

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria did on the tenth day of September in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine grant a Charter (hereinafter referred to as “the Charter of 1889”) constituting and founding a College in the Borough of Aberystwyth with the name of the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, the first Article of which Charter reads as follows:

“1. The members of the Institution now existing in the Borough of Aberystwyth in the County of Cardigan under the name of the University College of Wales, and the persons by these Presents made or declared to be members of the Body Corporate by these Presents constituted, and their successors, are hereby constituted and declared to be one Body Politic and Corporate by the name of “THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF WALES, ABERYSTWYTH” with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may assume armorial bearings (which shall be duly enrolled in the Heralds’ College), and with power in that name to sue and to be sued, and to take and hold without any other licence than these Presents, land, tenements, and hereditaments for the purposes only of the said body politic and corporate not exceeding in annual value the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds by the year.”

AND WHEREAS in the years One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and One thousand nine hundred and seventy-eight Supplemental Charters (hereinafter referred to as “the Supplemental Charters”) were granted to the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, varying and modifying certain provisions of the Charter of 1889:

AND WHEREAS by a humble Petition presented unto Us in Our Council the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, has prayed that We should be graciously pleased to revoke (subject to savings) the Charter of 1889 and the Supplemental Charters and to grant to it a further Supplemental Charter:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW KNOW YE that We, by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed and ordained and do, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain that the whole of the Charter of 1889 except that part of Article 1 thereof which constituted and founded the College as a body corporate with perpetual succession and a Common Seal shall be and is hereby revoked and that the whole of the Supplemental Charters shall be and are hereby revoked and the provisions hereinafter contained shall be substituted therefor and so that any reference in any Charter of Incorporation or any deed, will or instrument of any kind to or to any provision of the Charter of 1889 or any of the Supplemental Charters hereby revoked shall be read and construed as a reference to or to the most nearly corresponding provision or provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made hereunder.

I. THE NAME

The institution formerly known as either Prifysgol Cymru, Aberystwyth, or the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, shall be known as either “PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH” or “ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY” and may use either or both names for all purposes, including being a party to legal proceedings, holding land, other property and armorial bearings and use of its common seal.

II. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

The official languages of the University shall be Welsh and English. Any action undertaken or document executed by the proper authority in the name and on behalf of the University shall be valid and effective in either language.

III. MEMBERSHIP

The members of the University shall be as provided by Ordinance.

IV. OBJECTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The objects of the University shall be:

1. to advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research and by the example and influence of its corporate life;
2. to provide instruction and courses of study for those seeking to qualify for degrees and other awards of the University, or of other institutions, and for other people;
3. to promote and make provision for research and for the advancement, dissemination, preservation and application of knowledge by such methods as the University may determine;
4. to develop the potential of the students of the University and prepare them for employment;
5. to give special attention, itself or jointly with others, to the educational needs of Wales, having regard to the Welsh language and the culture, the economic development and the social traditions of Wales.

V. POWERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University shall be a teaching, research, examining and degree-awarding body and shall have power:

1. either itself or jointly with other institutions to make and confer, and for good cause to withdraw, awards, degrees and other distinctions of the University;
2. to present students of the University for awards, degrees and other distinctions of other institutions;
3. to do all such lawful acts in pursuance of its objects and interests as the University may determine.

VI. THE CHANCELLOR

There shall be a Chancellor of the University, who shall be the non-executive head of the University and who shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointing, term of office and functions of the Chancellor shall be as provided by Ordinance.

VII. THE PRO-CHANCELLORS

There shall be one or more Pro-Chancellors of the University, who or any of whom shall exercise all the functions of the Chancellor during a vacancy in that office, and otherwise as the Chancellor may delegate to the Pro-Chancellors and as Ordinance may provide. The

Pro-Chancellors shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointing and term of office of the Pro-Chancellors shall be as provided by Ordinance.

VIII. THE TREASURER

There shall be a Treasurer of the University, who shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointing, term of office and functions of the Treasurer shall be as provided by Ordinance.

