# Ordinances of the University of Wales

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#### INTRODUCTION

### A: Definitions (source: Statute 1)

"The University" means the University of Wales.

"The Charter" means the Supplemental Charter of the University for the time being in force. "The Statutes" means these Statutes and any Statute or Statutes for the time being amending or replacing the same.

"The Council" means the Council of the University.

"The Academic Board" means the Academic Board of the University.

"The Graduates" means those persons upon whom the University shall have conferred a degree or degrees.

"The Staff of the University" means the persons appointed to such staff by or on the authority of the Council.

"Accredited Institutions" means those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Charter and the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions.

"Affiliated Institutions" means those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Charter and the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Affiliated Institutions.

"Associated Bodies" means Accredited Institutions, Affiliated Institutions and any other bodies or institutions with which the University has an association pursuant to Article V(j) of the Charter.

"Validated provision" means those schemes of study or programmes of research that are provided at institutions other than Accredited or Affiliated Institutions and that have been approved by the University and designated by it as validated schemes of study or validated programmes of research in such manner as shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

"Ordinances" means any Ordinances made pursuant to the Charter or the Statutes. "Regulations" means any Regulations made pursuant to the Charter or the Statutes or the Ordinances.

"Standing Order" means a Resolution made by any body constituted hereunder for the purpose of regulating its own procedure.

"Year" means a calendar year.

Words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular unless the contrary intention appears.

Words defined in the Charter or the Statutes shall have the same meaning in the Ordinances and the Regulations unless the context is repugnant to them.

### B: Authority of the Ordinances (source: Statute 28)

- (1) In addition to all powers conferred by the Charter or the Statutes for Ordinances to provide for, or regulate, any matter, there shall, subject to the Charter and the Statutes, be power for Ordinances to provide for any matter for which it may be considered that provision ought to be made and for which no alternative procedure is prescribed by the Charter or the Statutes.
- (2) Any Ordinance made pursuant to the Charter and the Statutes may prescribe that any matter affected thereby may, or shall be, further regulated by Regulation or Standing Order.

## C: Interpretation of the Ordinances

The Ordinances shall be interpreted in such manner as not to conflict with the Charter and the Statutes.

### D: Service of notice and documents

- (1) Any notice or document required by the Ordinances to be given or sent to a person may be given or sent personally by post or email to him or her at his or her last address registered by the University.
- (2) Where a notice or other document is sent by post or email, service thereof shall be deemed to have been properly effected on the day following that on which it shall have been posted or sent.

## E: Procedure (source: Statute 31)

Except to the extent that other provision is expressly made in the Charter or the Statutes, Ordinances may provide for any procedures relating to the conduct of the business of the Council, the Academic Board and other University committees.

### **ORDINANCE 1: THE CHANCELLOR**

- 1. The Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the Council under such terms as may be determined by the Council from time to time.
- 2. All members of the University shall also be eligible to submit nominations to the Council for consideration and shall be advised in writing when a vacancy occurs.
- 3. If there is more than one nomination, the appointment shall be by secret ballot of members present at the Council meeting and two scrutineers shall be appointed from among the members of Council.
- 4. If there is only one nomination, approval of the name shall be by a simple majority of the members of Council present and voting.
- 5. The Chancellor shall hold office during his/her life or until his/her resignation.

## **ORDINANCE 2: THE PRO-CHANCELLOR**

- 1. The Pro-Chancellor of the University shall be appointed by the Council under such terms as may be determined by the Council from time to time.
- 2. All members of the Council shall be eligible to submit nominations to the Council for consideration and shall be advised in writing when a vacancy occurs.
- 3. If there is more than one nomination, the appointment shall be by secret ballot of members present at the Council meeting and two scrutineers shall be appointed from among the members of Council.
- 4. If there is only one nomination, approval of the name shall be by a simple majority of the members of Council present and voting.
- 5. The Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of three years or until earlier resignation and shall be eligible for re-appointment for further periods of three years. The Council may nevertheless on the appointment or re-appointment of any Pro-Chancellor, stipulate that the period of office shall be shorter than the period otherwise provided for such office.

#### ORDINANCE 3: THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

- 1. In accordance with the Deed made between the University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on 18 August 2017, the Vice-Chancellor shall be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David with coterminous terms of office. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor, or in the event that the Vice-Chancellor is incapacitated by illness or other cause from performing the duties of the office, the named officer appointed by the University of Wales Trinity Saint David shall be acting Vice-Chancellor.
- 2. The authority of the Vice-Chancellor derives from Statute 6:
  - 1. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chief Academic and Executive Officer and shall be responsible to the Council for promoting and advancing the purposes of the University and for the organisation and conduct of the business of the University.
  - 2. The Vice-Chancellor shall ex officio be a member of the Council, the Academic Board and every other body upon which responsibilities affecting the governance of the University may be conferred by the Charter, Statutes or Ordinances, and of every committee thereof.
  - 3. The Vice-Chancellor shall have the power to delegate to other officers and staff of the University such duties of the Vice-Chancellor as he or she thinks fit.
- 3. For the purposes of 1 and 2 above, Council has approved a full delegation of authority to the Deputy Vice-Chancellors to exercise the power and authority of the Vice-Chancellor on such occasions as he or she is not available to exercise them in person.

#### ORDINANCE 4: CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF COUNCIL

- 1. In accordance with the Deed made between the University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on 18 August 2017, the Chair of Council shall be the Chair of the Council of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David with coterminous terms of office.
- 2. A Vice-Chair of Council may be appointed by the Council to:
  - 1. provide support for the Chair in leading the Council;
  - 2. deputise for the Chair on those occasions where the Chair is absent, which may include chairing meetings, working with the Vice-Chancellor and making decisions in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation;
  - 3. act as formal representative of the University externally and at ceremonial events.
- 3. The Secretary to the Council shall seek nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the Council from amongst the independent members of the Council. Where there are only two candidates for the role, the proposal must be seconded by another independent member. If there are more than two candidates an appointment will be made by a secret ballot of members of the Council. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair of the Council will determine the outcome.
- 4. The Vice-Chair will normally hold office for a period of not more than 4 (four) years and will normally be eligible for reappointment for normally 1 (one) further period.
- 5. The Chair and/or a Vice-Chair may be removed from office for:
  - 1. conviction for an offence which may be deemed by the Council to be such as to render the person convicted unfit for the execution of the duties of the office; or
  - 2. conduct incompatible with the duties of the office; or
  - 3. failure or persistent refusal or neglect or inability to perform the duties of office.
- 6. The Council shall not remove the Chair/Vice-Chair of Council from office until he/she shall have been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard by the Council.
- 7. A Vice-Chair may resign at any time in writing to the Chair of Council, and the Chair may resign at any time in writing to the Council.
- 8. If the office of Chair of Council becomes vacant by death or resignation, or from any other cause before the expiration of the period of office, a Vice-Chair shall act as Chair until the Council shall have appointed a Chair.

