

Entities and Affiliated Organisations Policy

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Purpose:

This policy outlines the guiding principles for management of the University's interests in controlled and associated entities and affiliations of the University with other organisations.

		Responsible
1	Controlled and associated entities	
1.1	University Council will only establish a controlled entity or acquire an interest in an associated entity where it is needed, it will achieve a University objective, or it is required to.	Chief Operating Officer
1.2	The Vice-Chancellor will ensure that controlled entities are managed in accordance with their purpose and the terms of their establishment.	Chief Operating Officer
1.3	The Vice-Chancellor is responsible for matters related to the University's membership of an associated entity including the endorsement or appointment of University directors to their boards.	Chief Operating Officer
1.4	University controlled and associated entities will establish and maintain governance frameworks and systems within which their boards will: a) clearly articulate their roles and responsibilities b) ensure that they are of an effective composition and size c) have effective sub-committees to oversight risk and compliance issues and financial management d) ensure the entity has a constitution that is appropriately aligned with the University's objectives and functions e) ensure the entity is compliant with its constitution f) establish corporate or business plans and a budget and monitor the entity's performance against these g) actively promote ethical and responsible decision-making h) monitor and manage risks and notify the University of any significant risks i) ensure structures and systems independently verify and safeguard the entity's financial reporting j) ensure that the levels and composition of employee remuneration for that board are reasonable.	Chief Operating Officer
1.5	All directors of controlled entities and University-appointed directors of associated entities will comply with relevant University policies governing conduct.	Chief Operating Officer
1.6	A University staff member will not be employed, seconded or otherwise engaged by a controlled or associated entity unless agreed in writing with the University.	Chief Operating Officer
2	University affiliated organisations	
2.1	University affiliations with other organisations will contribute to the achievement of the University's strategic objectives.	Chief Operating Officer

2.2 The University will affiliate with an organisation where the affiliation will benefit the University and its students, staff, alumni or the wider community, including for the purposes of: Chief Operating Officer

- contributing to a positive student experience
- ensuring effective student representation
- providing advocacy and other student services
- contributing to a positive staff experience
- contributing to a positive outcome for the wider community.

2.3 Affiliated organisations will act in a way that is consistent with the University's values, upholds the principles of academic freedom and freedom of speech and does not negatively impact the University's reputation. Chief Operating Officer

Definitions and acronyms: [controlled entity](#) | [associated entity](#) | [controlled or associated entity Director](#) | [affiliated organisation](#) |

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All University community members must comply with all relevant laws and regulations, University By-Laws, ordinances, policies and procedures.