IX. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLORS AND THE PRO VICE-CHANCELLORS

1. There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University, who shall be the chief academic and administrative officer of the University and shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointing, terms and conditions of office and functions of the Vice-Chancellor shall be as provided by Ordinance. In the event of the Vice-Chancellor's death or incapacity, or a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor, the Council may appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor in accordance with Ordinances. In such event, the term "The Vice-Chancellor" in the Charter, Statutes and the Ordinances, shall apply to the duly appointed Acting Vice-Chancellor.
2. There may be one or more Deputy Vice-Chancellors of the University, who shall perform such functions as the Vice Chancellor may delegate to them and as Ordinance may provide. The Deputy Vice-Chancellors shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointing and terms and conditions of office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors shall be as provided by Ordinance.
3. There may be one or more Pro Vice-Chancellors of the University, who shall perform such functions as the Vice-Chancellor may delegate to them and as Ordinance may provide. The Pro Vice-Chancellors shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointing and terms and conditions of office of the Pro Vice-Chancellors shall be as provided by Ordinance.

X. OTHER OFFICES

In addition to the offices constituted by this Charter, there shall be such other offices of the University as may be provided by Statute and / or Ordinance.

XI. THE VISITOR

There shall be a Visitor of the University who shall be appointed by the Privy Council, on the nomination of the Council, from those who hold or who have held high judicial office. The provisions in relation to the Visitor shall be as provided by Ordinance.

XII. THE COUNCIL

There shall be a Council of the University. Subject to the provisions of this Charter and of the Statutes, the Council shall be the supreme governing body of the University and shall be responsible for determining the University's strategic direction and for the conduct of the University's financial, administrative and other affairs, in accordance with its objects. The Council shall have the custody and use of the University's common seal. The constitution and powers of Council shall be as provided by Statute. The specific composition and functions of Council shall be as provided by Ordinance.

XIII. THE SENATE

There shall be a Senate of the University. Subject to the provisions of this Charter and of the Statutes, the Senate shall be the academic authority of the University and shall be responsible to the Council for the academic functions of the University in teaching and research and the regulation of the academic interests of the students. The constitution, powers and functions of the Senate shall be as provided by Ordinance.

XIV. THE COURT

There shall be a Court of the University. The role of the Court shall be to provide a public forum for communication and discussion of the University's activities. The composition and functions of the Court shall be as provided by Ordinance.

XV. ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

Subject to the provisions of this Charter and of the Statutes, the University shall have the academic and administrative structures necessary to fulfil its objects.

XVI. STUDENTS

1. There shall be an Organisation of the students of the University which shall, subject to conditions provided by Statute or Ordinance, be recognised by the University.
2. The University may recognise one or more associations of the former students of the University, subject to conditions provided by Ordinance.

XVII. STATUTES

1. Subject to the provisions of this Charter, Statutes may prescribe or regulate the government of the University and its members and provide for such other matters as the University may determine for the promotion of its objects.
2. The Statutes set out in the Schedule to this Charter shall be the Statutes of the University and shall remain in force until they have been varied or repealed in accordance with this Article.
3. After consultation with the Senate, the Council may propose Statutes for the University by Special Resolution, to vary or repeal the Statutes for the time being in force, which shall have effect when approved by the Privy Council. A certificate given by the Clerk of the Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

XVIII. ORDINANCES

1. The Statutes may direct that further provision for the prescription or regulation of any matter with which they deal shall be made by Ordinance, subject to consistency with the provisions of this Charter and the Statutes.
2. Ordinances shall be made, varied or repealed by resolution of the Council, provided that Ordinances dealing with matters within the responsibilities of the Senate (as determined under this Charter, the Statutes and the Ordinances) shall only be made, varied or repealed after consultation with the Senate. The Vice-Chancellor shall determine whether or not a matter is within the responsibilities of the Senate.