#### ORDINANCE 5: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL

- 1. The membership of the Council shall consist of the following persons:
  - 1. ex officio member
  - The Vice-Chancellor
  - 2. appointed members
    - (i) Three Vice-Chancellors/Principals appointed by and from the Vice- Chancellors/Principals of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions
    - (ii) Three Chairs of governing bodies appointed by and from the Chairs of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions
    - (iii) Two persons appointed by and from the representatives on the Academic Board of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions
    - (iv) One person appointed by and from the staff of the University
    - (v) One person from among the students pursuing a University of Wales award, appointed by the student Presidents (howsoever that office may be termed) of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions
    - (vi) Twelve other independent persons
  - 3. co-opted members

Up to two independent persons

- 2. In accordance with the provisions of Statute 15, it is hereby provided that:
  - 1. the Vice-Chancellors/Principals of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions shall be eligible for election to Council, subject to the provisions in 2.3 and 2.4 below, and shall form the electoral college for such elections;
  - 2. the Chairs of the governing bodies of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions shall be eligible for election to Council, subject to the provisions in 2.3 and 2.4 below, and shall form the electoral college for such elections;
  - 3. no more than one member in the categories of persons appointed from among the Accredited Institutions (Vice-Chancellors/Principals and Chairs) shall be derived from the same institution;
  - 4. the appointments of the Vice-Chancellors/Principals and Chairs shall rotate around the institutions concerned;
  - 5. all members of the Academic Board, other than the Vice-Chancellor and student members, shall be eligible for election to Council, but all members without exception shall form the electoral college for such elections;

- 6. all those persons employed by the University shall be eligible for election to Council, and shall form the electoral college for such elections;
- 7. the student Presidents (howsoever that office may be termed) of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions shall form the electoral college for the election of one student from amongst those students pursuing a University of Wales award, to serve as a member of the University Council;
- 8. all other appointments to the University Council shall be made on the recommendation of the Nominations and Governance Committee.
- 3. All appointments, other than for co-opted members or casual vacancies, will commence on 1 August and, by no later than 3 months before the expiration of the term of office of an appointed member, the Secretary to the Council shall notify the appropriate electoral colleges of such vacancies as may exist and invite nominations. Nominations shall be made, in writing, to the Secretary so as to arrive not later than the specified closing date. Nominations must be accompanied by evidence of the agreement of the nominee.
- 4. Nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chancellors/Principals and Chairs shall be made in compliance with the provisions detailed under 2.3 and 2.4 above. In the event that such provisions are not adhered to, any such nomination may be disregarded.
- 5. If the number of nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chancellors/Principals and Chairs received by the Secretary to the Council by the closing date does not exceed the number of vacancies, the person(s) nominated shall be declared elected. If the number of nominations received by the closing date exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, then elections by secret ballot of the appropriate electoral college shall take place. The eligible nominee(s) within each category who receive(s) the higher number of votes shall be elected.
- 6. All vacancies arising among the other appointed members shall be filled as soon as possible by the appropriate electoral college for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the unexpired term is less than half of the period of office of the member who is to be replaced then any such period shall be disregarded in determining that member's eligibility for further appointment or election.
- 7. All vacancies arising among the independent and co-opted members shall be filled as soon as possible by the Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the unexpired term is less than half of the period of office of the member who is to be replaced then any such period shall be disregarded in determining that member's eligibility for further appointment or election.
- 8. Any member appointed to membership of the Council in accordance with the provisions of statute 15(1)(b)(i) may appoint an alternate to attend meetings of council where he/she is also a member of Council in another capacity.
- 9. In accordance with the provisions of Statute 15(2), all members of the University Council other than the Vice-Chancellor and the student member shall hold office for three years or for so long as they retain the qualification which first made them eligible for appointment to the Council, whichever shall be the shorter period.
- 10. All appointed members, other than the student member, shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of up to three years, except in the case of Vice-Chancellors/Principals and Chairs where the provisions detailed in paragraphs 2.3 and 2.4 above shall apply. Co-opted members shall also be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of up to three years.
- 11. For the purposes of the Deed made between the University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on 18 August 2017 and common membership with the Council of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David, the Council has determined that independent members shall normally hold office for four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further term of four years.

- 12. The student member shall be appointed for a period of one year and shall be eligible for re-appointment for one further year.
- 13. In accordance with the above provisions of this Ordinance, the Council may approve by Special Resolution a recommendation that, as a special case, a member of Council who has served for two consecutive terms may continue to serve as a member of Council for a period to be specified by the Council, provided always that the grounds for making an exception to the normal requirements are recorded in the minute of the meeting of the Council at which the recommendation is approved.
- 14. Any member of Council may be removed from office for:
  - 1. conviction for an offence which may be deemed by the Council to be such as to render the person convicted unfit for the execution of the duties of the office; or
  - 2. conduct incompatible with the duties of the office; or
  - 3. failure or persistent refusal or neglect or inability to perform the duties of office.

The Council shall not remove any member from office until he/she shall have been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard by the Council.

15. Members of the Council may resign at any time in writing to the Chair of the Council.

#### **ORDINANCE 6: POWERS OF COUNCIL**

The powers of Council are set out in Statute 17 as repeated below.

