

STATUTES of the University of Strathclyde

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The Statutes prescribe details concerning the members of the University, officers of the University, the membership and functions of statutory bodies (including Court and Senate), and other miscellaneous provisions.

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STATUTES

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these Statutes:

1.1.1 'University' means the University of Strathclyde;

1.1.2 'Charter' means the Charter of the University;

1.1.3 'Court' means the Court of the University;

1.1.4 'Senate' means the Senate of the University;

1.1.5 'Faculty' means Faculty of the University;

1.1.6 'Ordinances' means Ordinances made pursuant to the Charter or these Statutes; and

1.1.7 'Regulations' means Regulations made pursuant to the Charter, these Statutes or the Ordinances.

1.2 Words importing the masculine shall include the feminine and, unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

2. THE COURT

2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Charter, the Court shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it by the Charter, have all other powers and functions of the University which are not vested in Senate and which are required in order to allow the University to meet its objects including without limitation the following powers and functions:

2.1.1 to review, amend, refer back, control or disallow any act of the Senate required under these Statutes to be reported to the Court and to ensure the effectiveness of the Senate;

2.1.2 to establish, after report from the Senate, Faculties, Schools, Departments, Institutes, Centres or Boards, to prescribe their organisation, constitution and functions, and to modify or revise the same;

2.1.3 to confer, after report from the Senate, the title of Emeritus Professor or such other titles as it may see fit;

2.1.4 in consultation with the Senate, to determine all University fees;

- 2.1.5 in consultation with the Senate, to institute, subject to any relevant conditions, Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions and Prizes;
- 2.1.6 to govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University;
- 2.1.7 to invest any monies belonging to the University, including any unapplied income, in such stock, funds, shares or securities as it shall from time to time think fit, whether authorised by the general law for the investment of trust monies or not, and whether within or outside the United Kingdom, or in the purchase of heritable property in the United Kingdom, including rents, with the like power of varying such investments from time to time;
- 2.1.8 to sell, buy, take on feu, exchange, lease, and accept leases of lands and other property, heritable and moveable, on behalf of the University;
- 2.1.9 to provide the buildings, premises, furniture and apparatus, and other means needed for carrying on the work of the University or deemed appropriate by Court;
- 2.1.10 to borrow money from time to time on behalf of the University and for that purpose if the Court think fit, to grant securities over, to mortgage or charge all or any part of the property of the University, whether heritable, moveable, real or personal, and to give such other security as the Court shall think fit;
- 2.1.11 to enter into, vary, carry out or cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
- 2.1.12 to have the power to employ and the power to terminate the employment of all staff and to make provision for schemes of superannuation, pensions or retirement benefits for all salaried officers, and so far as the Court shall think fit for other employees of the University, or their dependants;
- 2.1.13 to work jointly, contract, negotiate, collaborate and generally to deal with third parties of all legal forms; and
- 2.1.14 to provide for the welfare and recreation of the staff and students of the University.

2.2 Subject to the Charter, the Court may establish Committees or joint Committees with Senate and delegate to any such Committee any powers or functions which

it is itself competent to perform including without limitation the power to act on behalf of the Court and/or the power to recommend to the Court.

- 2.3 Nothing in this Statute shall enable the Court to delegate its power to reach a decision as to whether there should be a reduction in the academic staff of the University as a whole or of any faculty, school, department or other similar area of the University by way of redundancy.
- 2.4 The Court shall delegate to a Committee of the Court or to a person or persons the power to appoint, promote or dismiss (excepting the Principal or University Secretary) or to determine the powers, duties, remuneration or terms or conditions of office of Officers, members of the academic staff and other employees of the University.
- 2.5 The Court shall consist of the following persons, namely:
 - 2.5.1 the Convener of Court, carrying out the role defined in Statute 2.9 and occupying the position of senior lay member as defined in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 and appointed accordingly, who shall hold office for a period of two years, whereafter they shall cease to be a member of the Court, provided always that they shall be eligible for re-appointment but shall not serve continuously for more than eight years in that office;
 - 2.5.2 the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, who shall be a member of Court for so long as he or she is Principal and Vice-Chancellor;
 - 2.5.3 the Vice-Principal, who shall be a member of Court for so long as he or she is Vice-Principal;
 - 2.5.4 one person appointed by The City of Glasgow Council, who shall be a member of Court for one year and eligible for re-appointment subject to the maximum period in Statute 2.7;
 - 2.5.5 two members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate, who each shall be a member of Court for three years or for the remainder of his or her membership of the Senate, whichever is completed sooner, and, in the former case, shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further three years, subject to a maximum total period as a member of Court of six years, and also subject to the appointee's membership of Court continuing only so long as he or she is a member of the Senate;
 - 2.5.6 two persons appointed by being nominated by the Students' Association Executive from among the registered students of the University, who shall each be a member of Court for one year and eligible for re-appointment once, if so nominated;

