

Bye-Law No. 5 Relating to Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

1. The University shall have the power to award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions in accordance with the Articles of Government and on the conditions laid down in this Bye-law.

2. Regulations made by the Academic Board, after consultation with the Board of Governors, shall prescribe -
 - (a) the requirements for entry to a particular degree, diploma, or certificate course;
 - (b) the relevant examinations, tests and other forms of assessment and such certificates of the University, including, where appropriate, the classification of awards.

3. The degrees of the University shall be -
 - (a) Foundation Degrees
 - (b) First Degrees:

(i) Bachelor of Arts	(B.A.)
(ii) Bachelor of Education	(B.Ed.)
(iii) Bachelor of Engineering	(B.Eng.)
(iv) Bachelor of Laws	(LL.B.)
(v) Bachelor of Science	(B.Sc.)
(vi) Bachelor of Nursing	(B.Nurs.)
(vii) Bachelor of Midwifery	(B.Mid.)
(viii) Bachelor of Design	(B.Des.)
(ix) Bachelor of Music	(B.Mus)
(x) Bachelor of Medical Science	(B.Med.Sci)
 - (c) Higher Degrees:

(i) Master of Arts	(M.A.)
(ii) Master of Business Administration	(M.B.A.)
(iii) Master of Design	(M.Des.)
(iv) Master of Education	(M.Ed.)
(v) Master of Laws	(LL.M.)
(vi) Master of Letters	(M.Litt.)

(vii) Master of Medical Education	(M.Med.Ed.)
(viii) Master of Medical Sciences	(M.Med.Sc.)
(ix) Master of Music	(M.Mus.)
(x) Master of Philosophy	(M.Phil.)
(xi) Master of Science	(M.Sc.)
(xii) Master of Technology	(M.Tech.)
(xiii) Master of Pharmacy	(M.Pharm.)
(xiv) Master of Engineering	(M. Eng)
(xv) Master of Research	(M. Res)
(xvi) Master of Clinical Research	(M.Clin. Res)
(xvii) Master of Teaching and Learning	(M.TL)
(xvii) Doctor of Philosophy	(Ph.D.)
(xviii) Doctor of Arts	(D.Art.)
(xix) Doctor of Business Administration	(D.B.A.)
(xx) Doctor of Design	(D.Des.)
(xxi) Doctor of Education	(D.Ed.)
(xxii) Doctor of Laws	(LL.D.)
(xxiii) Doctor of Letters	(D.Litt.)
(xxiv) Doctor of Music	(D.Mus.)
(xxv) Doctor of Science	(D.Sc.)
(xxvi) Doctor of Social Science	(D.Soc.Sc.)
(xxvii) Doctor of Technology	(D.Tech.)
(xxviii) Practitioner Doctorate	(P.D.)

(d) In addition or alternatively, as the Board of Governors shall determine, such other degrees as the Board of Governors may from time to time determine on the recommendation of the Academic Board.

4. The Diplomas of the University shall be those for which provision is made in Regulations made by the Academic Board.
5. The Certificates of the University shall be those for which provision is made in Regulations made by the Academic Board.
6. The degrees of the University may be awarded -