Subject to the provisions of the Charter and of the Statutes, the Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers:

- 1. To appoint the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor in such manner and for such term as shall be prescribed by Ordinance.
- 2. To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council in such manner and for such a term as shall be prescribed by Ordinance.
- 3. To appoint staff of the University and to regulate the salaries and conditions of employment of such staff and to institute such offices and posts of the University as may from time to time be considered expedient.
- 4. To confer upon other institutions the status of Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution of the University.
- 5. On the advice of the Academic Board and under conditions to be prescribed in the Ordinances:
  - to grant to Accredited Institutions and Affiliated Institutions, and to other Associated Bodies, the
    right to establish and operate schemes of study and programmes of research leading to awards of
    the University and to enrol students onto such schemes and programmes in such manner and
    upon such terms and conditions as the University sees fit;
  - 2. to determine arrangements for the assurance of quality and standards in respect of those schemes of study and programmes of research leading to awards of the University established in accordance with Statute 17(5)(i);
  - 3. to grant, to any Accredited Institution and Affiliated Institution that shall have been granted its own taught degree awarding powers, delegated responsibility for matters relating to the quality and standards of schemes of study leading to awards of the University where such schemes of study shall be operated by the said institution or by any other Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution:
  - 4. to grant, to any Accredited Institution and Affiliated Institution that shall have been granted its own research degree awarding powers, delegated responsibility for matters relating to the quality and standards of programmes of research leading to awards of the University where such programmes of research shall be operated by the said institution or by any other Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution;
  - 5. from time to time, to review such decisions as may have been taken by the Council further to the provisions of Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(ii), Statute 17(5)(iii) and Statute 17(5)(iv) and, as the Council may think fit, to
    - (i) confirm the rights and responsibilities granted under Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(iii), and Statute 17(5)(iv) and the arrangements determined under Statute 17(5)(ii);
    - (ii) determine conditions for the continuance of the rights and responsibilities granted under Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(ii), and Statute 17(5)(iv) and to modify the arrangements determined under Statute 17(5)(ii); or

- (iii) withdraw the rights and responsibilities granted under Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(iii) and Statute 17(5)(iv) and to terminate the arrangements determined under Statute 17(5)(ii).
- 6. To confirm the designation of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University.
- 7. Subject to conditions prescribed in the Ordinances to approve the conferring of Honorary Degrees and other Honorary Distinctions of the University.
- 8. To demand and receive such fees as may be payable to the University in respect of studies leading to Degrees and awards of the University.
- 9. To regulate, after consultation with the Academic Board, the fees and other emoluments to be paid to external examiners and assessors in respect of the examinations of the University.
- 10. To institute, jointly with the Academic Board and subject to any conditions made by the founders, University Fellowships, Studentships, Scholarships, Prizes, Exhibitions and Bursaries and other aids to study and research.
- 11. To approve the association of other bodies and institutions in accordance with Article V(j) of the Charter.
- 12. To appoint a person or persons to visit and report on the general facilities in teaching and research at any body or institution which is now or which may become an Associated Body.
- 13. To call for reports from University organisations, and any Associated Body or Bodies.
- 14. To negotiate on behalf of the University with Government Departments and any other authorities, institutions, companies and persons.
- 15. To repeal, vary or add to the Charter.
- 16. To make Statutes and Ordinances within the limits and subject to the procedures authorised by the Charter, the Statutes and the Ordinances.
- 17. To govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University, and for that purpose to appoint bankers or other agents whom the Council may deem expedient to appoint and to cause proper books of account to be kept for all sources of money received and expended by the University and for the assets and liabilities of the University; so that such books give a true and fair view of the University's affairs and explain its transactions.
- 18. To invest any moneys belonging to the University in such stocks, funds, shares, securities or investments (other than land) whatsoever and wheresoever situate (whether authorised by the general law for the investment of trust moneys or not so authorised) as the Council shall think fit or in the purchase of land in the United Kingdom subject or not subject to leases or tenancies and to vary any such investments including the realisation of existing investments and the re-investments of the net proceeds of the realisation. Provided that in the case of moneys held by the University as trustee the powers hereby conferred shall be exercised subject to the provisions of the law relating to investment by trustees. Provided further that the powers of investment and varying investments hereinbefore contained shall not extend to moneys and investments held by the University as trustee upon special trusts created by a donor or testator.
- 19. To sell, buy, exchange, lease and accept leases of real and personal property on behalf of the University.

- 20. To maintain and dispose of the buildings, premises, furniture and apparatus belonging to or held in trust by the University and to provide such additional buildings as the Council shall consider expedient.
- 21. To borrow money on behalf of the University and, for that purpose, if the Council thinks fit, to mortgage or charge all or part of the property of the University, whether real or personal, and to give such other security as the Council shall think fit.
- 22. To enter into, vary and discharge contracts on behalf of the University.
- 23. To provide for the welfare of all persons who are or were at any time members of the staff of the University and the dependents of such persons including the payment of money, pensions or other benefits and to subscribe to benevolent and other funds for the benefit of such persons.
- 24. To appoint and dissolve committees consisting either wholly or partly of members of the Council and to prescribe the method of appointment of the members and the functions of such committees.
- 25. Under conditions to be prescribed in the Ordinances to confer upon any person the title of Professor, Reader or any other title of the University (and to withdraw any such title).
- 26. To have sole custody and use of the Common Seal of the University.
- 27. Subject to the provisions of the Charter and Statutes to determine all matters relating to the governance, mission, strategy, planning and administration of the activities of the University and its central services.
- 28. Subject to the provisions of the Charter and of the Statutes to take such steps as it may think proper for the purposes of advancing the interests and efficiency of the University and to conduct the executive business of the University.
- 29. Subject to the provisions of the Charter and Statutes to exercise all other powers of the University.
- 30. To delegate any of its powers to Officers and to those committees established under Statute 17(24), for such period and under such conditions as the Council may determine, and to establish and keep under regular review the procedures and limits under which delegated authority will be exercised, provided that
  - 1. nothing shall enable the Council to delegate any of its powers to any committee established under the provisions of Statute 17(24) where a majority of the members present are not also members of the Council;
  - 2. nothing shall enable the Council to delegate any of its powers with regard to:
    - (i) the determination of any matters relating to the governance, mission and strategy of the University;
    - (ii) the approval of the annual estimates of income and expenditure and the financial statements in respect of each financial year;
    - (iii) ensuring the solvency of the University and the safeguarding of its assets;
    - (iv) the appointment or dismissal of the Vice-Chancellor;
    - (v) the repealing of, varying of or addition to the Charter or the Statutes or the Ordinances.

## Quorum

The quorum for meetings of the Council shall normally be one third of the current members of the Council plus one member, providing that there shall always be present and entitled to vote a majority of independent persons under the provisions of Ordinance 5, they being neither employees nor students of the University.

