

**University College Dublin
National University of Ireland, Dublin**

Statute 27

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, do by this present instrument under our seal, make the statute hereunto annexed for University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.

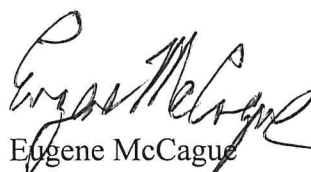
Given under the Common Seal

Of University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin
The 12 day of December 2018



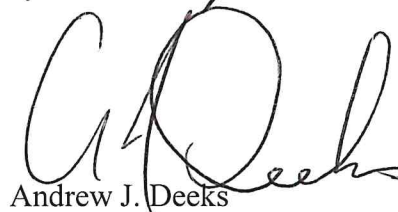
Present when the Common Seal of University College Dublin,
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was affixed:

Chairperson of the Governing Authority:



Eugene McCague

President of the University:



Andrew J. Deeks



STATUTE 27

CHAPTER 1

1. The procedures hereby established by the Governing Authority in accordance with the Act are for the resolution of disputes which may arise in the University, other than disputes which are dealt with through industrial relations structures operating in the University, or appeals by students relating to the results of examinations, and other matters for which express provision is made by the University.
2. The Governing Authority shall appoint a Disputes Resolution Committee whose terms of reference shall be to advise the Governing Authority on measures to resolve disputes arising in the University which fall within its remit.
 - a) The membership of the Disputes Resolution Committee shall comprise a chair nominated by the Governing Authority, two members nominated by the Governing Authority and a member who shall be a nominee of the Chancellor of the National University of Ireland.
 - b) The Governing Authority and the Chancellor of the National University of Ireland may also appoint one or more appropriate alternates for each member of the committee who may substitute for such member of the committee in the event of the committee member being unable to serve for any reason.
 - c) To satisfy the requirements of the Act the members of the Disputes Resolution Committee shall not be members of the Governing Authority, employees or students of the University.
 - d) The term of office of the Disputes Resolution Committee shall be coterminous with the term of office of the Governing Authority.
3. Any member of the University, or an applicant to any academic programme of the University, may request that a dispute be referred to the Disputes Resolution Committee by giving notice in writing to the President.
4. Where, in accordance with paragraph 3, notice of a dispute is given by a student or an applicant to an academic programme of the University, the President shall refer the dispute in the first instance to the Registrar. In the event that the Registrar is unable to resolve the dispute to the satisfaction of all parties to the dispute, or to refer it to the Examinations Appeals Committee or to other procedures set up by the University for specific purposes, the dispute shall be referred to the Disputes Resolution Committee.
5. Where, in accordance with paragraph 3, notice of a dispute is given by a member of the University other than a student, the President shall ensure that the dispute conforms to the terms of reference of the Disputes Resolution Committee and that all reasonable attempts have been made to resolve the dispute at local level before referring the dispute to the Disputes Resolution Committee.
6. Where a dispute is referred to the Disputes Resolution Committee, the person who requested that the dispute be referred to the committee shall submit a written statement to the committee containing such account of all relevant facts and circumstances of the dispute as shall enable the committee to determine whether the dispute is within its terms of reference.
7. Subject to the provisions of this statute and the principles of constitutional justice, the committee shall determine its own procedures.



8. The quorum for a meeting of the committee shall be three persons.
9. Questions arising at meetings of the committee shall, if possible, be agreed by consensus; otherwise, questions shall be agreed by majority vote; should there be an equality of votes, the person presiding over the committee shall have a deliberative and a casting vote.
10. All hearings of the committee shall be held in private. No person other than a party to the dispute as identified by the committee and such witnesses as the committee may invite to assist the committee, shall be entitled to be present at a hearing of the committee.
11. When considering whether a dispute referred to it lies within its terms of reference, the committee may seek further information from the person who requested that the dispute be referred to it or from such other party or parties as the committee sees fit. The committee may require any student or member of staff of the University to provide such reasonable information as it requires or to appear before it to provide oral evidence.
12. Following due consideration, the committee shall determine whether the dispute lies within its terms of reference. Where the committee determines that a dispute does not lie within its terms of reference it will so advise the person who requested that the dispute be referred to it and it may make a recommendation that the dispute should be referred to another forum.
13. Where the committee determines that a dispute lies within its terms of reference, it shall call all parties to the dispute to appear before it and shall hear an account of the matter from all parties to the dispute. A party appearing before the committee shall be entitled to be accompanied by a friend, colleague or other representative. The committee may, if it sees fit, seek such further oral or written evidence as it requires. Non-attendance or non-cooperation by any person shall not vitiate the proceedings of the committee.
14. The committee shall be entitled to seek such external professional advice as it deems necessary from the professional advisors to the University or others.
15. If, at any stage during the hearing of matters relating to the dispute, the parties to the dispute voluntarily agree measures to resolve the dispute, they shall so inform the committee and, if the committee approves the measures agreed upon by the parties to the dispute, it shall terminate consideration of the dispute.
16. Where a dispute is not so resolved, the committee shall consider all the oral and written evidence available to it, and shall submit a written report to the President setting out the circumstances to the dispute as made known to the committee and recommending measures to be taken to resolve the dispute.
17. Where the President is a party to the dispute, the committee shall address its report to the Governing Authority.
18. The President or, in the event of the President being a party to the dispute, the Governing Authority, having considered the report of the committee, shall put in place measures to resolve the dispute.



Date of Commencement

Statute 27 shall come into operation on 12 December 2018. It may be cited as Statute 27 of University College Dublin, National University of Ireland, Dublin.


Date of Enactment

Given under the Common Seal
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12 December 2018

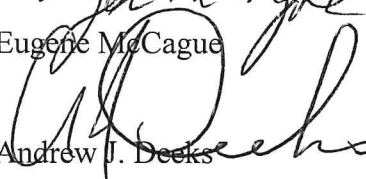


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