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BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE
PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council has approved revised Statutes of The University of Bradford as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE

REVISED STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD

“STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. Definitions

1.1 In the Statutes:

"**University**" means The University of Bradford.

"**Charter**" means the Charter of the University.

"**Statutes**" means these Statutes and any Statute or Statutes for the time being amending or replacing the same.

"**Court**" means the Court of the University.

"**Council**" means the Council of the University.

"**Senate**" means the Senate of the University.

"**Assembly**" means the Assembly of the University.

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

“Staff” means all persons employed by the University.

“Graduates” means a Graduate of the University.

“Student” means any current undergraduate or postgraduate student of the University whether full-time or part-time.

“Ordinances” means Ordinances made pursuant to the Charter or the Statutes.

“Regulations” means Regulations made pursuant to the Charter or the Statutes.

“Joint Committee” means a Committee, the members of which shall be appointed by the bodies referred to in the context and so that the number of members to be appointed by each of such bodies shall be determined by the Council, except where the Council is itself one of such bodies, when the members shall unless otherwise provided in the Statutes be appointed equally.

“Lay member” means a member of Council who is neither employed by nor a student of the University and who is considered by the Council to be otherwise independent and impartial.

“Student member” means a student who is a member of Council who is nominated by the Students’ Union.

“Year” means any twelve month period.

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

2. The members of the University

2.1 The following persons shall be members of the University:

The Officers of the University, namely the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellors, the Vice-Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors; the Pro-Vice-Chancellors and the University Secretary.

The members of the Court.
The members of the Council.
The members of the Senate.
The members of staff of the University.
The Honorary Professors.
The Emeritus Professors.
The Visiting Professors and Lecturers.

The Graduates of the University.
Those holding awards of the University involving not less than the equivalent of one full time academic year of study.
The students of the University.

2.2 The Council on the recommendation of the Senate shall have power to declare such other persons members of the University as the Council may deem fit.

3. The Chancellor

3.1 The Chancellor shall be appointed in accordance with the Ordinances.

4. The Pro-Chancellors

4.1 Pro-Chancellors shall be appointed in accordance with the Ordinances.

4.2 The Chair of Council shall be appointed to the position of Pro-Chancellor.

5. The Vice-Chancellor

5.1 The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Council, advised by a Joint Committee of Council and Senate. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chief academic and administrative officer of the University.

5.2 The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for such period and on such conditions of appointment as shall be determined by the Council.

5.3 The Vice-Chancellor shall by virtue of that office be a member of the Court, the Council, the Senate and the Assembly and may be a member of all or any Committees and Joint Committees of these bodies.

5.4 The Vice-Chancellor shall have a general responsibility to the Council and the Senate for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University.

5.5 The Vice-Chancellor may refuse to admit any person as a student of the University and may suspend or expel or exclude any student from the University subject to the student's right of appeal as set out in the Ordinances.

6. The Treasurer

- 6.1 The Treasurer shall be appointed by the Council and shall hold office for a renewable term of three years. The powers and duties of the Treasurer shall be as prescribed by the Council.

7. The University Secretary

- 7.1 The Council shall appoint a University Secretary who shall act as Secretary to the Court, the Council, the Senate and the Assembly, and who shall perform, under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor such other duties as the Council shall prescribe.

8. Other Officers and Senior Staff

- 8.1 The Council shall appoint such other officers and senior staff as it may deem necessary with such duties as the Council may deem fit.

9. The Court

- 9.1 The membership and meeting arrangements of the Court shall be determined by Ordinance.
- 9.2 The powers of the Court shall be:
- a) To appoint the Chancellor on the joint nomination of the Council and the Senate;
 - b) To receive from the Vice-Chancellor an Annual Report on the working of the University and to receive the annual audited Statement of Accounts of the University and to comment thereon;
 - c) To elect a member of Court to membership of the Council ;
 - d) To discuss any matters relating to the University.