### **ORDINANCE 7: COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

- 1. Consistent with the provisions of the Deed made between the University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on 18 August 2017, with effect from September 2019 the Councils of both Universities shall be served by a single, integrated standing committee structure.
- 2. The Committees of Council shall be as follows:
  - 1. Academic Committee:
  - 2. Audit and Risk Committee;
  - 3. Group Scrutiny Committee;
  - 4. Nominations and Governance Committee:
  - 5. Remuneration Committee; and
  - 6. Resources and Performance Committee.
- 3. In accordance with the Deed, membership of the Committees of Council of both Universities shall comprise a common core of governors, consistent only with the requirement under charities law to be able to hold valid and quorate meetings of the committees with unconflicted quora.
- 4. Nominations for membership of Committees of Council shall be considered, and recommended to Council for approval, by the Nominations and Governance Committee.
- 5. Definitions
  - 1. An 'ex officio Member' shall be one who holds membership by virtue of office or appointment.
  - 2. A 'Co-opted Member' shall be one who has been invited by the Committee itself to serve, under its powers of co-option, and shall be a full member of a Committee with speaking and voting rights.
  - 3. An 'Independent Member' shall be one not otherwise being eligible for appointment under the provision of Statute 15(1), The Council.
  - 4. A 'Student Member' shall be one appointed by the Student Presidents (howsoever that office may be termed) of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions and who shall be pursuing a University of Wales award; or by the students of the University of Wales Saint David.
  - 5. A 'Staff Member' shall be one appointed by and from the staff of the University under the terms of Ordinance 5, or by and from the staff of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.
- 6. Period of appointment
  - 1. Members of Committees of Council shall be appointed annually by the Council on the recommendation of the Nominations and Governance Committee and such appointments shall take effect immediately. In the interests of continuity, the normal expectation is that a member of the Council will serve for three years on a Committee. Co-opted members shall normally serve for four years or such shorter period as the Nominations and Governance Committee may decide. The rules and procedures governing re-appointment, retirement and casual vacancies shall be those adopted by the Nominations and Governance Committee.
  - 2. Ex-officio members of Committees of Council shall hold office so long as they continue to occupy the position by virtue of which they became members.
  - 3. Removal from office of committee members

The Council may at its discretion remove any Committee member for:

- (i) conviction for an offence which may be deemed by the Council to be such as to render the person convicted unfit for the execution of the duties of the office; or
- (ii) conduct incompatible with the duties of the office; or
- (iii) failure or persistent refusal or neglect or inability to perform the duties of office (including non- attendance at committee meetings).
- 7. The terms of reference, membership, quorum, frequency of meetings, officer attendance and reporting requirements of each Committee shall be set out in a supplement to these Ordinances. The supplement may be amended from time to time with the approval of Council.
- 8. Chair's action
  - 1. The Chair of the Council (or the Vice-Chair(s) of the Council), with respect to any matter which falls to the Council or any of its Committees to determine, shall be empowered to consider any matter which in his or her opinion:
  - requires immediate attention; and
  - does not justify holding a special meeting of the Council or any of its Committees which would ordinarily consider the matter; or
  - is of such urgency that calling a meeting is impractical.
  - 2. Before exercising these powers, the Chair of the Council should consult with the Vice-Chair(s) of the Council, the relevant Committee Chair and the Vice-Chancellor.
  - 3. Any action taken by the Chair of the Council (or, in the Chair's absence, by the Vice-Chairs of the Council) shall be reported to the next meeting of the Council.

**ORDINANCE 8: DELETED** 

**ORDINANCE 9: DELETED** 

**ORDINANCE 10: DELETED** 

**ORDINANCE 11: DELETED** 

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**ORDINANCE 14: DELETED** 

**ORDINANCE 15: DELETED** 

### **ORDINANCE 16: UNIVERSITY OF WALES PRESS**

- 1. The Council shall maintain an overview of the work, strategic direction and financial and operational performance of the University of Wales Press through reports to Council and its Committees.
- 2. The Vice-Chancellor shall nominate a Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University or the University of Wales Trinity Saint David to prepare reports on the work of the Press for Council and its Committees. The nominee shall have delegated authority to make decisions in accordance with the approved Scheme of Delegation.
- 3. A advisory committee shall be established with appropriate representation of persons external to the University to offer advice and guidance to the Director of the Press on strategic options for development, the selection of proposals for publication and other relevant matters. The terms of reference, membership and operational arrangements for the Committee shall be determined by the Director of the Press in consultation with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor. The Committee shall have delegated authority to make decisions in accordance with the approved Scheme of Delegation.

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**ORDINANCE 17: DELETED** 

**ORDINANCE 18: DELETED** 

#### ORDINANCE 19: MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

- 1. As prescribed by Statute 18, the membership of the Academic Board shall consist of the following persons:
  - 1. *ex officio* members
    - (i) The Vice-Chancellor
    - (ii) The Chairs of such Committees of the Academic Board as may be established from time to time
  - 2. appointed members
    - (i) Two members of the academic staff from each of those Institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated as Accredited Institutions
    - (ii) Two members of the staff experienced in Welsh medium provision appointed by the University Council from among those Accredited Institutions that teach through the medium of Welsh
    - (iii) Two students from among those studying for awards of the University
- 2. The *ex officio* members of the Academic Board shall hold office so long as they continue to occupy the position by virtue of which they became a member.
- 3. The appointed members of the Academic Board, other than the student members, shall hold office for three years or for so long as they retain the qualification which first made them eligible for appointment to the Academic Board, whichever shall be the shorter period.
- 4. All appointments, other than for casual vacancies, will commence on 1 August and, no later than three months before the expiration of the term of office of an appointed member, the Secretary to the Board shall notify the appropriate electoral college of such vacancies as may exist and invite nominations. Nominations shall be made, in writing, to the Secretary so as to arrive not later than the specified closing date. Nominations must be accompanied by evidence of the agreement of the nominee.
- 5. All vacancies arising among appointed members shall be filled as soon as possible by the appropriate electoral college for the remainder of the unexpired term. If the unexpired term is less than half of the period of office of the member who is to be replaced then any such period shall be disregarded in determining that member's eligibility for further appointment or election.
- 6. No appointed member shall ordinarily serve for more than two consecutive terms, following which a period of three years shall elapse before that person is eligible for re-appointment.
- 7. The student Presidents (howsoever that office may be termed) of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions shall form the electoral college for the election of two students from amongst those students pursuing a University of Wales award, to serve as members of the Academic Board.
- 8. The student members shall be appointed for a period of one year and shall be eligible for re- appointment for one further year.
- 9. Members of the Academic Board, other than *ex officio*, may resign at any time in writing to the Chair of the Academic Board.

#### ORDINANCE 20: POWERS OF THE ACADEMIC BOARD

The powers of the Academic Board are set out in Statute 19 as repeated below.

