No. 41 of 1971

An Act to provide for the continuance and administration of The University of Adelaide; to repeal the University of Adelaide Act, 1935-1964; and for other purposes.

[Assented to 29th April, 1971]

BE IT ENACTED by the Governor of the State of South Australia, with the advice and consent of the Parliament thereof, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the "University of Adelaide Act, 1971".

2. The following Acts are repealed:—
   the University of Adelaide Act, 1935;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1936;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1937;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1942;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1943;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1946;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1950;
   the University of Adelaide Act Amendment Act, 1964.
3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

"academic staff" includes such officers and employees of the University as are classified by the University as members of the academic staff:

"parliamentary member" means a member of the Council elected by either House of Parliament:

"postgraduate degree or diploma" means a degree or diploma (not including a baccalaureate with honours) for which a candidate must, under the statutes, regulations and rules of the University possess the status of graduate of the University or qualifications that are in the opinion of the University of equivalent or higher academic status:

"postgraduate member" means a member of the Council appointed under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 12 of this Act or under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of that section:

"postgraduate student" means a student who is enrolled as a candidate for a postgraduate degree or diploma:

"the convocation of electors" means—

(a) all graduates of the University;

(b) all postgraduate students;

and

(c) all persons in the full-time employment of the University:

"the Council" means the Council of the University:

"the repealed Act" means the University of Adelaide Act, 1935-1964, repealed by this Act:

"the Senate" means the Senate of the University:

"the University" means The University of Adelaide:

"the University grounds" means—

(a) all land in which the University holds an estate of fee simple;

and

(b) all land that the University uses for the purpose of education or scientific research:

"undergraduate member" means a member of the Council elected by the undergraduates of the University.

4. (1) The University shall continue as a body corporate under the name "The University of Adelaide".
(2) The University is invested with full juristic capacity and unfettered discretion, subject to the law of this State, to conduct its affairs in such manner as it thinks fit, except that the University shall not alienate (otherwise than by way of lease for a term not exceeding twenty-one years) mortgage or charge any of its real property, without the approval of the Governor, or where such approval has been given, otherwise than in accordance with terms and conditions stipulated by the Governor.

(3) The University shall not, without the approval of the Governor, grant a lease in respect of any of its property unless the lease provides for the payment to the University of an amount of rental that is the maximum reasonably obtainable.

5. The University shall not discriminate against or in favour of any person upon grounds of sex, race or religious or political belief.

6. (1) The University shall have power to confer upon any persons after examination and in accordance with the statutes, regulations and rules of the University such degrees as the University may have constituted.

(2) The University shall have power, in accordance with the statutes, regulations and rules of the University, to confer without examination a degree upon a person who has been admitted to a degree at another University or has obtained some other qualification at an institution of higher learning that is, in the opinion of the University, of equivalent or higher status.

(3) The University shall have power to permit a graduate of the University, for reasons deemed adequate by the University, to surrender a degree previously conferred upon him by the University.

7. (1) The Council shall, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chancellor, elect a suitable person to be the Chancellor.

(2) The Chancellor shall be a member of the Council ex officio and if he was a member of the Council at the time of his election as Chancellor a casual vacancy shall thereupon occur in the position previously occupied by him.

(3) The Chancellor shall hold office for such term and upon such conditions as are prescribed by statute of the University and shall, upon expiration of his term of office, be eligible for re-election.

(4) The Chancellor who was in office at the commencement of this Act shall, subject to the statutes of the University, continue to hold that office for the term for which he was appointed.

(5) The Council shall elect from its own members a Deputy Chancellor who shall hold office for such term and upon such conditions as may be determined by the Council, but a Deputy Chancellor shall cease to hold that office if he ceases for any reason to be a member of the Council.
8. (1) The Council shall, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Vice-Chancellor, appoint a suitable person to be Vice-Chancellor.

