

Explanatory memorandum

University of Canberra (Election of Council Member by Graduates) Amendment Statute 2005

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Section 40 of the *University of Canberra Act 1989* gives the University Council the power to make Statutes.

The University of Canberra (Election of Council Member by Graduates) Amendment Statute 2005 amends the Principal Statute as follows:

- (a) It requires that the Council member elected by graduates be herself or himself a graduate of the University or its predecessor College;
- (b) It removes a requirement that in case of a contested election, a ballot-paper be sent to all financial members of the Alumni Society. Nowadays, all graduates are automatically made members of the Society and membership is free. Instead, elections will be advertised in the alumni magazine and elsewhere and ballot-papers will be sent only to those graduates who apply for them;
- (c) It changes the method of voting from ticking the name of one candidate to indicating a preference among the candidates, in line with other elections to Council.

Section 42 of the *University of Canberra Act 1989* requires that a Statute, once made by Council, be submitted by the Chancellor to the Executive for approval.