1. (1) In this Statute-

"Board" means the Council, Academic Board and every board, committee or other body (however named) established by or under the Act, the Statutes or the Regulations.

“Returning Officer” means the Vice-Chancellor or his or her nominee.

(2) The provisions of this Statute will not apply to any election in which the power to elect is solely vested in a Board or in the members of a Board. Such elections are covered by Statute 7.2 – Elections by Members of Boards.

(3) The provisions of this Statute will apply to an election of staff or student members of the University Council in accordance with Regulation 2.1.

2. (1) The Returning Officer may appoint Election Officers within Faculties and Sections for a term of two years, as nominated by the relevant Executive Deans and Directors.

(2) The Returning Officer may delegate any of his or her powers to an Election Officer appointed under Section 2 (1).

3. Where the Act or a Statute or a Regulation provides for the election of a member of a Board, the Returning Officer shall cause a roll to be kept of the persons qualified to vote in an election for that member.

4. (1) Whenever any election of a member of a Board is to be held, the Returning Officer shall publish a notice announcing the election and calling for nominations to be lodged with the Returning Officer-

(a) on or before a day not less than fourteen working days from the day the notice is published; and

(b) at the place specified in the notice.

(2) A notice published under Section 4(1) shall be published electronically or by such other means as the Returning Officer may consider appropriate.

5. (1) Every nomination of a qualified person shall be made by two persons qualified to vote in the election and the nominee shall indicate his or her acceptance of the nomination.

(2) Every nomination shall be in the form of or to the effect of the form prescribed in Regulation 7.1 – Election Procedures.

(3) Any person who is qualified to vote in an election may apply to the Returning Officer, on or before the date specified for the close of nominations under Section 4(1)(a), to have their name included on the roll of persons qualified to vote.
6. In an election in which the number of nominations of qualified persons does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall declare the candidate(s) duly elected.

7. In an election in which the number of nominations of qualified persons exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a poll shall be held to elect the candidate(s) to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

8. Whenever a poll is to be held the Returning Officer shall within seven working days after the close of nominations-

   (a) publish electronically, or by such other means as the Returning Officer may consider appropriate, a notice setting out;

      (i) the nature of the election;

      (ii) the dates and times of the opening and closing of polls over a period of at least five working days;

      (iii) the names of the candidates who have been nominated for election;

      (iv) a statement to the effect that voting papers will be available to all persons entitled to vote at such election; and

      (v) the place or places at which a completed ballot paper may be returned;

   (b) notify each nominated party of the details under Section 8(a).

9. Regulation 7.1 – Election Procedures prescribes the voting procedure and the method of counting votes in any poll.

10. (1) Whenever a poll is held under this Statute any candidate for election at that poll may act as a scrutineer and/or may appoint one other person to act as a scrutineer at that poll.

    (2) A scrutineer shall not directly or indirectly divulge how any voter has voted in an election.

11. (1) The Council may at any time make Regulations, not inconsistent with this Statute, prescribing all matters which by this Statute are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Statute and by later Regulation revoke or amend any such Regulations.

    (2) Regulations made under this Statute shall be promulgated by being exhibited on the official notice boards of the University and after being so promulgated shall remain so exhibited for at least fourteen working days.