- 2.5.7 one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the academic professional staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University, who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment, if so nominated, subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years;
- 2.5.8 one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the professional services staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University; who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment, if so nominated, subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years;
- 2.5.9 one person appointed by being elected by the academic professional staff of the University, from among their own number, who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years;
- 2.5.10 one person appointed by being elected by the professional services staff of the University, from among their own number, who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years; and
- 2.5.11 between nine and thirteen other persons, who are neither staff nor students of the University, co-opted by the Court, who shall each be a member of Court for up to four years and normally eligible for re-appointment subject to the maximum period in Statute 2.7
- 2.6 Academic professional staff referred to in Statutes 2.5.7 and 2.5.9 shall include all academic, research, teaching and knowledge exchange staff of the University.
- 2.7 The maximum total continuous period of office of a member of Court serving under the terms of Statutes 2.5.4 and 2.5.11 is nine years. Where a particular skill or expertise might otherwise be lost, the Court may exceptionally agree to extend, by a maximum of two years, the period of office of members serving under the terms of Statute 2.5.11.
- 2.8 One-third of the total actual membership of the Court shall constitute a quorum.
- 2.9 The Convener of Court is responsible for the leadership and effectiveness of the Court, for the efficient and effective conduct of its business and for ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of authority between the Court and the Principal of the University. Neither students nor members of staff of the University shall be

eligible to be appointed as Convener of Court. The Convener of Court shall be appointed by virtue of an open process of advertisement, selection of candidates and election, in accordance with procedures for appointing a senior lay member set out in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.

- 2.10 The Court may make such provision in Ordinances as it thinks appropriate for the effective operation and procedure of the Court, which is otherwise consistent with this Statute. The Ordinances may, in particular, allow for additional roles and responsibilities to be conferred on or assumed by members of Court.
- 2.11 The Court shall have the power to remove the Convener of Court, or any other member of Court, on the grounds of serious personal misconduct, inability to exercise the functions set out in Statute 2.9 or the functions of membership of the Court, abuse of the rights and privileges of membership of Court, bringing the University into disrepute, persistent absenteeism, medical incapacity or legal impediment.
- 2.12 A member of Court may be removed from office on any of the grounds set out in Statute 2.11, after due investigation, if not less than 75% of those members of Court present and voting agree that it would be in the interests of the University for such member to be removed. A member so removed shall have the right to seek a review of the decision.

3. **THE SENATE**

- 3.1 The Senate shall consist of the following persons (or such other persons as shall from time to time be carrying out the functions of the persons named below):
 - 3.1.1 the Principal, the Vice-Principal and the Associate Principals;
 - 3.1.2 the Executive Deans of the Faculties;
 - 3.1.3 such Directors or Heads of professional services as may be determined by the Court on the recommendation of the Senate;
 - 3.1.4 the Heads of the academic departments/schools;
 - 3.1.5 such numbers of the students, elected by the students of the University, as may be determined from time to time by the Court on the recommendation of the Senate. Provided always that the number of student members shall not fall below one tenth of the total membership of the Senate;
 - 3.1.6 such numbers of the academic professional staff, elected by the academic professional staff of the University, as may be determined

from time to time by the Court on the recommendation of the Senate, subject to the conditions of Statute 3.4.