### (A) General

Subject to the provisions of the Charter and of the Statutes the Academic Board shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the following powers:

- 1. To ensure the maintenance of the highest academic standards in respect of its degrees and other qualifications and to preserve and protect their reputation and integrity, howsoever and wheresoever offered.
- 2. To advise the Council with regard to:
  - 1. granting to Accredited Institutions and Affiliated Institutions, and to other Associated Bodies, the right to establish and operate schemes of study and programmes of research leading to awards of the University and to enrol students onto such schemes and programmes;
  - 2. determining arrangements for the assurance of quality and standards in respect of those schemes of study and programmes of research leading to awards of the University established in accordance with Statute 17(5)(i);
  - 3. granting, to any Accredited Institution and Affiliated Institution that shall have been granted its own taught degree awarding powers, delegated responsibility for matters relating to the quality and standards of schemes of study leading to awards of the University where such schemes of study shall be operated by the said institution or by any other Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution:
  - 4. granting, to any Accredited Institution and Affiliated Institution that shall have been granted its own research degree awarding powers, delegated responsibility for matters relating to the quality and standards of programmes of research leading to awards of the University where such programmes of research shall be operated by the said institution or by any other Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution:
  - 5. reviewing such decisions as may have been taken by the University further to the provisions of Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(ii), Statute 17(5)(iii) and Statute 17(5)(iv);
  - 6. confirming the rights and responsibilities granted under Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(iii) and Statute 17(5)(iv) and the arrangements determined under Statute 17(5)(ii);
  - 7. determining conditions for the continuance of the rights and responsibilities granted under Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(ii) and Statute 17(5)(iv) and modifying the arrangements determined under Statute 17(5)(ii);
  - 8. withdrawing the rights and responsibilities granted under Statute 17(5)(i), Statute 17(5)(iii) and Statute 17(5)(iv) and terminating the arrangements determined under Statute 17(5)(ii).
- 3. To determine the academic strategy and policy of the University.
- 4. To propose Statutes and Ordinances, and to make and maintain Regulations and Standing Orders and to resolve questions of interpretation or non-compliance arising from such Regulations and Standing Orders.
- 5. To provide for the establishment and constitution of such academic organisations of the University as the Academic Board may from time to time consider desirable, and to prescribe the constitution,

powers, duties and functions of such academic organisations and to provide for the dissolution of any academic organisation so established.

- 6. To appoint and dissolve such and so many committees consisting either wholly or partly of members of the Academic Board and to prescribe the method of appointment of such members and the functions of such committees.
- 7. To delegate any of its powers to Officers and to those committees established under Statute 19(6), for such period and under such conditions as the Academic Board may determine, and to establish and keep under regular review the procedures and limits under which delegated authority will be exercised, provided that:
  - 1. nothing shall enable the Academic Board to delegate any of its powers to any committee established under the provisions of Statute 19(6) where a majority of the members of such committees are not also members of the Academic Board;
  - 2. nothing shall enable the Academic Board to delegate its powers to make Regulations and Standing Orders.
- 8. To advise the Council on the designation of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University.
- 9. Under conditions to be prescribed in the Ordinances to authorise the admission to Degrees of persons who shall have pursued an approved scheme of study or research and who shall have passed the examinations of the University and to deprive any person of any Degree as aforesaid on what the Academic Board shall in its unfettered discretion consider to be good cause and at any time to restore such Degree to any person so deprived.
- 10. Under conditions to be prescribed in the Ordinances to confer and grant Diplomas, Certificates or other academic awards on and to persons who have pursued an approved scheme of study and to revoke any such awards made on what the Academic Board shall in its unfettered discretion consider to be good cause and at any time to reinstate any such award so revoked.
- 11. To call for reports from University organisations and such bodies and institutions which are now or which may be become an Associated Body.
- 12. To appoint a person or persons to visit and report on the general facilities in teaching and research at any body or institution which is now or which may become an Associated Body.
- 13. To institute, jointly with the Council and subject to any conditions made by the founders, University Fellowships, Studentships, Scholarships, Prizes, Exhibitions and Bursaries, and other aids to study and research.
- 14. To award and withdraw Fellowships, Studentships, Scholarships, Prizes, Exhibitions and Bursaries, and other aids to study and research and to regulate the conditions governing such awards.
- 15. To prescribe the design and format of degree and other awards certificates.
- 16. To express an opinion on any matter pertinent to the University and its affairs and to make recommendations or reports to the Council thereon.
- 17. To appoint two of its members to the Council, in a manner to be prescribed by Ordinance.

### (B) Validated Provision

Subject to the provisions of the Charter and of the Statutes the Academic Board shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it, have the additional following powers in respect of Validated provision:

1. To prescribe Regulations for taught and research schemes of study.

- 2. To regulate matriculation to postgraduate schemes, all examinations of the University and the appointment of external examiners, as prescribed in Ordinances.
- 3. To consider and resolve all questions of interpretation of Regulations and Standing Orders and to consider and resolve all special cases not fully complying with such Regulations.
- 4. To advise the Council on the fees and other emoluments to be paid to external examiners and assessors in respect of University examinations and other assessments.
- 5. Under conditions approved by the University, to approve schemes of study or programmes of research which shall subsequently be listed in the Ordinances.

### **ORDINANCE 21: ASSOCIATION OF INSTITUTIONS**

- 1. The Council may, on the advice of the Academic Board:
  - 1. declare any institution to be an Accredited Institution of the University or an Affiliated Institution of the University;
  - 2. establish an Association between the University and any other institution or branch or department thereof.

In each case, the process for association shall be defined in an annex to these Ordinances.

### Accredited Institutions and Affiliated Institutions

- 1. The Council shall determine the terms and conditions under which an institution may qualify to be an Accredited Institution of the University or an Affiliated Institution of the University.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of Statute 15 and Statute 18, the Council shall determine the rights and obligations conferred on any institution declared to be an Accredited Institution of the University or an Affiliated Institution of the University.
- 3. Any rights that shall have been granted under this Ordinance may be withdrawn by the Council on the recommendation of the Academic Board. Such recommendations shall not be made until the Academic Board and the Council shall have considered a report on the institution or institutions concerned from a person or persons appointed for this purpose in the manner and with the duties prescribed by the Charter and the Statutes.
- 4. A list of institutions designated as Accredited Institutions shall be confirmed by the Council at the start of each academic year.
- 5. A list of institutions designated as Affiliated Institutions shall be confirmed by the Council at the start of each academic year.
- 6. Any institution wishing to relinquish its 'Accredited' or 'Affiliated' status must give at least 12 months-notice to the University of its intention to do so.

