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the Deans of the ten Faculties; and
the Senate members on Council).

The academic staff of the University are organized into 130 academic departments.
a member of one of the ten
Faculties, namely Arts, Science, Medicine, Engineering, Commerce, Law,
Dentistry, Architecture, Education and Business Administration.

Each academic department is

Both the

Each Faculty has a Faculty Board and a Dean who is the Chairman of the Board.

Faculty Board and the Dean exercise powers and functions: which have been delegated to them by the Senate.

Each Faculty Board

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Resources Allocation Committee and then to Council}.

If the Council approves of the new development, it will be submitted to the Minister of Education and Culture for final approval.

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The Convocation, as I have said earlier, consists mainly of the graduates of the University.

According to the Private Act, the Convocation "may discuss and state its Opinion upon any matters relating to the University including matters which may be referred to

In

addition, the Convocation elects the Chancellor of the University and four members of the University Council}.

The business of the Convocation

is conducted by an executive committee chaired by the President of the Convocation.

It meets about four times a year.

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The Private Act of the University (Act 15 of 1959) contains provisions
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The Council has 34 members, made up as follows:

1. The Vice-Chancellor

2. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor

3. The Registrar

4. The Librarian

5. The Bursar

6. The Head of the Department of Education

7. The Head of the Department of Science

8. The Head of the Department of Arts

9. The Head of the Department of Social Sciences

10. The Head of the Department of Health Sciences

11. The Head of the Department of Engineering

12. The Head of the Department of Law

13. The Head of the Department of Medicine

14. The Head of the Department of Dentistry

15. The Head of the Department of Veterinary Medicine

16. The Head of the Department of Agriculture

17. The Head of the Department of Forestry

18. The Head of the Department of Fisheries

19. The Head of the Department of Aquaculture

20. The Head of the Department of Food Science

21. The Head of the Department of Food Technology

22. The Head of the Department of Food Safety

23. The Head of the Department of Food Quality

24. The Head of the Department of Food Security

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4 members of the Convocation. elected by the Convocation;
the Mayor of Johannesburg:
2 persons appointed by the City Council of Johannesburg; 200\231
3 persons appointed by the Council of Education. Witwatersrand;
2 persons elected by the Constituency of past students and donors;
2 persons appointed by the Chamber of Mines;
1 person appointed by the Witwatersrand Chamber of Commerce and
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the twenty-fourth Chancellors;
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9 lecturer members (plus 3 lecturer observer members);
a small number of other persons; as specified in the Private Act.

There are over 200 members of the Senate with 10 student observers.
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 with the object of obtaining consensus before important decisions are
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 of a large and complex organization.

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 exercises executive and legislative fUctions on behalf of the Senate.
 It is a body of dbuut 55 members comprising:

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The Senate has delegated most of its powers and functions to the Academic Board with the exception of matters. relating to major academic policy and planning and certain other reserved powers and functions.
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