

Raffles University Senate

Terms of Reference

- The Senate shall be the academic body of the University and, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the statutes and regulations, shall have the control and general direction of instruction, research and examination, and the power to award degree, diplomas and certificates.
- The Senate shall provide opportunity for its members to discuss and express views upon any matter it considers being of interest to the Faculty and to make recommendations and pass resolutions with respect thereto.
- The Senate shall have the power to submit recommendations to the President and the Board of Governors.
- The Senate may make regulations for or with respect to its own procedures.
- The Senate may from time to time, appoint standing (eg Senate Learning and Teaching Committee) or special committees (eg Quality Enhancement Unit) and delegate any of its powers and duties to any such committee or person. Senate will approve the Term of Reference of all standing and special committees.
- The Senate may create regulations for or with respect to:
 - The procedures of the University or any other committee subject to the jurisdiction of the Senate.
 - Prescribing courses of study or syllabuses for examinations.

Membership

The Senate membership shall be nominated by the President and appointed by the Chairman of the Board. The President shall be the ex-officio Chairman and the Vice Presidents, Registrar (or nominee) and Deans shall be ex-officio members of the Senate. The other members shall be appointed initially for 2 years and renewable thereafter. Membership shall be:

President – Chair

Vice Presidents

Registrar (or nominee)

Deans

A maximum of ten Academic Directors

A maximum of two Programme Leaders from REC

A maximum of two representatives from Raffles College of Design and Commerce

A maximum of six REC Business Managers

Mode of Operation

The Senate shall be chaired by the President and is expected to meet at least twice per year. Given the geographically dispersed nature of the University, it is envisaged that the business of Senate will be discharged through a mixture of traditional formal meetings in one location, and discussion electronically and by correspondence. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of members.