Other institutions and bodies having an Association with the University

- 7. A list of institutions acknowledged as having an Association with the University shall be confirmed by the Council at the start of each academic year.
- 8. Any rights that shall have been granted under this Ordinance may be withdrawn by the Council on the recommendation of the Academic Board.
- 9. Any association granted to an institution or body under the terms of this Ordinance may be withdrawn by the Council.

## ORDINANCE 22: STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

1. The student Presidents (howsoever that office may be termed) of those institutions that shall, under the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, and for the time being, be designated by the University as Accredited Institutions shall form the electoral college for the election of students from amongst those students pursuing a University of Wales award, to serve as members of relevant University Committees.

## **ORDINANCE 23: MATRICULATION**

- 1. Matriculation is the formal admission of a student to a scheme of study or research leading to a degree of the University or to any academic award of the University for which a degree or other approved form of qualification is a necessary entry condition.
- 2. Academic Regulations shall prescribe the arrangements for matriculation.
- 3. In accordance with the Deed made between the University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on 18 August 2017, the University shall not matriculate any new student on any of its undergraduate or postgraduate schemes of study with effect from 1 January 2018.

## **ORDINANCE 24: UNIVERSITY TITLES**

- 1. The University title of 'Professor' or 'Reader' may be conferred on any person who has been appointed to the staff of the University.
- 2. Academic Regulations shall prescribe the criteria and procedure for the conferment of the University title of 'Professor' or 'Reader'.

### **ORDINANCE 25: DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES**

- 1. In order to qualify for the award of an initial degree of the University, other than a degree honoris causa, every candidate must have:
  - 1. fulfilled the requirements for matriculation as prescribed by Academic Regulation;
  - 2. pursued and successfully completed subject to the Statutes and in accordance with the appropriate Regulations a scheme of study leading to a degree;
  - 3. complied with the requirements of such Statutes and other Ordinances and Academic Regulations as may be relevant.
- 2. In order to qualify for the award of a higher or additional degree of the University, other than a degree honoris causa, every candidate must have:
  - 1. pursued and successfully completed in accordance with the appropriate Academic Regulations, a scheme of research or study of not less than one year's duration;
  - 2. complied with all other requirements of the Academic Regulations relating to higher and additional degrees of the University.
- 3. The period of study and all other requirements necessary to qualify persons for the grant of diplomas, certificates and other academic awards of the University shall be prescribed by Academic Regulation.
- 4. Notwithstanding the above provisions the following aegrotat awards may be authorised, under conditions prescribed by the University in Academic Regulations:
  - 1. an initial degree, diploma or certificate;
  - 2. a higher or additional degree, postgraduate diploma or postgraduate certificate.
- 5. No degree, diploma or certificate shall be conferred upon any person who has not fulfilled all his or her financial obligations to the University or to the Institution at which he or she is a student.
- 6. The University, under conditions prescribed in Academic Regulations, may authorise that a candidate either be admitted to a posthumous degree or be awarded a certificate or a diploma or a postgraduate certificate or postgraduate diploma.
- 7. Persons may be admitted to degrees of the University or granted diplomas, certificates or other academic awards of the University only on the authority of the Academic Board. Such authority relating to admission to degrees including authority for the Vice-Chancellor or deputies nominated by him or her to admit persons to such degrees shall be further prescribed in the appropriate Standing Orders.
- 8. The procedure and ceremonial of Congregations shall be determined by the Council which shall first have obtained the advice of the Academic Board.
- 9. In accordance with the Statutes the Academic Board may by resolution deprive any person of a degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award of the University. No such person shall be so deprived unless he or she shall have been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard by the Academic Board. The Academic Board may by resolution at any time restore any such degree, diploma, certificate or other academic award to any person so deprived.
- 10. The degrees of the University shall be designated as follows:

(i) Gradd Sylfaen/ Foundation Degree:

FdA Gradd Sylfaen yn y Celfyddydau/Foundation Degree in Arts

FdSc Gradd Sylfaen mewn Gwyddoniaeth/Foundation Degree in Science FdEng Gradd Sylfaen mewn Peirianneg/Foundation Degree in Engineering

(ii) Gradd Baglor/Degree of Bachelor:BA Baglor yn y Celfyddydau/Bachelor of ArtsBSc Baglor mewn Gwyddoniaeth/Bachelor of Science

BScEcon Baglor mewn Astudiaethau Economaidd a Chymdeithasol/

Bachelor of Economic and Social Studies

BEng Baglor mewn Peirianneg/Bachelor of Engineering
BEd Baglor mewn Addysg/Bachelor of Education
LLB Baglor yn y Cyfreithiau/Bachelor of Laws
BMus Baglor mewn Cerddoriaeth/Bachelor of Music
BArch Baglor mewn Pensaernïaeth/Bachelor of Architecture

BN Baglor mewn Nyrsio/Bachelor of Nursing

BMid Baglor mewn Bydwreigiaeth/Bachelor of Midwifery

BDS Baglor mewn Llawfeddygaeth Ddeintyddol/Bachelor of Dental Surgery

BSD Baglor mewn Gwyddoniaeth mewn Deintyddiaeth/Bachelor of Science in Dentistry

MB Baglor mewn Meddygaeth/Bachelor of Medicine
BCh Baglor mewn Llawfeddygaeth/Bachelor of Surgery

BMedSc Baglor mewn Gwyddor Feddygol/Bachelor of Medical Science

BD Baglor mewn Diwinyddiaeth/Bachelor of Divinity
BTh Baglor Ddiwinyddol/Bachelor of Theology

(iii) Gradd Meistr/Degree of Master:

MChem Meistr mewn Cemeg/Master in Chemistry
MEng Meistr mewn Peirianneg/Master in Engineering
MESci Meistr mewn Gwyddor Daear/Master in Earth Science
MMath Meistr mewn Mathemateg/Master in Mathematics

MPhys Meistr mewn Ffiseg/Master in Physics MA Meistr yn y Celfyddydau/Master of Arts

MFA Meistr yn y Celfyddydau Cain/Master of Fine Arts MSc Meistr mewn Gwyddoniaeth/Master of Science

