

Statute No. 8 – Interpretation

1. In any Statute, Regulation or By-law of the University, unless the context otherwise requires:

<i>Absolute majority</i>	means a majority of all the persons for the time being holding office;
<i>Act</i>	means the <u>Murdoch University Act 1973 (WA)</u> ;
<i>By-law</i>	means a by-law of the University made under the Act;
<i>Campus</i>	means the lands or premises from time to time designated as a campus by the Senate. There may be more than one campus so designated at any one time;
<i>Day</i>	means calendar day;
<i>Examination</i>	means an examination conducted by or within the University or an examination conducted by any other person or body prescribed by the statutes as a person or body authorised to conduct examinations for the University;
<i>External Student</i>	means a student designated as an external student by the Secretary;
<i>Faculty</i>	means a unit of university organisation constituted as a Faculty by the Faculty Regulations;
<i>Faculty Dean</i>	means a Dean of a Faculty appointed under the Faculty Regulations;
<i>General Staff</i>	means all employees of the University who are not members of the University's academic staff;
<i>Graduate</i>	means a graduate of any University;
<i>Member of the University</i>	means a person who is a member of the Senate, a member of the staff of the University other than a person employed on a casual basis, a graduate of the University or a student;
<i>Office of the University</i>	means the office of the University as from time to time designated by the Senate;
<i>Prescribed</i>	means prescribed by the Act, or a Statute, Regulation or By-law as the case may be;
<i>Part-time Student</i>	means a student designated as a part-time student by the Secretary;
<i>Regulation</i>	means a Regulation of the University made under the Act;

<i>School or School of Study</i>	means the unit of university organisation constituted as a School under the Faculty Regulations;
<i>Secretary</i>	means the person for the time being employed by the University in the position of General Counsel & University Secretary, or such other position as subsumes or replaces it;
<i>Statute</i>	means a statute of the University made under the Act and the Statutes means all the Statutes for the time being in force;
<i>Student</i>	means a person enrolled in the University as a student and the Students means the student body for the time being;
<i>Undergraduate</i>	means a Student enrolled in a unit for a Bachelor's Degree;
<i>University</i>	when used to describe a locality means all land and buildings owned or occupied by the University and any other land declared by the Governor in accordance with section 24(2) of the Act to be University lands and all buildings or structures on such land; and
<i>Working day</i>	means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which the University is officially closed.

- 1A. Effective as of 1 January 2008, where the following terms appear in any Statute, Regulation or by-law, they shall be construed as provided for in this paragraph 1A:

<i>Division & Divisional</i>	shall be replaced in all instances with the term "Faculty"
<i>Divisional Board or Board of the Division</i>	shall be replaced in all instances with the term "Faculty Board"
<i>Executive Dean</i>	shall be replaced in all instances with the term "Faculty Dean"
<i>Head of School or School Head</i>	shall be replaced in all instances with the term "School Dean"
<i>Programme Chair</i>	shall be replaced in all instances with the term "Academic Advisor"

2. Subject to paragraph 3(d), the provisions of the Interpretation Act 1984 (WA) in force from time to time apply in the interpretation and construction of the Statutes, Regulations and By-law.
3. In any Statute, Regulation or By-law unless the contrary intention appears:
- (a) a reference to any person holding an office shall be to the person who holds or discharges the duty of that office for the time being, or to the person who is for the time being acting in that office as the case may require;

- (b) a person appointed as a member of a University body or organisation by virtue of some other office held by him or her whether in the University or elsewhere, and expressed to be appointed 'ex officio' shall have the right to nominate any other person to represent him or her on any such body or organisation and from time to time remove and replace any such nominee as he or she shall think fit;
- (c) a reference to a person who is 'primarily a student' is a reference to a person whom the Vice-Chancellor determines is primarily a student.
- (d) For the purposes of sub-section 61(2) of the *Interpretation Act 1984 (WA)*, "excluded day" means Saturday, Sunday, or other day on which the University is officially closed.

- 4. The periods of instruction in each year shall be determined by the Senate.
- 5. For the purposes of section 8(2) of the Act, the University shall (inter alia) consist of all members of the academic and general staff of the University other than those employed on a casual basis.

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Note: All enquiries relating to Legislation should be referred to the University Secretary's Office.