XIX. REGULATIONS

1. The Statutes and Ordinances may direct that further provision for the prescription or regulation of any matter with which they deal shall be made by Regulation, subject to consistency with the provisions of this Charter, the Statutes and the Ordinances.
2. The Council may by Resolution make, vary or repeal Regulations on any matter within its responsibilities.
3. The Council may delegate to the Senate the power to make, vary or repeal Regulations relating to matters within its responsibilities under this Charter, the Statutes and the Ordinances. The Vice-Chancellor shall determine whether or not a matter is within the responsibilities of the Senate.

XX. STANDING ORDERS

Subject to this Charter, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, the Council is responsible, in consultation with the Senate, for the Standing Orders governing their respective procedures.

XXI. EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Eligibility for appointment to any Office, employment or membership of the Council, Senate, Court or any other University body, and eligibility to undertake or admission to any course of study, or for the award of any academic distinction of the University, shall be based on the principle of equal opportunity and in accordance with all the provisions of law and good practice.

XXII. APPLICATION OF INCOME

The University must not apply its income other than in the furtherance of its objects and must not make any payment as a bonus, dividend, gift of division in money to or between any of its members except by way of reward, prize, or special award.

XXIII. ALTERATIONS TO CHARTER

1. After consultation with the Senate, the Council may propose a variation or repeal of any of the provisions of this Charter by Special Resolution, which shall only have effect when approved by Us, Our Heirs and Successors in Council. A certificate given by the Clerk of the Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.
2. The Statutes shall provide for the process for proposing a Special Resolution under this Article and sufficient notice of an intention to do so to be given to the Clerk of Council and to the members of the Council, specifying the particulars of the variation or repeal which are to be proposed.

XXIV. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

For the purpose of this Charter a Special Resolution means a resolution of the Council approved by not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council eligible to vote.

And it is Our Royal will and pleasure that this our Supplemental Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and every case most favourably to the institution and the promotion of the objects of this Our Supplemental Charter.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.
WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the ninth day July in the thirty-fourth year of Our Reign.

THE SCHEDULE

STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. DEFINITIONS

- (1) In the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations the meaning of the following terms is as follows, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Academic Staff”, shall for the purposes of the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances, mean such members of staff on an academic contract and such other members as the Senate may resolve should have academic status.

“Academic Units” have the meanings given to them by Statute 7.

“Auditors” means the external auditors to the University appointed in accordance with the Statutes.

“Chair of the Council” means the Chair appointed by the Council in accordance with Statute 5(4)(a).

“Chancellor” means the Chancellor of the University appointed by the Council in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Charter” means the Supplemental Charter to which these Statutes form a schedule, as it may be varied at any time.

“Clerk to the Council” means the individual appointed to serve as secretary to the Council.

“Council” means the Council of the University established in accordance with the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances.

“Court” means the Court of the University established in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Deputy Vice-Chancellors” means the Deputy Vice-Chancellors of the University appointed by the Council in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Emeritus Professors” means professors of the University who were formerly members of the Academic Staff, and have been awarded the title of emeritus professor in accordance with the Ordinances.

“Heads of Academic Units” means those members of the Academic Staff who are appointed by the Council to be responsible for the work of an Academic Unit of the University.

“Independent Members” means individuals who are not members of staff or students of the University.

“Officers” means the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors, Treasurer, Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellors, Pro Vice-Chancellors, and the holders of any other offices as may be provided by Statute.

“Ordinances” means Ordinances made in accordance with the Charter and Statutes.

“Pro-Chancellors” means the Pro-Chancellors of the University appointed by the Council in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Pro Vice-Chancellors” means the Pro Vice-Chancellors of the University appointed by the Council in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Regulations” means Regulations made in accordance with the Charter and Statutes.

“Senate” means the Senate of the University established in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Staff” means any person employed by the University and includes, unless the context suggests otherwise, Academic Staff.

“Standing Order” means a resolution made by any body constituted by the Charter or Statutes for the purpose of regulating its own procedure.

“Statutes” means these Statutes as they may be varied at any time in accordance with due process.

“Students” means persons pursuing any course of study of the University.