(2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be a member of the Council *ex officio* and if he was a member of the Council at the time of his appointment as Vice-Chancellor a casual vacancy shall thereupon occur in the position previously occupied by him.

(3) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for such term and upon such conditions as are fixed by the Council and shall, upon the expiration of his term of office, be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) No reduction in the salary, and no alteration of the conditions of appointment, of a Vice-Chancellor shall be made during his term of office unless the Vice-Chancellor consents thereto.

(5) The Vice-Chancellor who was in office at the commencement of this Act shall, subject to the conditions upon which he was appointed (or those conditions as lawfully varied) continue in office for the term for which he was appointed.

9. Subject to this Act and the statutes and regulations of the University, the Council shall have the entire management and superintendence of the affairs of the University.

10. (1) The Council may delegate any of its powers under this Act (except this power of delegation) to any officer or employee of the University.

(2) The delegation of powers under this section shall not derogate from the power of the Council itself to act in any matter.

11. (1) Eight members of the Council shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Council and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

(2) All matters arising for decision at a meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast by the members present at that meeting.

(3) Any decision of the Council must be supported by the votes of at least four members of the Council.

(4) Each member present at a meeting of the Council shall be entitled to one vote only on any matter arising for decision except the Chairman who shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.
(5) The Chancellor shall preside as Chairman over a meeting of the Council, or in his absence the Deputy Chancellor, or in the absence of the Chancellor and the Deputy Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, or in the absence of the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor, a Chairman elected by the members present at the meeting.

12. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Council shall be constituted of the following members:—

(a) the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor who shall be members of the Council ex officio;

(b) five members elected by the Parliament of South Australia in the manner provided in this Act;

(c) twenty-two members elected by the convocation of electors of whom—

(i) eight shall be persons engaged in the employment of the University as members of the academic staff;

(ii) one shall be a person in the full-time employment of the University otherwise than as a member of the academic staff;

(iii) one shall be a postgraduate student;

and

(iv) twelve shall be persons who are not engaged in the employment of the University;

and

(d) four members elected by undergraduates.

(2) The following transitional provisions shall apply in relation to the constitution of the Council:—

(a) the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall, as from the commencement of this Act be members of the Council ex officio;

(b) the members of the Council appointed by Parliament and in office immediately before the commencement of this Act, shall, subject to this Act, continue in office until a further appointment of members is made by a subsequent Parliament;

(c) the members of the Council appointed by the Senate as constituted under the repealed Act and in office immediately before the commencement of this Act shall continue in office after the commencement of this Act,
but of these such number shall retire on the appointed
day in November, 1971, as will leave ten remaining in
office (not counting the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor)
and those remaining on the appointed day in November,
1972, shall then retire;

(d) on the appointed day in November, 1971, twelve members
shall be elected by the convocation of electors of whom—

(i) four shall be persons in the employment of the
University as members of the academic staff;

(ii) one shall be a person in the full-time employment
of the University otherwise than as a member
of the academic staff;

(iii) one shall be a postgraduate student;

and

(iv) six shall be persons who are not engaged in the
employment of the University;

(e) on the appointed day in November, 1972, ten members
shall be elected by the convocation of electors of whom—

(i) four shall be persons in the employment of the
University as members of the academic staff;

and

(ii) six shall be persons who are not engaged in the
employment of the University;

and

(f) on the appointed day in October, 1971, two members
shall be elected by undergraduates and on the appointed
day in October, 1972, two further members shall be
elected by undergraduates.

(3) A person shall not be qualified to be elected, or to hold office
as a postgraduate member unless he is classified by the University
as a full-time postgraduate student, which classification shall not be
accorded him if he undertakes remunerated employment for more
than six hours a week.

(4) A person shall not be qualified to be elected as an under­
graduate member unless he has been enrolled as an undergraduate
for the two academic terms last preceding the date of the election
and he shall not be entitled to continue in office unless his enrolment
is renewed as it falls due for renewal from time to time but an under­
graduate member who graduates during the term of his membership
of the Council may continue as a member of the Council until the
expiration of his term of office.
(5) Subject to this section the term of office of a member of the Council elected by the convocation of electors shall be four years.

