

**NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**STATUTE 1: INTERPRETATION**

**A. Definitions**

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions used in the Statutes and the Regulations shall have the following meanings:

**“Academic Entities”** means the Colleges, Schools, Autonomous Institutes, institutes and other academic entities pursuant to Statute 2;

**“Autonomous Institute”** means an institute governed by its respective independent governing boards or councils pursuant to Statute 2;

**“Board of Trustees”** or **“BOT”** means the Board of Trustees of the University;

**“College Research Centre”** means a centre established within a College involving more than one School;

**“Constitution”** means the Constitution of Nanyang Technological University;

**“Deferred Gift”** means any Gift, which will only be realised when the Donor passes away;

**“Designated Gift”** means any Gift whose purpose or recipient has been designated by the Donor with the concurrence of the University;

**“Donor”** means any individual, firm, corporation, association, foundation or other body or entity, including the Donor’s successors and assigns, that has made a gift to the University;

**“Endowed Gift”** refers to any Gift given to the University where only the income, generated from the investment of the Gift, can be used for the Gift Purpose;

**“Endowment”** means any grant, gift, donation, bequest or contribution of property or monies given to the University by any party and invested to fund the general or specific purposes of the University;

**“Expulsion”** means the termination of candidature/enrolment of a student and cessation of all rights and privileges as a student of the University, including the right to re-enrol as a student;

**“faculty”** means the academic staff members appointed by the University;

**“Gift”** means a contribution, grant, testamentary disposition or otherwise, property and moneys from a Donor that the University receives without making any commitment of resources or services with a commercial value in return, other than naming opportunities and using the Gift as the Donor may designate;

**“Gift Purpose”** means the use of the Gift as intended by the Donor;

**“Investment Committee”** is a standing committee of the Board of Trustees constituted to assist the Board of Trustees in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities in relation to the investment and management of funds within its purview including any Endowments to the University;

**“Misconduct”** means any behaviour which is contrary to the University’s rules and regulations governing conduct, the University Code of Conduct, or a breach of rules or guidelines as may be prescribed by the Student Academic Integrity and Research Integrity Policies and Procedures;

**“Pledge”** means any promise by a Donor to make a Gift of a specified amount which may be fulfilled as a one-time payment or in instalments within a fixed period (typically not more than five years);

**“Recording Document”** means such document recording the Gift in question, whether or not in the nature of a letter from the Donor, an acknowledgement from the University, a gift form as stipulated by the University or a gift agreement or deed between the Donor and the University;

**“Recurring Gift”** means any promise by a Donor to make a Gift of a specified amount through a regular Gift fulfilment schedule with no stipulated end date;

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

**“Research Entities”** comprise University Research Institute, College Research Centre, School Research Centre and University Shared Facility;

**“School Research Centre”** means a centre established within a School with any combination of faculty, research staff or students;

**“Senators”** means the elected members of the Senate of the Academic Council;

**“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 has not been expelled as a result of disciplinary proceedings; 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 has not been expelled as a result of disciplinary proceedings;

In the context of Statute 6 and Regulation 6.1, **“student”** includes a graduate from the University provided that the circumstances giving rise to the disciplinary proceedings arose while the student was registered and studying a course or programme at the University.

**“Student Organisation”** means a student organisation duly approved by and registered with the University’s Student Affairs Office;

**“Suspension”** means the temporary debarment of a student from the University and the withdrawal of all rights and privileges as a student of the University for a specified period or until the fulfilment of specified conditions;

**“Term Gift”** means any Gift where the entire sum may be spent on the Gift Purpose;

**“Undesignated Gift”** means any Gift whose purpose has not been designated by the Donor. The University will use the Gift for general purposes for the advancement of education;

**“University”** means the Nanyang Technological University;

**“University Research Institute”** means a Research Entity involving more than one College; and

**“University Shared Facility”** means a research infrastructure that is managed and shared University-wide.

## **B. Construction**

1. Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender.
2. Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number, and vice versa.
3. The word “or” may be read as “and” where the context so requires or permits.
4. In the case of any College which has only one School, the Research Entity of that College may be classified as a College Research Centre.
5. The University shall have the power to determine the interpretation of any Statute, Regulation or any other pursuant rule or guideline and regard shall be given to the spirit, intent and purpose of the Statute, Regulation or any other pursuant rule or guideline.
6. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the Board of Trustees may make, revise, or revoke such Statutes of the University as may be necessary or expedient for the proper administration or for carrying out the functions of the University.
7. Subject to the provisions of the relevant Statutes, the University’s President may make, revise, or revoke such Regulations of the University as may be necessary or expedient for the proper management of the University.
8. In the event of:
  - (a) any Statute being inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail; and
  - (b) any Regulation being inconsistent with the provisions of any Statute, the provisions of the Statute shall prevail,

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