1. Membership

RMIT Link will have as members:

1.1 student members who will be such RMIT enrolled students as have applied for membership in accordance with the Board’s criteria for membership;

1.2 alumni members will be such RMIT alumni as have applied for membership in accordance with the Board’s criteria for membership;

1.3 University staff members will be such members of the University and controlled entity staff as apply for membership in accordance with the Board’s criteria for membership;

1.4 associate members will be such past members of RMIT Link and persons participating in courses conducted by RMIT Training who apply for membership in accordance with the Board’s criteria for membership;

1.5 honorary members will be such persons as may be granted honorary membership by the Board in accordance with the Board’s criteria for honorary membership provided that no person who is an enrolled student may be an honorary member.

2. Objects

The objects of RMIT Link are:

(i) sponsor and promote social, cultural, educational, sporting and recreational programs and activities among the RMIT community;

(ii) to foster student growth and development of students through its range of events and programs’ activities.

(iii) provide such facilities and services at all Victorian campuses of the University as may be considered necessary to further the objects of RMIT Link.

3. Governance

3.1 RMIT Link Board Membership

RMIT Link Board will consist of eight members as follows:
3.1.1 Two members who are members of RMIT Link and who are enrolled students elected by the Arts Council;

3.1.2 Two members who are members of RMIT Link who are enrolled students elected by the Sports Council;

3.1.3 Two members who are members of RMIT Link elected at the annual elections of RMIT Link conducted in accordance with the RMIT Link Election Rules approved by the Board from time to time;

3.1.4 One member nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.

3.1.5 A member of the Vice-Chancellor’s Executive with primary responsibility for the student experience.

3.2 Chair of the Board

The Chair of the Board will be the member of the Vice Chancellor’s Executive with primary responsibility for the student experience. This person will Chair all meetings of the Board at which she/he is present, unless he/she delegates the conduct of the meeting to one of the Deputy Chairs.

3.3 Deputy Chairs

The Board will elect two Deputy Chairs—one from members elected by the Arts Council and one from members elected by the Sports Council.

In the absence of the Chair, a Deputy Chair will preside and the Deputy Chairs will undertake the conduct of the meeting on a rotation basis.

3.4 Absence of Chair and Deputy Chairs

In the absence of both the Chair and two Deputy Chairs the meeting will elect a Chair to preside at the meeting from those present.

3.5 Quorum

A question shall not be decided at a meeting of the Board unless there are present at the meeting at least half the members of the Board then in office.

3.6 Term of Office

All Board members other than the member described in 3.1.5 will be elected or nominated (as the case may be) for a term of two years, and will be eligible to serve a maximum of two terms.

The member referred to in 3.1.5 will retain his / her position on the Board on an ongoing, ex officio basis.
3.7 Casual Vacancies

A casual vacancy will occur if a member resigns before the expiration of their term of office or a member ceases to be eligible to continue as a member.

An election will be conducted in accordance with the Election Rules referred to in section 3.1.3 to fill the casual vacancy, unless the remainder of the vacant term is less than 3 months in which case the vacant position may be left vacant for the remainder of the term.

3.8 Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution will be recommended by the Board to an AGM for approval and such approval will require the AGM to have the required quorum and a majority of members present voting in favour of the amendment or amendments.

3.9 Secretary to the Board

The Secretary to the Board will be the Manager of RMIT Link.

4. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held between September 1 and November 30th of each year from 2008 at which time members of RMIT Link will be presented with:

- a report on the year’s activities to date
- the proposed budget and program of activities for the following year; and
- a report on the annual election

for discussion and comment.

5. Terms of Reference

The Board shall have such powers and duties as are necessary to further the objects of RMIT Link and in particular shall:

5.1 subject to the Act and any Statutes and Regulations and any resolutions of the Council, be responsible for guiding the broad strategic direction and policy development of RMIT Link and to monitor and review the performance of RMIT Link;

5.2 be able, by resolution, to delegate any of its powers, authorities, duties and functions, expressly reserving the power of delegation, to:

(a) a committee appointed by it;

(b) a member of the Board;
(c) a designated officer employed to undertake RMIT Link activities;

provided that no such delegation shall prevent or otherwise limit the Board in the exercise of its powers, duties or functions;

5.3 have such other powers and duties as the Council may assign to it;

5.4 approve an annual budget which incorporates a yearly calendar of programs and activities, within the parameters of the University’s Service Level Agreement with RMIT Link;

5.5 regularly monitor the progress of the implementation of the yearly Calendar of programs and activities through reports from the General Manager;

5.6 approve for submission reports required by the University;

5.7 set rules for the approval of membership and the scale of membership fees.

6. **Staff Employed to Provide Services to RMIT Link**

The Board will use all appropriate occasions to engage and constructively work with University staff employed to provide services to RMIT Link including the attendance and participation of staff at Board meetings.”