(6) Of those members of the Council appointed under subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of this section, two shall retire on the appointed day in November, 1973, and of those appointed under subparagraph (i) of paragraph (e) of that subsection, two shall retire on the appointed day in November, 1974.

(7) Of those members of the Council appointed under subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of this section three shall retire on the appointed day in November, 1973, and of those appointed under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (e) of that subsection, three shall retire on the appointed day in November, 1974.

(8) The members to retire under subsection (6) and subsection (7) of this section shall be decided by lot.

(9) The term of office of a member of the Council (except a Parliamentary or ex officio member) shall expire on the appointed day in the month in which it is due to expire.

13. (1) The office of a member of the Council shall become vacant if—

(a) he dies;

(b) he resigns his office by notice in writing addressed to the Vice-Chancellor;

or

(c) he becomes incapable, in the opinion of the Council, by reason of physical or mental illness, of performing the duties of his office as a member of the Council.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, where a member of the Council (except an ex officio or parliamentary member) does not continue in the capacity in which he was elected a member of the Council, he shall vacate his office on the day on which elections are next held of candidates for election in that capacity.

(3) A member elected to fill a casual vacancy in the membership of the Council shall for the purposes of this Act be deemed to have been elected to the Council when his predecessor was last elected a member of the Council.

14. No decision or proceedings of the Council shall be invalid by reason only of a vacancy in the office of any member of the Council.

15. (1) At the commencement of every Parliament, five parliamentary members shall be appointed to the Council, three being elected by the House of Assembly and two by the Legislative Council.
Conduct of elections.

(2) The members appointed to the Council under this section must be members of the House of Parliament by which they were elected.

(3) A notice in writing addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, and signed by the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly or the President or Deputy President of the Legislative Council, certifying that persons named therein have been elected as members of the Council shall be conclusive evidence of the valid election of those persons as members of the Council.

(4) Upon notification being received by the Vice-Chancellor that an appointment of parliamentary members has been made at the commencement of a Parliament by either House of Parliament, the parliamentary members appointed by that House and then in office shall (except in the case of members who have been re-elected) vacate their respective offices and those most recently elected shall take their places.

(5) Where a parliamentary member ceases to be a member of the House of Parliament by which he was elected otherwise than upon the dissolution or expiration of Parliament, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Council.

(6) A casual vacancy occurring under subsection (5) of this section or by resignation or for any other cause may be filled by the election of another member to the Council by the appropriate House of Parliament.

16. (1) Elections shall be held in each year to fill the vacancies arising from retirement or expiration of tenure and any casual vacancies (other than vacancies in the offices of parliamentary members) in the membership of the Council.

(2) The Council shall, subject to this Act, appoint a day in respect of each election which shall be the appointed day under the provisions of this Act for holding the election.

(3) The Council shall in respect of each election appoint a returning officer who shall determine all questions relating to the qualification of any candidate to stand for election and the qualification of any person to vote at the election.

(4) An election shall, subject to this Act, be held in accordance with the statutes, regulations and rules of the University.

(5) Provision shall be made in the statutes, regulations and rules relating to elections for postal voting in accordance with those statutes, regulations and rules.

17. (1) At any election of members of the Council by the convocation of electors each person who is a member of the convocation shall be entitled to one vote.

(2) At any election of members of the Council by undergraduates, each person who is registered as an undergraduate of the University shall, subject to subsection (3) of this section, be entitled to one vote.
(3) A graduate of the University, notwithstanding that he may be enrolled as a candidate for a baccalaureate of the University, shall not be entitled to vote at an election as an undergraduate.

(4) A person shall not, in any one year, be a candidate for election in more than one capacity.