MScEcon Meistr mewn Astudiaethau Economaidd a Chymdeithasol/

Master of Economic and Social Studies

MBA Meistr mewn Gweinyddiaeth Fusnes/Master of Business Administration

MBL Meistr mewn Busnes a'r Gyfraith/Master of Business and Law

MEd Meistr mewn Addysg/Master of Education Meistr vn v Cyfreithiau/Master of Laws LLM MPharm Meistr mewn Fferylliaeth/Master of Pharmacy Meistr mewn Cerddoriaeth/Master of Music MMus MTh Meistr mewn Diwinyddiaeth/Master of Theology MMin Meistr mewn Gweinidogaeth/Master of Ministry MPH Meistr mewn Iechyd Cyhoeddus/Master of Public Health MCh Meistr mewn Llawfeddygaeth/Master of Surgery

MRes Meistr mewn Llawieddygaeth/Master of Surgery
MRes Meistr mewn Ymchwil/Master of Research

LLM(Res) Meistr yn y Cyfreithiau (Ymchwil)/Master of Laws (Research)

MPhil Meistr mewn Athroniaeth/Master of Philosophy
MMarSci Meistr Gwyddorau Morol/Master of Marine Science

MEnvSci Meistr Gwyddorau Amgylcheddol/Master of Environmental Science

MMarBiol Meistr mewn Bioleg Môr / Master of Marine Biology

MOcean Meistr mewn Gwyddorau Eigion / Master of Ocean Sciences

MChiro Meistr mewn Ceiropracteg / Master of Chiropractic

MBiol Meistr mewn Bioleg / Master of Biology MZool Meistr mewn Zooleg / Master of Zoology

MOst Meistr mewn Osteopatheg / Master of Osteopathy

MProfPrac Meistr mewn Ymarfer Proffesiynol / Master of Professional Practice

MDes Meistr mewn Dylunio / Master of Design

(iv) Gradd Doethur/Degree of Doctor:

DBA Doethur mewn Gweinyddiaeth Fusnes/Doctor of Business Administration
DBMS Doethur mewn Gwyddorau Biofeddygol/Doctor of Biomedical Sciences

DCompSci Doethur mewn Cyfrifiadureg/Doctor of Computer Science

DClinPsy Doethur mewn Seicoleg Glinigol/Doctor of Clinical Psychology
DCounsPsy Doethur mewn Seicoleg Cwnsela/Doctor of Counselling Psychology
DDS Doethur mewn Llawfeddygaeth Ddeintyddol/Doctor of Dental Surgery
DEdPsy Doethur mewn Seicoleg Addysg/Doctor of Educational Psychology

EdD Doethur mewn Addysg/Doctor of Education
EngD Doethur mewn Peirianneg/Doctor of Engineering
DTourism Doethur mewn Twristiaeth/Doctor of Tourism
MD Doethur mewn Meddygaeth/Doctor of Medicine

DNursSci Doethur mewn Gwyddor Nyrsio/Doctor of Nursing Science

DMin Doethur mewn Gweinidogaeth/Doctor of Ministry PhD Doethur mewn Athroniaeth/Doctor of Philosophy

DDSc Doethur mewn Gwyddoniaeth Ddeintyddol/Doctor of Dental Science

DMus Doethur mewn Cerddoriaeth/Doctor of Music
DD Doethur mewn Diwinyddiaeth/Doctor of Divinity

DLitt Doethur mewn Llên/Doctor of Letters

DSc Doethur mewn Gwyddoniaeth/Doctor of Science

DScEcon Doethur mewn Astudiaethau Economaidd a Chymdeithasol/

Doctor of Economic and Social Studies

DScEcon Doethur mewn Economeg a'r Gwyddorau Cymdeithasol /

Doctor of Economics and Social Science

LLD Doethur yn y Cyfreithiau/Doctor of Laws

DUniv Doethur er Anrhydedd y Brifysgol/Honorary Doctor of the University
DInfoSys Doethur mewn Systemau Gwybodaeth / Doctor of Information Systems

DEBP Doethur mewn Arferion Adeiladu Ecolegol /Doctor of Ecological Building Practice

DPsy Doethur mewn Seicotherapi / Doctor of Psychotherapy

DHealth Doethur mewn Iechyd / Doctor of Health

DHSci Doethur mewn Gwyddor Iechyd / Doctor of Health Sciences
DPH Doethur mewn Iechyd Cyhoeddus / Doctor of Public Health

SportD Doethur mewn Chwarae / Doctor of Sport

11. In accordance with the Deed made between the University and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David on 18 August 2017, the University shall place in abeyance its right to award taught and research degrees for all schemes of study to any student not matriculated by the University as at 1 January 2018.

### ORDINANCE 26: CONGREGATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY / ADMISSION TO INITIAL AND HIGHER DEGREES

Authority

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Statutes the University of Wales may authorise (i) the admission of candidates to degrees of the University and (ii) the holding of congregations of the University.

Congregations for Admission to Initial and Higher Degrees of the University of Wales held at the Accredited and Affiliated Institutions

- 2. Congregations for the admission of candidates to initial and higher degrees of the University of Wales may be held at each of the accredited and affiliated institutions and associated bodies.
- 3. Detailed arrangements for the organisation of Degree Congregations shall be made by the institution concerned. The Institution shall inform the University of the arrangements for each ceremony no fewer than three months prior to its taking place.
- 4. Approximately one month before Degree Congregations are due to be held, the University shall issue to the Registrar (or equivalent officer) of each institution the following:
  - 1. the formal Proclamation, authorising the holding of the Degree Congregation;
  - 2. the Resolution, granting authority to the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, or the Vice-Chancellor or Principal of an accredited or affiliated institution, to admit persons to degrees;
  - 3. the formulae to be used for the presentation of graduands for their degrees;
  - 4. the formulae to be used for the admission of graduands to their degrees;
  - 5. the formula to be used for admission to alumni association of the University of Wales.
- 5. Graduands are required to wear throughout the Degree Congregation the correct academic dress appropriate to the degrees to which they are to be admitted, as specified in the University of Wales Calendar.
- 6. The Registrar (or equivalent officer) of the institution concerned shall send to the University two copies of each Degree Congregation programme within five working days of a Congregation being held.
- 7. Candidates who express their intention to attend a Congregation but later decide not to attend, or who are for some other reason are absent, may be admitted *in absentia* at the discretion of the institution.
- 8. Graduates awarded degrees in medicine or dentistry shall supply to the University through their institution the necessary details relating to pre-registration with the General Medical Council or General Dental Council.

Admission to Initial and Higher Degree of the University of Wales

9. Admission of candidates to initial and higher degrees shall be made by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, or by the Vice-Chancellor or Principal of the accredited or affiliated institution concerned, any of whom shall be authorised to designate a deputy to act on his/her behalf.

