

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, DUBLIN**

**STATUTE 2**

**UNIVERSITIES ACT, 1997**

WE, the Governing Authority of University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin, a constituent university of the National University of Ireland, under and by virtue of the powers conferred on us by the above Act, having taken into consideration as respects the statutes for the aforesaid university, the representations by all persons who appeared to us to be interested in the making of statutes for the said university, do by this present instrument under our seal, make the statute hereunto annexed for University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

Given under the Common Seal  
of University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin,  
the first day of October 2002.



Present when the Common Seal of University College Dublin,  
National University of Ireland, Dublin  
was affixed :

Chairperson of the Governing Authority: Art Cosgrove  
President

Employee of the university: Eamonn Ceannt  
Bursar



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**CHAPTER 1**

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF  
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND**

1. Function of Governing Authority

The Governing Authority shall be responsible for the election of four persons as members of the Senate of the National University of Ireland (the “Senate”).

2. Period of Office

The persons so elected shall hold office for a period not exceeding five years for which they are elected and a member whose term of office expires by effluxion of time shall be eligible to again be a member. A person so elected shall not cease to be a member of the Senate if he/she ceases to be a member of the Governing Authority. A person elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the term of office of the member whose ceasing to hold office occasioned the casual vacancy.

3. Election Meeting

The election shall take place at a meeting of the Governing Authority (hereinafter referred to as the “Election Meeting”), the notice for which shall state that the election of members of the Senate is the purpose, or one of the purposes, thereof. Such meeting shall be held not less than two weeks before the date at which the period of office of the persons last previously elected by the university as members of the Senate shall expire.

4. Nomination Procedure

Each nomination of a person whom it is proposed to elect shall be made in writing signed by two members of the Governing Authority and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate to his or her nomination, and shall be submitted to and received by the Chair of the Governing Authority at least seven days before the day appointed for the Election Meeting.

5. Deemed Election

If at the expiration of the period for nomination the number of persons duly nominated shall not exceed four, then all the persons so nominated shall be deemed to have been duly elected, and at the Election Meeting they shall be declared by the Chair of the Governing Authority to have been elected accordingly.



## 6. Election Procedure

If more than four persons have been duly nominated, then there shall be a poll at the Election Meeting in respect of the four members of the Senate which the university is entitled to elect. At the poll the votes shall be given by unsigned voting papers, by the members of the Governing Authority present at the meeting, and each person may vote for not more than four candidates. The election will be by the multiple non-transferable voting (MNTV) system.

## 7. Election and Gender Balance

The four candidates who have obtained the greatest number of valid votes shall be deemed elected, provided that, if the candidates include at least one woman and at least one man, those four elected shall include at least one woman and at least one man. If the four candidates who have obtained the greatest number of valid votes do not include at least one woman and at least one man, there shall be deemed to be elected:

- (a) the three candidates who have obtained the greatest number of valid votes; and
- (b) if those three candidates are male, the female candidate or, if those three candidates are female, the male candidate who has obtained the greatest number of valid votes of all the female candidates or all of the male candidates respectively as the case may be.

## 8. Equality of Votes

If there shall be an equality of votes for two or more candidates and the number of candidates (if any) who have obtained a greater number of votes together with the number of candidates having such an equality of votes is greater than the number which the university is entitled to elect, the election, as between the candidates having such an equality of votes, shall, subject to this statute be determined by a further election between the candidates of equal votes and if still of equal votes shall be determined by lot drawn by the Chair at the Election Meeting.

## 9. Supplementary Provisions

- a) The Chair shall declare the candidate or candidates whose election has been so determined to have been duly elected.
- b) When any person shall have been declared to have been duly elected by the university to be a member of the Senate, the President of the university shall forthwith notify the Registrar of the National University of Ireland accordingly in writing.
- c) In the event of the university's failing to elect within the prescribed time the full number of persons which it is entitled to elect, the vacancies which shall not be filled shall be deemed to be casual vacancies.
- d) Whenever a casual vacancy shall occur among the members of the Senate elected by the university, the Registrar of the university shall give notice in writing thereof to the Registrar of the National University of Ireland. The election of a person to fill the vacancy shall take place at a meeting of the Governing Authority held not more than four months after such notice has been given.



- e) Any casual vacancy arising in respect of a person deemed to be elected pursuant to this statute may be filled only by a person who will maintain the position in 7 above that of the four elected candidates there shall be at least one man and at least one woman.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **DATE OF COMMENCEMENT**

This statute shall come into operation on the first day of October 2002, and may be cited as Statute 2 of University College Dublin, the National University of Ireland, Dublin.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **DATE OF ENACTMENT**

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