18. (1) The Senate shall be constituted of:—

(a) all graduates of the University;

(b) all persons in the full-time employment of the University who are graduates of other Universities recognized by the University or who have attained at other institutions of higher learning qualifications considered by the University to be of a status equivalent to that of a degree of the University;

and

(c) all postgraduate students.

(2) Subject to this Act the Senate shall conduct its affairs according to such constitution and rules as may be determined upon by the Senate.

(3) The Senate shall from time to time elect a warden to preside over meetings of the Senate.

(4) The term of office of a warden shall be one year but upon the expiration of that term a person who has previously held that office shall be eligible for re-election.

(5) The Senate shall consider and determine, without undue delay, any matters submitted for its consideration by the Council and may initiate discussion on any matter pertaining to the University and may make reports and recommendations to the Council upon any such matter.

(6) A person may be exempted from membership of the Senate upon satisfying the Council that he objects upon grounds of conscience to membership of the Senate.

19. (1) Fifty members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Senate and no business shall be transacted by the Senate unless a quorum is present.

(2) All matters arising for decision at a meeting of the Senate shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast by the members present at that meeting.

(3) Any decision of the Senate must be supported by the votes of at least twenty-five members of the Senate.

(4) Each member present at a meeting of the Senate shall be entitled to one vote only on any matter arising for decision except the Chairman who shall have a deliberative vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, a second or casting vote.
(5) The Warden shall preside as Chairman over a meeting of the Senate, or in the absence of the Warden, a Chairman elected by the members present at the meeting.

20. The Governor shall be the Visitor to the University with the powers and functions appertaining to that office.

21. (1) The union at the University entitled “The Adelaide University Union” shall continue.

(2) Subject to subsection (3) of this section the constitution and rules of the union shall be as they existed at the commencement of this Act.

(3) The constitution and rules of the union may, with the concurrence of the Council, be altered in accordance with the procedures provided by the constitution and rules.

22. (1) The Council shall have power to make, alter or repeal any statute, regulation or rule for any of the following purposes:

(a) regulating the conduct of any election;

(b) regulating the discipline of the University;

(c) establishing faculties, departments academic divisions or units, or groups thereof within the University and providing for, and regulating, the administration thereof;

(d) regulating the appointment or dismissal of officers and employees of the University and prescribing their duties and the manner in which they are to be performed;

(e) prescribing the conditions governing the award of fellowships, scholarships, prizes, exhibitions or other awards;

(f) prescribing the fees to be paid in respect of instruction, tuition, applications for awards, or any other matters;

(g) regulating the convening of the Council or the Senate;

(h) constituting, and providing for the award of, any degree, diploma or certificate;

(i) providing for the admission to degrees ad eundem gradum of persons who have been admitted to degrees or obtained other qualifications that are, in the opinion of the University, of equivalent status;

(j) providing for the affiliation with the University, upon mutually satisfactory terms, of any college or educational establishment;
(k) establishing tribunals to hear and determine proceedings against any student of the University in relation to any offence under the statutes, regulations, rules or by-laws of the University, and prescribing penalties that may be awarded by any such tribunal upon proof of the commission of such an offence;

and

(l) prescribing any other matter pertaining to the administration of the University.

(2) Any proposed statute or regulation under this section must be submitted to, and approved by, the Senate.

(3) Upon approval by the Senate a proposed statute or regulation may be submitted to the Governor, and upon confirmation by the Governor shall come into operation.

(4) Section 38 of the Acts Interpretation Act, 1915, as amended, shall not apply to or in relation to a statute, regulation or rule made under this section.