Admission to Degrees by Decree

10. Periodically, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, or the Vice-Chancellor or Principal of the accredited or affiliated institution concerned may admit to degrees *in absentia* such persons who - having duly qualified for degrees - wish to be so admitted, using the following formula for admission:

'By virtue of the authority vested in me by the University of Wales I admit to their respective degrees the persons listed above who have indicated that they wish to be admitted *in absentia*.'

Persons electing to be admitted to a degree in this way may not be admitted to it for a second time at a subsequent degree congregation, although the institution may arrange for such persons to celebrate their achievement at a subsequent event.

### Special Provision for Admission to Degrees

- 11. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales, or the Vice-Chancellor or Principal of the accredited or affiliated institution concerned shall have authority to:
  - 1. deem any duly qualified candidate whose name has been inadvertently omitted from a Degree Congregation programme ('the programme') to have been admitted to his/her degree;
  - 2. correct any inaccuracy in the programme;
  - 3. confirm any amendment to the programme following the outcome of an appeal.

In all such cases, the action taken shall be conditional upon the candidate having fulfilled all the necessary conditions for admission to the degree concerned and having qualified for the degree by the date prescribed. The University shall be informed of action(s) taken under this Special Provision within five working days.

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### **ORDINANCE 27: HONORARY DEGREES**

### Authority

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Statutes the University may authorise the conferring of Honorary Degrees of the University to candidates at a Congregation of the University.

Procedure for Admission to Honorary Degrees at University of Wales Congregations

- 2. Admission of candidates to degrees honoris causa shall be made by the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wales in the presence of a Congregation of the University summoned for that purpose.
- 3. A Congregation for the admission of persons to degrees honoris causa shall be held on such occasions as are authorised by the University Council.
- Notice of the time and place of an Honorary Degree Congregation shall be given by the Vice-Chancellor at 4. least one month previously to the Principal Officers of the University of Wales and to members of its Council.
- 5. Degrees honoris causa shall normally be conferred in praesentia. When however there is evidence satisfactory to the Vice-Chancellor that a graduand cannot attend an Honorary Degree Congregation the degree may be conferred either in absentia or in praesentia at a Degree Congregation specially convened for the purpose.

#### **ORDINANCE 28: UNIVERSITY OF WALES GRADUATES**

- 1. Subject to the provision of the Charter and Statutes, there shall be an organisation of all the graduates and honorary graduates of the University (The University of Wales Alumni Association, or such other title as the Council of the University shall from time to time agree).
- 2. The aims of the organisation shall be:
  - 1. to foster close communication between the University and its graduates and to provide a focal point for all of its graduates to communicate with each other and with other organisations;
  - 2. to provide services to its members which will supplement and complement those provided by the institutions at which students have studied for their degrees;
  - 3. to seek to provide opportunities for collaboration and co-operation between institution-based alumni organisations and for the world-wide promotion of each institution;
  - 4. to provide services and benefits to its international graduates.
- 3. The University shall provide facilities for the operation of a University of Wales Alumni Office to support delivery of the aims of the organisation of the graduates (with a particular focus on aim 2(a) above).
- 4. The University shall appoint an Alumni Liaison Committee to represent the interests of the graduates of the University and to support the work of the University of Wales Alumni Office. This Committee shall comprise sufficient of members (numbering not less than eleven) appointed from among the wider body of Graduates, and be appointed to deliver reasonable equality of opportunity, gender balance, fresh input and a balanced age range. Membership should be reviewed annually to ensure that members are fulfilling their duties and engaging with the University.
- 5. The Alumni Liaison Committee shall operate in the best interests of the graduates of the University as a whole.
- 6. The Alumni Liaison Committee may make representations to the University on any matter concerning the interests of the University and its graduates. Representations shall be made initially to the Alumni Office, but may (if necessary) be escalated to the Vice-Chancellor, and thereafter to the University Council and/or Academic Board.
- 7. Given the broad international make up of its membership, the Alumni Liaison Committee shall:
  - 1. Mainly conduct its affairs by electronic means and communications and shall operate as a 'virtual' committee.
  - 2. As appropriate, appoint a member within the committee to lead on specific discussions or issues.

#### **ORDINANCE 29: UNIVERSITY SEAL**

- 1. In accordance with Article XIV of the Charter and Statute 17 the Council shall have the sole custody and use of the University Seal.
- 2. The Vice-Chancellor shall be responsible to the Council for the security of the University Seal, which shall be kept in a secure place at the University Registry, and for regulating its use.
- 3. The University shall be used only to seal documents upon which the University's Seal is required by law or by accepted custom and usage, within the terms of which the following uses of the Seal are authorised:

Degree Certificates Legal Contracts Conveyances Addresses of Congratulation

- 4. No unauthorised person shall have access to the University Seal or to the appropriate keys, and a list of persons authorised to operate the seal (operators) shall be maintained by the Vice-Chancellor.
- 5. The key(s) to the University Seal shall be kept in the custody of the authorised person other than the authorised operator(s).
- 6. A record of all documents to which the University Seal is affixed shall be maintained in a Seal Record Book and all entries in the Seal Record Book shall be signed by the operator(s) to show that the Seal has been duly affixed to the document(s) concerned.
- 7. Documents executed under the University Seal may be witnessed by a single authorised signatory, providing that the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Finance and Planning) and his staff shall not witness documents where the subject matter is one for which they have primary executive responsibility and accountability.

#### **ORDINANCE 30: THE AUDITORS**

- 1. The Council shall, on the advice of the Audit and Risk Committee, appoint an Auditor or Auditors. Every such Auditor shall be a member of a body of accountants established in the United Kingdom and for the time being recognised by the Board of Trade for the purposes of paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) of section 161 of the Companies Act, 1948, or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force. No person shall be appointed Auditor who is or any one of whose partners is a member of the Council or the staff of the University.
- 2. The Auditor or Auditors shall hold office for such period and shall receive such remuneration as may be determined by the Council, and shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- 3. The Auditor or Auditors shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to the books, records, accounts and vouchers of the University and shall be entitled to require from the officers of the University such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his/her or their duties.
- 4. If the office of Auditor or Auditors shall become vacant by death or resignation or any other cause before the expiration of his/her or their period of office the Council shall forthwith appoint an Auditor in his/her or their place for the remainder of such period.
- 5. The Auditor or Auditors shall make a report to the Council at least once in each year.
- 6. An Auditor may resign by writing addressed to the Council.