What is a Convocation?
The general definition of Convocation is a “gathering together for a large formal assembly.” At UWA, it refers to those members of the university community who are entitled to have input into aspects of the governance of the university such as voting for members of the governing body or being consulted regarding major decisions.

Because members of Convocation (principally the graduates of UWA) are life-long members of the University, UWA differs from many other universities where graduates have no formal role in the university.

What are the roles of Convocation?
In the UWA Act and Statutes, Convocation has been assigned the following five key roles

Representative Role
- To represent the interests and opinions of members through effective communication and to present such views to the University and the community of Western Australia;

Governance Role
- To encourage members of Convocation to participate in the governance of the University through the election of Convocation members to the Senate and the review of amendments to University statutes;

Contribution Role
- To encourage members to support and contribute to the intellectual and cultural prosperity of the University community;

Engagement Role
- To promote professional and social links between members of Convocation by creating and supporting opportunities for graduate interaction; and

Promotion Role
- To promote the ideals and purpose of the University and Convocation to graduates and undergraduates, other members of the University and the community of Western Australia.
Keynote speaker: Professor Kent Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community and Engagement)
Topic: ‘The Rationale for Refreshing the UWA Brand – An update on engaging with UWA’s student and graduate communities’

Professor Kent Anderson commenced at UWA on 1 October 2014 in the newly created role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community and Engagement).

A Professor of Law who grew up in Alaska and speaks Japanese, Professor Kent Anderson leads UWA’s engagement both with graduates and with the wider community.

Professor Anderson has an eclectic background. He spent his childhood in Alaska before studying in Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom, specialising in Law, Politics, Economics, and Asian Studies. Before academia, Professor Anderson was a commercial lawyer in Hawaii and an airline executive in marketing.

He has been a visiting professor at Waseda, Nagoya, Kyushu, Doshisha, Ritsumeikan and Chuo Universities in Japan and most recently held the position of Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) at the University of Adelaide and Professor of Law in the Adelaide Law School.

In his new role at UWA, Professor Anderson has responsibility for all UWA’s communication, branding and outreach activities with both graduates and members of the University’s local, national and international communities, including business, political, scientific and educational organisations.

Agenda

1. Minutes of the First Ordinary Meeting for 2015 held on Wednesday 4 March 2015
2. Amendments and motion of acceptance of minutes
3. Business arising from the minutes
4. Correspondence
5. Vice-Chancellor’s report
6. Guild President’s report
7. Warden of Convocation’s report
8. Convocation Officer’s report
9. Audit report
10. Other business

Keynote Speaker
Professor Kent Anderson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Community and Engagement), will be speaking on ‘The Rationale for Refreshing the UWA Brand – An update on engaging with UWA’s student and graduate communities’.

Agenda Attachments
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