23. (1) The Council shall have power to make by-laws for any of the following purposes:

(a) to prohibit persons from trespassing upon the University grounds;

(b) to prevent damage to the University grounds, any appurtenances thereof, or any property or object (whether moveable or immoveable) thereon;

(c) to prevent persons from climbing on fences or buildings or walking over gardens or lawns on the University grounds;

(d) to regulate the speed at which vehicles may be driven on the University grounds;

(e) to prohibit dangerous or careless driving of vehicles within the University grounds;

(f) to regulate the entrance and exit of vehicles and pedestrians to and from the University grounds, and to prescribe the course and direction of vehicular traffic within the University grounds;

(g) to regulate, restrict or prohibit the parking of vehicles upon the University grounds, and to prohibit the parking of vehicles within the University grounds by any person or class of persons;

(h) to empower any person authorized in writing by the Council to remove vehicles from the University grounds;
(i) generally to regulate traffic of all kinds within the University grounds;

(j) to regulate, restrict or prohibit manufacture of alcoholic liquor on the University grounds or the bringing of alcoholic liquor onto the University grounds or the supply or consumption of alcoholic liquor thereon;

(k) to empower any person authorized in writing by the Council to remove any intoxicated person from the University grounds, and to search for and to seize any alcoholic liquor upon the University grounds in contravention of a by-law, and to empower the Council to confiscate any such alcoholic liquor;

(l) to regulate, restrict or prohibit the bringing of offensive weapons onto the University grounds and to empower any person authorized in writing by the Council to search for and seize any offensive weapon upon the University grounds in contravention of a by-law and to empower the Council to confiscate any such weapon;

(m) to prohibit disorderly conduct or indecent language in the University grounds, and to empower any person authorized in writing by the Council to remove therefrom any person guilty of disorderly conduct or indecent language;

(n) to prevent the interruption of lectures or meetings by noise or unseemly behaviour and to prevent undue noise from motor vehicles upon the University grounds;

(o) to regulate the conduct of meetings and assemblies within the University grounds;

(p) to prescribe fines recoverable summarily for contravention of any by-law;

and

(q) to empower the University to recover summarily compensation for any damage done to the University grounds or any property of the University.

(2) A by-law may provide that it shall apply to portion only of the University grounds specified in the by-law and where such provision is made, the by-law shall apply accordingly.

(3) No by-law shall be made—

(a) except at a meeting of the Council of which at least fourteen days' prior notice has been given in writing to each member of the Council setting out the by-laws intended to be proposed;

and
(b) except upon a resolution supported by a majority of the total number of the members of the Council.

(4) A by-law shall not come into operation until confirmed by the Governor.

24. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section proceedings in respect of an offence against the by-laws of the University shall be disposed of summarily.

(2) The Council may direct that a student of the University who is alleged to have committed an offence against the by-laws of the University be tried by a tribunal established by statute of the University and, if the offence is proved, that he be dealt with in an appropriate manner provided by statute of the University.

(3) In any proceedings relating to an offence against a by-law—

(a) an allegation in a complaint that any place constitutes part of the University grounds shall be deemed to be proved in the absence of evidence to the contrary;

(b) an allegation in a complaint that a person named in the complaint was the owner of a vehicle referred to therein on a specified day shall be deemed to be proved in the absence of evidence to the contrary;

and

(c) where it is proved that a vehicle was parked in the University grounds in contravention of a by-law it shall be presumed, in the absence of evidence to the contrary that the vehicle was so parked by the owner of the vehicle.

(4) Where it is alleged that a person has committed an offence against a by-law of the University relating to vehicular traffic or the parking of motor vehicles the University may cause to be served personally or by post upon that person a notice to the effect that he may expiate the offence by payment to the University of an amount specified in the notice, being an amount fixed by by-law, within a time fixed in the notice, and if the offence is so expiated no proceedings shall be commenced in any court in respect of the alleged offence.

25. (1) The Council shall, not later than the last day of September in every year, present to the Governor a report upon the proceedings of the University during the previous calendar year.

(2) The report shall contain a full account of the income and expenditure of the University audited in such manner as the Governor may direct.

