

# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

## STATUTE 1

### INTERPRETATION

1. In all Statutes (defined below) and Regulations (defined below), capitalised terms not defined herein shall have the same meaning as in the Constitution (defined below). Unless the context shall otherwise require, the following words shall have the following meanings:

“Academic Units” means the institutions, departments, divisions, centres, programmes, or other units of teaching and research of the University;

“academic year” means a period beginning on the first day of the first semester and ending on the day before the first day of the ensuing first semester;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the National University of Singapore;

“Day” means calendar day;

“Faculty” or “School” means a faculty or school of the University as set out in Statute 3 from time to time. References to “Faculty” shall include “School” and references to “Faculties” shall include “Schools”;

“Regulations” means the regulations, rules and procedures prescribed by the President or the Senate from time to time pursuant to the Statutes;

“Research Institute” means a University-level research institute or centre established in accordance with Statute 4 and as set out in the Regulations;

“Special Constituent School” means a special constituent school of the University with its own charter as set out in Statute 3 from time to time;

“Statutes” means the statutes of the University made or revised by the Board of Trustees from time to time; and

“student” means a person who has:

  - (a) registered for a degree or diploma programme of the University, and has not graduated, withdrawn from candidature, failed to satisfy any continuation requirement for the relevant degree or diploma, or been expelled as a result of disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Statute 6; or
  - (b) registered to study at the University but not for a degree or diploma programme, and has not completed the period of study, withdrawn, or been expelled as a result of disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Statute 6.
2. Words denoting the singular number only shall include the plural and vice versa. Words denoting the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.
3. A marginal note or heading to any provision of any Statute or Regulation shall not in any way vary, limit, or extend the interpretation of any Statute or Regulation.

4. In construing any Statute or Regulation, regard shall be had to the spirit and intention of the Statute or Regulation and to the purpose for which it was made.
5. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Board of Trustees may from time to time make, revise or revoke such Statutes of the University as may be necessary or expedient for the proper administration of the affairs or for carrying out the functions of the University provided that Statutes which prescribe or provide for matters within the jurisdiction of the Senate, shall only be made, revised or revoked with the concurrence of the Senate.
6. Subject to the provisions of the relevant Statutes, the President may from time to time make, revise or revoke such Regulations of the University as may be necessary or expedient for the proper administration of the affairs or for carrying out the functions of the University except that Regulations which prescribe or provide for matters within the jurisdiction of the Senate, may be made, revised or revoked by the Senate.
7. In the event of:
  - (a) any Statute being inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution; or
  - (b) any Regulation being inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution or any Statute,

the provisions of the Constitution or Statute, as the case may be, shall prevail and that Statute or Regulation, as the case may be, shall to the extent of the inconsistency be void.