- 3.2 Students referred to in Statute 3.1.5 shall include sabbatical officers of the Executive of the Students' Association. Those elected shall be members of Senate for one year and shall be eligible for re-election annually, subject to a maximum period as a member of Senate of five years.
- 3.3 Academic professional staff referred to in Statute 3.1.6 shall include all academic, research, teaching and knowledge exchange staff of the University.
- 3.4 More than 50% of the total membership of Senate must fall within the categories referred to in Statutes 3.1.5 or 3.1.6.
- 3.5 The members of Senate referred to in Statutes 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3, and 3.1.4 shall be members of Senate for so long as they continue to occupy the positions respectively named. The members of Senate referred to in Statute 3.1.6 shall be members of the staff of the University and shall be elected by and from those members of staff. Those elected shall be members of Senate for three years and shall be eligible for re-election once.
- 3.6 The Senate shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it by the Charter and these Statutes, have the following powers and functions:
 - 3.6.1 to direct and regulate the instruction and teaching within the University and the examinations held by the University, subject to the Statutes and Ordinances, and to the Authority of the Court as herein before defined;
 - 3.6.2 to authorise the granting of Degrees (including Honorary Degrees), Diplomas, Certificates and other awards to persons who have satisfied the conditions for the award thereof as prescribed in the Statutes and Ordinances;
 - 3.6.3 on what it shall deem to be good cause, to deprive persons of any Degrees or other awards conferred on them and to revoke any Diplomas or Certificates granted to them by the University;
 - 3.6.4 to promote research within the University and to require reports from time to time on such research;
 - 3.6.5 to appoint, remove or suspend examiners under the delegated authority of the Court, provided that there shall be at least one external examiner for the final examinations prescribed for any Degree of the University;

- 3.6.6 to be generally responsible for the administration of the University Library;
 - 3.6.7 to report to the Court as it may from time to time require on all Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations or proposed changes therein;
 - 3.6.8 to report to the Court on any academic matter;
 - 3.6.9 to report to the Court on any matter referred to the Senate by the Court;
 - 3.6.10 to report to the Court from time to time as to the expediency of the establishment of Faculties, Schools, Departments, Institutes, Centres and Joint Boards, and to make recommendations as to their organisation, constitution and functions and the modifications or revision thereof;
 - 3.6.11 to review, amend, refer back, control or disallow any act of any Board, Faculty, Department, Institute, Centre or other Joint Board, and to give directions to any such body;
 - 3.6.12 to prescribe, subject to any relevant conditions and to any directions of the Court, the terms and conditions of competition for Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions and Prizes and to examine for and award the same, or to delegate to the School, Department, Institute, Centre or other Board concerned power to examine for and award the same;
 - 3.6.13 to regulate the discipline of the students of the University;
 - 3.6.14 to regulate the admission of persons to the University, and to courses of study in the University;
 - 3.6.15 to prescribe the academic dress to be worn by the various officers of the University, and by persons receiving awards from the University as specified in Statute 3.3.2, and the occasions on which it shall be worn; and
 - 3.6.16 to do such other acts and things as the Court may authorise.
- 3.7 One-third of the total actual membership of the Senate shall constitute a quorum.
- 3.8 The Senate may establish Committees and may delegate to any such Committee any powers or functions which it is itself competent to perform including without limitation the power to act on behalf of the Senate and/or the power to recommend to the Senate.

3.9 The Principal, or in his or her absence the Vice-Principal, shall be ex officio a member of all Committees of the Senate.

4. THE CHANCELLOR

4.1 The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Court after consultation with the Senate for a period of five years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.

4.2 The functions and responsibilities of the Chancellor shall be determined by the Court from time to time.

4.3 The Chancellor may be removed from office if not less than 75% of the members of Court vote that it would be in the interests of the University for the Chancellor to be removed.

5. THE PRINCIPAL

5.1 The Principal shall be appointed by the Court after consultation with the Senate. The Principal shall exercise such functions and responsibilities, and be engaged at such remuneration and (subject to Article 12 of the Charter) upon such terms and conditions as the Court shall deem fit. The Ordinances may make provision for the terms and conditions of the engagement of the Principal.

5.2 The Principal shall, subject to such rules as may be framed by the Court, exercise general supervision over the University and shall be generally responsible for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University. The Principal shall be responsible to the Court for the finances of the University.

6. THE UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

6.1 The Court shall, after consultation with the Senate, appoint a University Secretary with such functions and responsibilities, at such remuneration and upon such terms and conditions as it shall deem fit.

6.2 The functions and responsibilities of the University Secretary shall be determined by the Court. However, such functions and responsibilities shall include that the University Secretary be responsible for providing secretarial services for the Court and the Senate and, under direction of the Principal, for the administration of the University.

7. STANDING ORDERS

7.1 The Court and the Senate respectively may make, amend or repeal Standing Orders for governing the proceedings of those prospective bodies.

8. AUDITORS

- 8.1 The Court shall appoint such Auditors, on such terms and with such a remit as it shall from time to time see fit.
- 8.2 Every such Auditor shall be a member of a reputable and widely recognised body of accountants established in the United Kingdom, but no person shall be appointed as Auditor who is, or any member of whose firm is, a member of the Court or staff of the University.

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