

LEGAL STRUCTURE

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ACTS

- ◆ Create the powers and responsibilities of entities by law
- ◆ The Higher Education Act determines what our Council and Senate are and do



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There are also several acts that affect our activities directly:

- The Universities Act 61 of 1955 as amended
- Higher Education Act 101 of 1997 as amended with pending further amendments and
- Statute of each University



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STATUTES

- ◆ Our Statutes take the Higher Education Act as the reference point and define how and what we do to give expression to the provisions of the Act.
- ◆ The Statute includes features unique to each university.



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REGULATIONS

- ◆ Regulations are gazetted. They define orders and authoritative direction.
- ◆ An enabling Statute gives us flexibility by not needing regulations.
- ◆ NB Joint Regulations still govern us.



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RULES

- These are approved by the Council of the University.
- Senate approves academic Rules that Council endorses.
- A Rule defines the principle to which action or procedure conforms.



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STANDING ORDERS

- Standing orders give expression to the enabling rules that have been approved.
- Senate approves ones that govern academic activity, eg Standing Orders on Assessment.
- Council approves others.
- They govern the way in which business is conducted.



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UNIVERSITY POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

- ◆ A policy defines a course or principle of action adopted by Council or Senate.
- ◆ Procedures are the mode of conducting business.
- ◆ Guidelines are a set of directing principles/steps.



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