

**NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**STATUTE 2: UNIVERSITY ORGANISATION**

**A. History of The University**

1. Nanyang Technological University was established in 1991 as a statutory board by an Act of Parliament. The Nanyang Technological University (Corporatisation) Act 2005 was passed in Parliament in 2005 with the decision by the Government to transform NTU into an autonomous university.
2. The Nanyang Technological University (Corporatisation) Act 2005 repealed the Nanyang Technological University Act 1991 and provides mainly for the corporatisation of the University with the transfer of its property, rights and liabilities to a successor company.

**B. The University's Constitution**

The University's Constitution regulates the objects and powers of the University, and among other things, the liability of its members.

**C. The Chancellor**

1. The President of the Republic of Singapore is the Chancellor of the University. The Chancellor shall be the Head of the University and shall preside when present at any Convocation. The Chancellor shall have the power to confer degrees and to grant diplomas and certificates at any Convocation and such other powers and perform such other duties as may be conferred or imposed upon him by the University.
2. The Chancellor may appoint such other persons to be Pro-Chancellors as he may consider proper, to assist him in his role.

**D. The Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees (BOT) is the highest governing organ within the University's governance framework. Trustees are appointed by the Minister for Education and the BOT is chaired by a Board Chair. The BOT's composition, responsibilities and functions are set out in Statute 3.

**E. The University Leadership**

**(I) The University's President**

1. The University's President is the University's Chief Executive Officer. The University's President is accountable to the BOT for the conduct, coordination and quality of the University's programmes and for its future development. The University's President has the authority to perform all acts that are necessary to give effect to the policies, procedures and actions of the BOT.

2. The University's President is also an *ex officio* member of the BOT. The BOT, in consultation with MOE, shall select and appoint the University's President from among candidates short-listed by a Board-appointed search committee.

## **(II) President's Council**

3. The President's Council (PC) is the University's executive and policy making body, chaired by the University's President, under the oversight of the BOT.
4. The PC develops and enables the University's strategic ambitions and direction.
5. The PC's broad executive authority encompasses the following:
  - (a) Advocate and report to the BOT on the University's strategic direction and performance;
  - (b) Build and foster a leadership team committed to fulfilling the University's vision and mission;
  - (c) Collaborate with leaders of various government agencies and private sector entities;
  - (d) Champion the University, its initiatives and campaigns with input from other councils or committees described in the University's governance framework;
  - (e) Drive and support academic excellence and integrity;
  - (f) Enable collegiality between the University's Colleges, Schools, Centres, Departments, Autonomous Institutes, Institutes and other academic entities;
  - (g) Endorse academic, research, administrative, operational, and financial policies;
  - (h) Foster a culture of knowledge and lifelong learning with the University;
  - (i) Oversee the University's governance and compliance framework;
  - (j) Maintain a strong and consultative relationship with the BOT;
  - (k) Monitor the University's key operations and fiscal health;
  - (l) Represent the ideals and ambitions of the University;
  - (m) Support excellence in teaching, research and administration across the University; and
  - (n) Uphold the University's credibility and reputation.
6. In furtherance of the objects of the University, the PC may exercise all such powers and do all such acts as may be necessary to establish management councils and committees and prescribe the powers, duties and functions of such committees and councils. Any changes in the establishment, reorganisation and powers of these management councils and committees is subject to the approval of the PC.

7. Further information on the composition of the PC and the broader leadership team is available on the [University's website](#).

**F. Academic Entities**

1. The Academic Entities of the University comprise Colleges, Schools, Autonomous Institutes, institutes and other academic entities established by the University.
2. The establishment or reorganisation of Colleges, Schools and academic entities associated with significant funding<sup>1</sup> or connected with the University's strategic objectives are subject to the approval of the BOT.
3. The Academic Entities of the University are listed on the [University's website](#).

**G. Autonomous Institutes**

Autonomous Institutes of the University are governed by their respective independent governing boards and/or councils. The accountability of the Autonomous Institutes to the University are defined by their respected charters adopted by the BOT. Any changes to the charters of the Autonomous Institutes shall be subject to the approval of the BOT and/or relevant authorities.

**H. Research Entities**

1. Research Entities are set up within the University to undertake specific areas of research.
2. The Research Entities of the University comprise University Research Institutes, College Research Centres, School Research Centres and University Shared Facilities.
3. The governance framework for the setting up of a Research Entity (except those specified in clause H.4 below) including the appointment of Governing Boards, Heads and Deputy Heads of a Research Entity, shall be subject to the approval of the PC. Any changes to such governance framework shall be subject to the approval of the PC.
4. The establishment or reorganisation of University Research Institutes or Research Centres associated with significant funding<sup>2</sup> or connected with the University's strategic objectives are subject to the approval of the BOT.
5. The Research Entities of the University are listed on the [University's website](#).

**I. University Administration**

The administrative departments of the University establish and implement policies and procedures for the effective governance and management of the University, as well as provide services to support academic and research activities. In the pursuit of administrative excellence, administrative departments:

- (a) Motivate administrative staff by instilling a sense of purpose in their work.

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<sup>1</sup> SGD\$50 mil and above

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- (b) Enhance the competency of individual staff members.
- (c) Foster teamwork, open participation, and collegial relationships among staff.