate Certificates.
- 13.10.2 <u>Graduands Graduates</u> who attend graduation ceremonies are required to wear the academic dress of the degree or diploma that is <u>appropriate to the level of award</u> <u>obtained to be conferred upon them at the ceremony</u>.
- 13.10.3 Graduates of the University are entitled to wear the academic dress, appropriate to the level of award obtained, at appropriate formal occasions.

#### SCHEDULES

## SCHEDULE 1 — DEFINITIONS

**award 'in absentia'** means an academic award conferred at a graduation ceremony upon a graduand who was not in attendance.

graduation means the official University ceremony at which academic awards are conferred.