“Students' Organisation” means the organisation of the Students established in accordance with the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances.

“Treasurer” means the Treasurer of the University appointed by the Council in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“University” means the institution known as either “PRIFYSGOL ABERYSTWYTH” or “ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY”.

“Vice-Chancellor” means the Vice-Chancellor of the University appointed by the Council in accordance with the Charter and Ordinances.

“Year” means a period of twelve months ending on such date as may be prescribed from time to time by Ordinance, which may prescribe different dates for different purposes.

- (2) Words in the singular shall include the plural (and vice-versa), unless the contrary intention appears.

2. THE OFFICERS AND STAFF

Subject to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances, the Council shall appoint such Officers and Staff at such remuneration and upon such terms and conditions as it may determine.

3. CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

Subject to the Statutes and Ordinances, there shall be a Clerk to the Council with such functions and upon such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

4. THE AUDITORS

The Council shall appoint external auditors and establish a committee to cover audit and risk and agree:

- the procedure for appointing the external auditors;

- the terms of office, functions and remuneration of the external auditors;
- the constitution and functions of the audit and risk committee.

5. THE COUNCIL

- (1) There shall be a Council of the University, which will be the Governing Body. The Council shall consist of independent members, *ex-officio* members, representative members elected by the Senate, the staff and the students, and such members as Council may co-opt. In total the Council shall not exceed 25. The precise constitution of Council – which shall comprise a majority of independent members – shall be as provided by Ordinance.
- (2) The periods during which members of the Council shall hold office shall be as follows:
 - (a) Members of the Council, except *ex-officio* and student members, shall hold office for three years from their appointment unless Council decides on a shorter term.
 - (b) *Ex-officio* Members shall be members for as long as they hold an office which qualifies for this category of membership.
 - (c) Student members shall hold office for one year, renewable for one further year by the appointing body as long as they are still members or representatives of that body. Ordinance shall define the terms and conditions for the election of student members.
 - (d) Ordinance shall establish the criteria for defining whether Independent Members are eligible for reappointment when their term of office is complete.
 - (e) Members elected by Senate shall remain members only so long as they are members of the Senate. They shall hold office until the end of the third year following their election or such earlier date as may be determined individually by the Senate in order to achieve rotation of membership. Ordinance shall define the procedures for electing Senate members and whether they are eligible for re-election.
 - (f) Staff Members shall remain members only so long as they are members of the constituency which elected them. They shall hold office until the end of the third year following their election. Ordinance shall define the procedures for electing Staff Members and whether they are eligible for re-election.
 - (g) Co-opted Members shall hold office until the end of the third year following their co-option unless Council decides on a shorter term.
- (3) A member of Council who is removed from office under Statute 12(2)(a)(iv) or (v) shall not be eligible for re-election for a period of time as defined by Ordinance.
- (4)
 - (a) The Council shall appoint a Chair of Council (not being a member of staff or a student). Ordinance shall define the procedure for appointing and term of office of the Chair, and for the exceptional removal of the Chair.
 - (b) If the Council has not appointed a Chair, or if the office of Chair is vacant, then the Chancellor, or in his or her absence a Pro-Chancellor, shall take the chair at meetings of the Council. In the absence of the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellors, the members present shall choose an individual (not being a member of the Staff or a student) to chair that meeting.

- (5) Members of Council shall receive the papers, attend and participate in its meetings. They shall be required to declare any interests and absent themselves if the subject matter is of direct interest to them.
- (6) If any member of the Council wishes to propose a resolution to amend the Charter or Statutes:
 - (a) the member shall give to the Clerk of the Council notice in writing of the proposed resolution and the details of the change(s) at least six weeks before the date of the Council meeting when it is to be discussed; and
 - (b) the Clerk to the Council shall send a similar notice to all the members of the Council at least twenty-eight days before the date of that meeting of the Council, when it is to be discussed.
- (7) The Standing Orders shall stipulate how members of Council shall be notified of a proposed Council resolution to change any terms of the Charter and Statutes proposed by an Officer of the University, or any committee established by the Council.
- (8) The rights and responsibilities of Council members shall be set out in Ordinance.

