

UNIVERSITY OF SURREY
STATUTES
1 August 2014 to 12 March 2025 (now abolished)

1. Definitions

1.1 In these Statutes:-

"Charter" means the Charter of the University.

"Council" means the Council of the University.

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

"Elected Members" shall have the meaning set out in Statute 6.1.2b)

"Ex-officio Members" means members of the Council who are members by virtue of the office they hold in the University.

"External Members" means members of the Council who are neither members of Staff nor Students.

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

"Senate" means the Senate of the University.

"Staff" means all persons employed by the University.

"Statutes" means the Statutes of the University.

"Student" means any current student of the University or Sabbatical Officer of the Students' Union.

"Students' Union" means the Students' Union of the University in the United Kingdom.

"University" means the University of Surrey.

"University Year" means the period of 12 calendar months ending on the last day of July in each year or on such other day in each year as the Council shall from time to time determine.

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

2. The Chancellor

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

3. The Vice-Chancellor

The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Ordinances. The Vice-Chancellor shall have responsibility to the Council for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University. During a vacancy in the office of the Vice-Chancellor or in the event of his or her inability through illness or any other cause to perform his or her duties, the Council may appoint another University officer as Acting Vice-Chancellor for such period and on such conditions as Council may determine.

4. The Secretary

The Council shall approve the appointment of a Secretary who shall act as Secretary to the Council.

5. The Auditor

The Council shall, from time to time, appoint Auditors who shall be members of a recognised supervisory body and eligible for appointment under the rules of that body.

6. The Council

6.1 Constitution of the Council

6.1.1 The Council shall consist of a maximum of twenty-five members, ensuring always that External Members are in the majority.

6.1.2 Council shall comprise:-

- a) Up to seven Ex-officio Members to be appointed in the manner described by Ordinances;
- b) Up to three members, elected from the academic staff by the Senate ("the Elected Members"). Election to be in such fair and democratic manner as the Senate sees fit; and
- c) No fewer than eleven External Members to be appointed in the manner described by Ordinances.

6.1.3 Council shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer, who shall be External Members, from amongst its own members or otherwise as determined by Council.

6.1.4 External Members shall serve for an initial term of up to three years, renewable for a second term as required, after which such Member would not be eligible for re-appointment for at least one year from the expiry of the second term. In any event a maximum of nine years in total may be served.

6.1.5 Elected Members shall serve for two years commencing on 1 January of the year following such election.

6.1.6 Ex-officio Members shall continue to serve until such time as they vacate the office by virtue of which they are members of Council.

6.1.7 Council may prescribe further eligibility and membership by Ordinance.

6.2 Quorum

The quorum of Council shall be not less than half of current members, a majority of which shall be External Members. The Chair shall have a casting vote.

6.3 Powers of the Council

6.3.1 Subject to the Charter and the Statutes the Council shall be responsible for the conduct and activities of the University and shall exercise the University's powers. In addition to all other powers vested in it, the Council shall have the powers set out in the Ordinances. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and any other provision preventing delegation, the Council

shall be entitled to delegate all or any of its functions, powers and duties to any person or body.

6.3.2 The Council shall not delegate responsibility for:

6.3.2.1 appointing the Vice-Chancellor;

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

6.3.2.3 the approval of a business plan and budget;

6.3.2.4 the approval of the University's annual audited accounts;

6.3.2.5 appointing the Auditors of the University

7. The Senate

The Senate shall oversee Academic Endeavour. The membership and powers of the Senate shall be prescribed in the Ordinances.

8. Staff

8.1 Staff shall have 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.

8.2 Provision shall be made in the Ordinances in respect of discipline, dismissal, redundancy, and grievances.

9. Interpretation of Statutes

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