10. The Council

- 10.1 The Council shall consist of the following members:
- a) The Pro-Chancellors (one of whom will be appointed Chair), and the Vice-Chancellor;
 - b) The two Deputy Vice-Chancellors of the University;
 - c) The Treasurer;
 - d) One person appointed in such manner as the Council may from time to time determine to represent the Graduates;
 - e) One person not being a member of staff of the University to be appointed by the Court;
 - f) One person to be appointed in such manner as the Council may from time to time determine by and from the members of staff of the University other than the academic staff;

- g) Four members of the Senate appointed by the Senate, one of whom shall be a Dean;
- h) Such other persons not exceeding ten in number, not being members of the staff of the University, as may be co-opted by the Council;
- i) Two students who may be co-opted by the Council after considering nominations from the Students' Union.

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

- a) The Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors shall remain Council members so long as they continue in office;
- b) Lay members and staff members shall be Council members for three years or for such shorter period as the Council may decide at the time of appointment. They shall be eligible for reappointment up to a maximum normally of three terms of three years in total in any one capacity;
- c) Student members will hold office for one year, renewable for a further year.

10.3 The quorum for the Council shall be one third rounded up to the next whole number of the total membership of the Council, with a majority of lay members.

11. The powers of Council

11.1 The Council shall be responsible for the conduct and activities of the University, the custody and use of the Common Seal and shall exercise all the University's powers.

11.2 In addition to all other powers vested in it, the Council shall have the powers set out in the Ordinances.

11.3 Subject to paragraph 11.4 of this section, the Council shall be entitled to delegate all or any of its functions, powers and duties to any person or any body.

11.4 The Council shall not delegate responsibility for:

- a) appointing the Vice-Chancellor;
- b) the amendment, variation or repeal of the Charter and Statutes;
- c) the approval of the University's strategic plan;
- d) the solvency of the University;
- e) the approval of the University's financial forecasts and annual budget;
- f) the approval of the University's annual audited accounts;
- g) the approval of the strategy for risk management;
- h) approving any significant commercial activities involving the University.

12. The Senate

- 12.1 The Senate shall oversee teaching and research and be responsible for maintaining the academic quality and standards of the University and for the admission and regulation of students.
- 12.2 The membership and powers of the Senate shall be prescribed in Ordinances.
- 12.3 The Council shall delegate to the Senate such of its functions relating to the planning, coordination, development and supervision of the academic work of the University.

12.4 The Senate shall comprise the following members:

- i. *Ex-officio* members:
 - (a) The Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellors and the Pro-Vice-Chancellors;
 - (b) The Academic Registrar;
 - (c) The person with the prime managerial responsibility across the University for learning resources;
 - (d) The Deans of the academic units of organisation.
- ii. Twenty-five representatives of the academic units of organisation;
- iii. The Chair of the Standing Committee of Assemblies;
- iv. Two members elected by the University Assembly;
- v. Three members elected from Professional Services Staff;
- vi. Seven students, as determined by Ordinance.

12.5 The Senate shall be the supreme academic authority of the University and shall, subject to the powers reserved to the Council by the Statutes, take such measures and act in such a manner as shall appear to it best calculated to promote the academic work of the University both in teaching and research and shall regulate and superintend the education of the students of the University.

13. The Assembly

13.1 The membership and powers of Assembly shall be set out in the Ordinances.

14. The Auditors

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

15. The staff

15.1 This section applies to all members of staff of the University.

- 15.2 The Council will ensure that there are in place policies and procedures governing the whole of the employment relationship, including the appointment, development and reward of staff.
- 15.3 The Council shall also ensure that there are in place policies and procedures for staffing matters related to: discipline, staff conduct, incapacity and medical incapacity, redundancy, dismissal, grievances and the management of performance.
- 15.4 The Council will ensure that there is a Regulation for the removal from office and dismissal of the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
- 15.5 In determining the procedures to be adopted under 15.3, the Council shall apply the following guiding principles:
- a) ensure that academic staff have the freedom within the law to question and test received wisdom and to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges;
 - b) enable the University to deliver its strategic plan and associated activities efficiently and economically;
 - c) apply the principles of natural justice and fairness;
 - d) advance the principles of equality and diversity.

16. Interpretation of Statutes

- 16.1 The Statutes shall be interpreted in such manner as not to conflict with the Charter”.