- (a) to candidates who have pursued to completion and to the satisfaction of the Academic Board a course of study or a programme of supervised research approved by the Academic Board and who have attained the standard required by the Academic Board in such examination, test or other assessment as the Academic Board shall prescribe;
 - (b) *honoris causa*, except that the degree of Doctor of Philosophy shall not be thus awarded;
 - (c) to members of the academic and other staff of the University, on the special recommendation of the Academic Board and under such conditions as may be prescribed in Regulations made by the Academic Board.
7. The diplomas and certificates of the University may be awarded to candidates who have pursued to completion and to the satisfaction of the Academic Board a course of study approved by the Academic Board and who have attained the standard required by the Academic Board in such examination, test or other assessment as the Academic Board shall prescribe.
8. To qualify to be admitted to a degree of the University, other than a degree awarded *honoris causa* or a degree awarded *ex officio* to a member of the staff of the University on the special recommendation of the Academic Board, a candidate must first have -
 - (a) satisfied the requirements for entry on the appropriate course of study, or programme of supervised research, as the case may be, as prescribed in the Regulations approved by the Academic Board for the degree;
 - (b) pursued that course of study or programme of supervised research, as the case may be, for the prescribed period and, except in the case of an *aegrotat* degree, attained the standard required by the Academic Board in the examinations, tests or other assessments prescribed by the Academic Board for the degree;
 - (c) paid, as and when required, the fees prescribed by the Board of Governors; and
 - (d) complied with such other Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations as may be relevant.
9. To qualify for a diploma or certificate of the University, a candidate must first have -

- (a) satisfied the requirements for entry on the appropriate course of study as prescribed by the Regulations approved by the Academic Board for the diploma or certificate;
 - (b) pursued that course of study for the prescribed period and, except in the case of an aegrotat diploma or certificate, attained the standard required by the Academic Board in the examinations, tests or other assessments prescribed by the Academic Board for the diploma or certificate;
 - (c) paid, as and when required, the fees prescribed by the Board of Governors; and
 - (d) complied with such other Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations as may be relevant.

10. In the case of a person who -
 - (a) has not registered formally as a student or associate student of the University in such manner as the University may require; or
 - (b) fails to enter into, or fails to fulfil, such undertaking as the University may require of the student to abide by the Rules, Bye-laws, Regulations and Codes of Conduct laid down by the University; or
 - (c) fails to enter into, or fails to fulfil, an undertaking to pay or cause to be paid to the University by the due dates and in full all fees and charges required by the University; or
 - (d) fails to comply with such Regulations as the Academic Board may make in relation to the attendance, conduct and progress of students;

the University may with regard to such person and so far as the law allows -

 - (i) withdraw at any time the provision of any or all of the University's services and facilities;
 - (ii) withhold the results of any examinations, tests or other assessments; and
 - (iii) prohibit progress to the next stage on a course of study or the award of a degree, diploma, certificate or other qualification.

11. Subject to the provisions of the Instrument and Articles of Government of the University, the Academic Board may permit persons who have pursued to the satisfaction of the Academic Board courses of study or programmes of supervised research at such other Universities and places of learning or other institutions, establishments and

organisations (including those in industry, commerce and the professions) as may be approved by the Academic Board for this purpose, and who have attained a standard acceptable to the Academic Board in such examinations, tests or other assessments thereat as the Academic Board may consider appropriate, to receive such credit for such courses of study and programmes of supervised research and for the results of such examinations, tests and other assessments towards the completion of the requirements for the award of a degree of the University as the Academic Board shall determine, provided that no degree of the University shall be conferred on any such person unless that person has attained the standard required by the Academic Board in such final examination, test or other assessment as is prescribed by the Academic Board for the award of a degree of the University.

12. Honorary Fellowships of the University may be awarded, on the recommendation of the Academic Board or of the Vice-Chancellor and in accordance with Regulations made by the Academic Board in consultation with the Board of Governors, to persons who are deemed to have contributed significantly to the life of the community.
13. All of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions of the University shall be awarded by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Academic Board.
14. Degrees not higher than that of Master may be awarded ex officio to members of the academic and other staff of the University who, by virtue of the seniority of their position, their professional or other qualifications or experience, and their length of service, are deemed worthy of such degrees. An ex officio degree shall not qualify the holder to become a candidate for a further degree.
15. If a candidate is prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from taking the whole of a final examination, test or other assessment for a degree, diploma or certificate, or so substantial a part of such examination, test or other assessment that it is impossible for the person or persons appointed by the Academic Board to conduct the examination, test or other assessment to return a fair and true result, and provides such certification or other evidence as may be required by the Academic Board, an aegrotat degree, diploma or certificate, as appropriate, may be awarded, provided always that it is shown to the satisfaction of the Academic Board that the candidate's work during the course of study or programme of supervised research has shown beyond reasonable doubt that the candidate would otherwise have

obtained a degree, and provided also that an aegrotat degree shall not be distinguished by Honours, Class or Division, and that this provision shall not exempt a candidate from the requirement to present a thesis where such is prescribed.