(3) A copy of every report made pursuant to this section, and of every statute or regulation of the University confirmed by the Governor pursuant to this Act, shall be laid before Parliament.
26. The land granted to the University pursuant to section 16 of The Adelaide University Act and to The University Site Act, 1876, and to the University Land Act, 1929, shall be held by the University for purposes approved by the Governor.

27. Any land in respect of which the University would, but for this section, be liable to pay land tax shall be exempt from land tax.

28. The trusts established under the instrument a copy of which appears in the schedule to this Act affecting the two chairs or professorships founded by Walter Watson Hughes shall so far as they are not exhausted, continue in operation.
THE SCHEDULE

This indenture made the twenty-fourth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, between Walter Watson Hughes, of Torrens Park, near Adelaide, in the Province of South Australia, Esquire, of the one part, and Alexander Hay, of Adelaide, aforesaid, Esquire, Treasurer of the Executive Council of the University Association of the other part: Whereas the said Walter Watson Hughes is desirous that a University should be established in the said Province, to be called "The Adelaide University", and has agreed to assist in the foundation of such University, by contributing the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds in endowing by the income thereof two chairs or professorships in the said University, one for Classical and Comparative Philology and Literature, and the other for English Language and Literature and Mental and Moral Philosophy: And whereas the said Walter Watson Hughes, his executors or administrators is or are entitled to nominate and appoint the two first Professors to such chairs: And whereas an Association has been formed, and has undertaken to endeavour to found and establish such University, and has appointed an Executive Council: And whereas the said Alexander Hay has been appointed Treasurer of the said Executive Council: Now this Indenture witnesseth, that in consideration of the premises, the said Walter Watson Hughes doth hereby, for himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators covenant with the said Alexander Hay, his executors and administrators, that he, the said Walter Watson Hughes, his executors, or administrators, shall and will, on or before the expiration of ten years from the date hereof, pay to the said Alexander Hay, as such Treasurer, or to the said Executive Council, or if the said University is incorporated within such period, then to such Corporation the sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds sterling: And will, in the meantime, pay interest thereof, or on such portion thereof as may remain unpaid at the rate of Six Pounds per centum per annum, from the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, such interest to be paid by equal quarterly payments: And it is agreed and declared that the interest and annual income of the said sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall be applied in two equal sums in endowing the said two chairs with salaries for the two Professors, or occupiers of such chairs: And it is hereby also declared and agreed that the said Walter Watson Hughes has appointed the Reverend Henry Read, M.A., Incumbent of the Church of England, in the District of Mitcham, to occupy, and that the said Henry Read shall occupy the first of such chairs as Professor of Classics and Comparative Philology and Literature: And that the said Walter Watson Hughes has appointed the Rev. John Davidson, of Chalmers Church, Adelaide, to occupy, and that the said John Davidson shall occupy the first of the other such chairs as Professor of English Language and Literature, and Mental and Moral Philosophy: And it is hereby agreed and declared that the annual income and interest of the said sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall be applied for the purposes aforesaid in equal sums quarterly, and for no other purpose whatever: And it is also declared and agreed that the said sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall be held by the Treasurer of the said University, or by the Corporation thereof, when the said University shall become incorporated, for the purpose of paying and applying the annual interest and income thereof equally in endowing two chairs or professorships in the said University, one of such chairs or professorships being Classics and Comparative Philology and Literature, and the other of such chairs or professorships being English Language and Literature, and Mental and Moral Philosophy: And it is also declared and agreed that the said sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds shall, when the same is received by the Treasurer of the said University or by the University when incorporated, be invested upon South Australian Government Bonds, Debentures, or Securities, and the interest and annual income arising from such investments paid and applied quarterly in endowing the said two chairs or professorships in the said University as aforesaid: In witness whereof the said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Walter Watson Hughes, in the presence of Richard W. W. HUGHES


In the name and on behalf of Her Majesty, I hereby assent to this Bill.

J. W. HARRISON, Governor