

STATUTES

Schedule

1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 In these Statutes:

1.1.1 "Academic Staff" means all persons holding appointments as Professors, Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers of the University and such other persons or holders of appointments as the Council on the recommendation of the Senate may from time to time determine.

1.1.2 "Chair" means the chair of the Council appointed by the Council pursuant to Statute 4.2.

1.1.3 "Charter" means the Charter of the University.

1.1.4 "Council" means the Council of the University.

1.1.5 "Deputy-Chair" means the Deputy-Chair of the Council appointed by the Council pursuant to Statute 4.2.

1.1.6 "Graduate" means a Graduate of the University.

1.1.7 "Independent Member" means a member of the Council who is neither employed by nor a student of the University.

1.1.8 "Internal Member" means a Staff Member, a Student Member or the Vice-Chancellor.

1.1.9 "Ordinances" means Ordinances made pursuant to the Charter or these Statutes.

1.1.10 "Regulations" means Regulations made pursuant to the Charter, these Statutes or the Ordinances.

1.1.11 "Senate" means the Senate of the University.

1.1.12 "Staff" means all persons employed by the University.

1.1.13 "Staff Member" means a Council member who is employed by the University and who is not the Vice-Chancellor.

1.1.14 "Student" means any current Postgraduate or Undergraduate Student of the University whether full-time or part-time.

1.1.15 "Student Member" means a Student who is a member of the Council who is nominated by the Students' Union.

1.1.16 "University" means the University of Salford.

1.1.17 "Year" means any twelve month period.

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1.2.1 Words defined in the Charter or these Statutes shall have the same meaning in the Ordinances and the Regulations unless the context otherwise requires.

1.2.2 These Statutes shall be interpreted in such manner as not to conflict with the Charter.

2. THE CHANCELLOR

The Chancellor shall be appointed in accordance with the Ordinances.

3. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Ordinances.

4. THE COUNCIL

4.1 The Council shall be comprised of a maximum of twenty four Council members. The Council shall consist of a majority of Independent Members. The procedure for the appointment of Independent Members and Internal Members shall be prescribed in Ordinances.

4.2 The Council shall appoint a Chair and may appoint one or more Deputy-Chairs. The Chair and any Deputy-Chair shall not be either a member of staff nor student of the University, and if they are not already, shall become an Independent Member of Council.

4.3 Internal Members shall include:

4.3.1 the Vice-Chancellor;

4.3.2 a minimum of three Staff Members, of whom:

(a) one shall be appointed by the Senate;

(b) one shall be nominated from among the Academic Staff of the University; and

(c) one shall be nominated from among all other Staff of the University; and

4.3.3 Two Student Members nominated by the Students' Union.

4.4 The periods during which Council members shall hold office shall be as follows:

4.4.1 The Vice-Chancellor shall remain a Council member so long as he or she continues in office.

4.4.2 Independent Members and Staff Members shall be Council members for three years or for such shorter period as the Council may decide at the time of appointment. They shall be eligible for reappointment up to a maximum normally of three terms of three years or nine years in total in any one capacity. Notwithstanding this provision, the Chair and Deputy-Chair of Council only may, exceptionally, and with the agreement of the Council, be eligible to be reappointed for a further and final term of two years provided that their total term of office in the role of Chair or Deputy-Chair is no more than nine years.

4.4.3 Student Members shall hold office for one year, renewable for up to two further years.

4.5 The quorum for the Council shall be one-third rounded up to the next whole number of the total actual membership of the Council, of which a majority shall always be independent members. The quorum shall be made up of those attending in person, by telephone or such other electronic or virtual means in which all participants may communicate simultaneously with all other participants.

4.6 In the absence of a quorum at the beginning of or during a meeting of the Council, no business shall be transacted other than the adjournment of the meeting. The manner of reconvening the adjourned meeting and the period of notice to be given shall be prescribed in the Ordinances.

5. FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

5.1 Pursuant to Article 9 of the Charter, the Council shall be responsible for and have oversight of the conduct and activities of the University and shall exercise all the University's powers.

5.2 The functions and duties of the Council shall (without imposing any limitation on its general powers) include:

5.2.1 overseeing the University's activities, determining its mission and future direction;

5.2.2 fostering an environment in which the University's objects are achieved and providing strategic input on all material policy or other matters affecting the University (including the adoption and publication of a statement of the primary responsibilities of the Council);

5.2.3 appointing and regulating committees of the Council;

5.2.4 approving the establishment and structure of University departments, schools, faculties and other units of organisation and delegating to them such functions, duties and powers as it sees fit;

5.2.5 ensuring that there are in place policies and procedures dealing with Staff appointment, performance, discipline, dismissal and grievances, and with Student discipline, complaints and academic appeals;

5.2.6 appointing and removing the Chancellor;

5.2.7 approving procedures for the appointment, reward, and remuneration, appraisal, suspension and dismissal of the Vice-Chancellor;

5.2.8 appointing office holders with such powers as the Council may see fit;

5.2.9 making Ordinances and Regulations for the exercise of the functions and duties of the Council acting on behalf of the University;

5.2.10 providing facilities to carry on any activities which are necessary or desirable to enable the University to fulfil its objects;

5.2.11 establishing and monitoring systems of control and accountability including financial and operational controls and risk assessment; and

5.2.12 reviewing and monitoring the management of the University and its performance.

5.3 In carrying out its functions and duties in relation to Staff employment, policies and procedures, the Council shall have regard to the University's responsibilities set out in Articles 13 and 14 of the Charter.

DELEGATION

5.4 Subject to paragraph 5.5 and any other provision preventing delegation, the Council shall be entitled to delegate all or any of its functions, powers and duties to any person or body.

5.5 The Council shall not delegate responsibility for:

5.5.1 the solvency of the University and for safeguarding its reputation and assets;

5.5.2 the determination of strategic direction or significant policy matters affecting the University;

5.5.3 appointing the Vice-Chancellor and monitoring his or her performance;

5.5.4 the variation, amendment or revocation of the Charter or Statutes;

5.5.5 the approval of a business plan and budget;

5.5.6 the approval of a strategy for risk management and monitoring systems of control and accountability within the University;

5.5.7 the review and the monitoring of the management of the University and its performance; or

5.5.8 the approval of the University's annual audited accounts.

5.6 The Council may establish such committees as it shall deem necessary and whose terms of reference shall be set out in standing orders or as may otherwise be prescribed by Council.

6. RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Members shall be responsible for discharging the responsibilities of the Council and shall have the personal responsibility specified in a code of conduct approved by the Council.

7. SENATE

The membership, role and function of the Senate shall be prescribed in the Ordinances.

8. DECISION MAKING

8.1 Subject to the conditions prescribed in the Ordinances, resolutions of the Council, Senate and any Sub-Committees or Board constituted in accordance with these Statutes (a "Decision Making Body") approved in writing or by email shall be as valid as a resolution actually passed at a meeting of the Decision Making Body.

8.2 Acts or resolutions of a Decision Making Body shall not be invalidated because of:

8.2.1 a procedural defect of which the decision making body is unaware at the time, provided that the defect, once identified, is at the earliest reasonable opportunity brought to the attention of the decision making body and the decision making body is asked to consider whether the decision should stand;

8.2.2 a technical defect in the appointment of a member of which the decision making body is unaware at the time;

8.2.3 a technical defect in the giving of notice of which the decision making body is unaware at the time; or

8.2.4 any vacancy in the body doing or passing it; nor will such acts or resolutions be invalid by reason of any want of qualification by or invalidity in the election or appointment of any member of the body whether present or absent.

9. THE AUDITORS

The Council shall appoint auditors of the University who shall be members of a recognised supervisory body and eligible for appointment under the rules of that body.

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