16. If a candidate is prevented by illness or other sufficient cause from taking or completing an examination, test or other assessment other than a final examination, test or other assessment for a degree, diploma or certificate, and provides such certification or other evidence as may be required by the Academic Board, the candidate may, subject to the conditions laid down in Regulations made or approved by the Academic Board, be exempted from such examination, test or other assessment.
17. On the recommendation of the Academic Board, degrees, diplomas and certificates may be awarded posthumously.
18. Degrees shall be conferred at a Congregation of the University to be held for that purpose at such time and place as may be determined by or on behalf of the Board of Governors, provided that such a Congregation shall be held at least once a year. Degrees shall be conferred by the Chairman of the Board of Governors or by such other person as shall be determined by or on behalf of the Board of Governors.
19. At the Congregation, recipients of degrees honoris causa and candidates for all other degrees, diplomas and certificates shall be presented for admission by such members of the academic staff of the University as the Academic Board may consider appropriate.
20. Notwithstanding paragraph 19 above, degrees may be conferred upon persons in absentia, on the recommendation of the Academic Board and subject to such conditions as the Board of Governors may determine.
21. No person who owes any part of the fees prescribed or any other sums due to the University shall be awarded a degree, diploma or certificate.
22. Degrees, diplomas and certificates awarded by the University shall be valid from the date shown on the document of certification issued by the University, irrespective of the date of the relevant Congregation.

23. The Board of Governors may, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, revoke the degree, diploma, certificate and other academic distinctions and all privileges and rights associated therewith of a person who is convicted of a criminal offence triable on indictment or who has obtained such degree, diploma, certificate or distinction by fraud or deception or whose name has, on grounds of misconduct, been removed by a properly constituted legal authority from any official register or roll of members of a profession, or who, in the opinion of the Board of Governors, has brought the name of the University into disrepute; and may, on cause being shown, restore to any such person, without further examination, test or similar assessment, the degree, diploma, certificate and distinctions which have been revoked.
24. The Board of Governors may, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, authorise, for such periods as the Board of Governors may think appropriate, other institutions which have attained a standard deemed satisfactory to the Academic Board to grant, subject to such Regulations as the Academic Board may make, degrees, diplomas and certificates on behalf of the University to persons who have pursued to completion and to the satisfaction of the Academic Board of the University a course of study or a programme of supervised research approved by the Academic Board and who have attained the standard required by the Academic Board in such examination, test or other assessment as the Academic Board shall prescribe, provided always both that, in any case of dispute or conflict, the relevant Bye-laws and Regulations of the University shall have absolute precedence over any Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of such other institutions to which authority to act on behalf of the University has been granted and also that the Board of Governors may, in its absolute discretion and without notice, withdraw such authorisation at any time.
25. The Board of Governors may, on the recommendation of the Academic Board, make Rules whereby the University may, on terms and conditions laid down in the Instrument of Government, in Rules and Bye-laws made by the Board of Governors or in Regulations made by the Academic Board, confer and grant jointly with any other institution of higher education degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards and distinctions on and to persons who have pursued to completion and to the satisfaction of the Academic Board of the University a course of study or a programme of supervised research approved by the Academic Board and who have attained the standard required by the Academic Board in such examination, test or other assessment as the Academic Board shall prescribe, provided always that, in any case of conflict or dispute, the relevant Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the University shall have absolute precedence over any

Rules, Bye-laws or Regulations of the other higher education institutions with which the University is jointly conferring and granting such academic awards and distinctions.

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