6. **POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL**

- (1) Subject to the Charter, the Council as the Governing Body of the University shall exercise all the powers of the University set out in these statutes. Exercise of the powers is defined by Ordinance.
- (2) The Council shall:
 - (a) be responsible for ensuring the sustainable operation, development and reputation of the University;
 - (b) set the University's Strategic direction and monitor performance;
 - (c) be ultimately responsible for the business of the University;
 - (d) ensure that the University's business, property and finances are effectively managed and controlled in an environmentally sustainable manner;
 - (e) determine the structure, staffing and overall composition of the University;
 - (f) appoint the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors, Treasurer, independent and co-opted members of Council;
 - (g) appoint the Vice-Chancellor, any Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Pro Vice-Chancellors;
 - (h) appoint heads of academic units and such others as the Council may determine;
 - (i) appoint the University's external auditors.

7. ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

- (1) In this Statute:

“Academic Unit” means any department, school, institute or other academic unit recognised by the Council as having primary responsibility for the delivery of programmes leading to the award of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and other academic qualifications of the University, the conduct and promotion of research activity, public engagement and knowledge exchange and such other functions as may from time to time be determined by the Senate and Council.

- (2) The academic work of the University shall be organised in academic units as provided by Ordinance.
- (3) Subject to the Charter and Statutes, Ordinances shall provide the details on how academic units are established and their structure, powers and functions.
- (4) The Regulations of the Senate shall enable it to delegate its own powers and duties (except its power to make Regulations) to any of the academic units, or to any board or committee of any academic unit, and to amend the terms of such delegation as the Senate considers appropriate.
- (5) The Council shall appoint the head of each academic unit. The detail on the method of selection, term of office, powers and functions of the head of an academic unit shall be provided by Ordinance.

8. THE STUDENTS' ORGANISATION

- (1) There shall be a Students' Organisation to which all the students shall be eligible for membership. Any student shall have the right not to be a member of the Students' Organisation, but in doing so shall not be entitled to the benefits of membership outlined in the Students' Organisation Regulations.
- (2) The functions of the Students' Organisation shall be:
- (a) to complement the educational purposes of the University and enhance the student experience;
 - (b) to promote co-operation between its members for educational, cultural, social and sporting purposes;
 - (c) to cater for the welfare of its members and to represent them in matters affecting their interests;
 - (d) to appoint student members to the relevant bodies of the University.
- (3) The constitution of the Students' Organisation may be adopted or varied according to the procedure of the organisation and any changes shall become effective when approved by the Council, having regard to the views of the Senate.
- (4) The Council shall:
- review the constitution of the Students' Organisation at such intervals as may be required by legislation or otherwise as it deems necessary;

- take reasonably practicable steps to ensure that the Students' Organisation is accountable for its finances and operates in a manner which is fair and democratic.

9. STAFF

- (1) The staff of the University will fulfil the duties of their respective posts in accordance with the objects of the University as defined in the Charter, and the strategic plan, and the policies and procedures of the University.
- (2) In fulfilling these duties the staff shall have freedom to challenge received wisdom and put forward ideas and opinions without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges.
- (3) The Council shall determine the policies and procedures which apply to the main terms and conditions of University staff. Before acting, the Council shall ensure that the relevant trades unions are consulted and their views taken into account.

10. DISCIPLINE

- (1) Rules and regulations are put in place for the good of the University community.
- (2) Staff and students shall comply with all rules and regulations adopted by the University which apply to them, and may be subject to penalties in the event of a breach of these rules and regulations.
- (3) Ordinances shall set out the disciplinary procedures to be followed for Staff and students.

11. ORDINANCES

Subject to the Charter and Statutes, Ordinances may be made with regard to all matters which are directed or authorised by the Charter and Statutes and any such other matters which are not otherwise regulated by the Charter and Statutes.

12. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLYING TO THE COUNCIL AND SENATE

- (1) The following provisions shall, subject to the Charter and Statutes, and to any express provision made in the Ordinances or Regulations, apply to the Council and Senate (in this Statute called the 'Statutory Bodies').
- (2) Membership
 - (a) A member of a Statutory Body shall cease to be a member of that body in any of the following circumstances:
 - (i) other than an *ex-officio* member or Chair, if he or she resigns his or her membership or office by notice in writing to clerk of the relevant Statutory Body;
 - (ii) if his or her membership is *ex-officio* and he or she ceases to hold that office;
 - (iii) if he or she is required to hold any qualification and ceases to hold that qualification;

- (iv) if he or she is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Statutory Body without the consent of that Body;
 - (v) if there is a resolution to remove him or her from the Statutory Body. The member shall be entitled to make written representations and to attend and address the meeting of the Statutory Body at which the resolution is considered.
- (b) Any member and any Chair shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election, other than a member who is removed in accordance with paragraph (a)(v).
 - (c) Any casual vacancy occurring in any of the Statutory Bodies among any of its nominated, appointed, representative or elected members shall be filled by the person who, or body which, nominated, appointed or elected the member whose place has become vacant. A member of any of the Statutory Bodies who is nominated, appointed or elected to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired part of the term of office of the member in whose place he or she is nominated, appointed or elected.
 - (d) Any person appointed as an acting holder of any office or position shall, unless otherwise directed by the Council, be entitled to the same membership of the Statutory Bodies as would be held by the permanent holder of that office or position.

(3) Meetings

- (a) Meetings shall only proceed if a quorum is present. Quoracy shall be defined by Ordinance.
- (b) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of the members present and voting on the question. In case of equality of votes, the Chair or other Presiding Officer shall have a casting vote whether or not he or she has voted before on the motion.
- (c) Any of the Statutory Bodies may determine the time and place of its meetings and the procedure to be followed.
- (d) Any of the Statutory Bodies may make Standing Orders for the purpose of regulating its procedure.
- (e) A person entitled to attend and vote at a meeting of a Statutory Body may participate by electronic means if:
 - (i) participation by electronic means is provided for in the Standing Orders of that Body; and
 - (ii) any pre-conditions contained in the Standing Orders, which may include a requirement for prior consent of the Vice-Chancellor, or other Officer, have been met.

(4) Delegation by a Statutory Body

- (a) A Statutory Body may establish committees consisting either wholly or partly of members of that Body. The provisions of this Statute shall apply to any committee of a Statutory Body.

- (b) Subject to paragraphs (c) and (d), a Statutory Body may agree to delegate, for such time and on such conditions as it may determine, any of its powers and functions:
 - to one of its committees; or
 - to the other Statutory Body by agreement; or
 - to any Officer of the University.
- (c) The Council may only delegate its powers to a committee consisting of a majority of Council members to:
 - appoint the external auditors;
 - to receive and consider the annual audited financial statements of the University.
- (d) The Council may not delegate the following powers or functions:
 - (i) to amend or repeal the Charter, the Statutes or the Ordinances;
 - (ii) to appoint the Vice-Chancellor.

13. **SERVICE OF NOTICES AND DOCUMENTS**

The procedure for service of any notice or document required by or for the purposes of the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations shall be provided by Ordinance.

14. **INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUTES**

The Statutes shall be interpreted so as not to conflict with the Charter.

15. **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

- (1) Acts done by or on behalf of the University and Ordinances, Regulations, Standing Orders and resolutions approved or made under any previous Charter or Statutes of the University or other enabling provision (“the Previous Charter and Statutes”) shall continue in full force and effect unless they are inconsistent with the Charter or Statutes, or until they are varied or repealed.
- (2) Ordinances may provide for:
 - (a) the method of effecting the transition from the constitution of the Council authorised by the Previous Charter and Statutes to the constitution authorised by the Charter and the Statutes;
 - (b) the resolution of any doubt which may arise on any question involving the transition from the Previous Charter and Statutes to the Charter and the Statutes.