

Regulation IX: The Senate

1. Powers of the Senate

- 1.1 The Senate shall have the following powers:
 - 1.1.1 To act as an advisory body to Council on any issues related to the education and research, encompassing innovation, activities of the University, including changes to Regulations as set out in Regulation I and Regulation II (4.2). Council will use the Senate as a consultative body as set out in Regulation II (10).
 - 1.1.2 To receive assurance regarding the education or research-related work of Faculties and Schools, reviewing and noting compliance with the conditions of registration from the Office for Students.
 - 1.1.3 To provide assurance to Council on education and research, the admission and regulation of Students, and academic quality and standards.
 - 1.1.4 To provide assurance to the President & Vice-Chancellor as Accountable Officer regarding academic and student-related conditions of registration from the Office for Students and compliance with OFSTED requirements.
 - 1.1.5 To review and amend Regulations for which it has responsibility, as set out in Regulation I.
 - 1.1.6 To oversee and regulate the recruitment, selection, admission, teaching, supervision and assessment of the students of the University; to decide on the award of degrees or other academic awards or distinctions and to regulate the conduct, discipline and academic progress of the students.
 - 1.1.7 To monitor and maintain academic standards, to monitor and enhance the quality of academic provision, to approve new programmes of study and closure of programmes, or major amendment to existing programmes.
 - 1.1.8 To delegate decision-making responsibilities for education and research activities to Senate sub-committees, to Faculties, and to staff as appropriate, detailed in Regulation III: Scheme of Council Delegation, and to receive assurance related to delegations.
 - 1.1.9 To report on any other matter referred to or delegated to it by the Council, in relation to education and research activities.
 - 1.1.10 To discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University.

2. Composition of the Senate

- 2.1 The Senate shall consist of:
 - 2.1.1 The President & Vice-Chancellor.
 - 2.1.2 The Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

- 2.1.3 The Vice-Presidents & Heads of Faculty.
- 2.1.4 The Vice-President for Education and the Vice-President for Research & Innovation.
- 2.1.5 The following Faculty Officers:
 - (a) the Directors of Education;
 - (b) the Directors of Research and Innovation.
- 2.1.6 The Heads of School and the Director of the Centre for Engineering Education and Skills.
- 2.1.7 The Chief Executive of the University's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre.
- 2.1.8 Subject to Paragraph 2.1.12, members of the Academic, Teaching, and Research Staff of the University in Grades 7 and above elected by and from that population in each of the Faculties, the total number of whom shall not exceed the number of members under paragraph 2.1.6. These shall be elected by Faculty constituencies, the total number of places to be divided in number in proportion to the size of the electorate in each Faculty, to be determined annually. Such members shall normally hold office for a period of three years.
- 2.1.9 One member of the Academic, Teaching, and Research Staff of the University in Grades 7 and above elected by and from that population in the University's Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre. Such members shall normally hold office for a period of three years.
- 2.1.10 Student members comprising six in total from:
 - (a) the President;
 - (b) the Education Officer;
 - (c) four other representatives nominated by the Students' Union.
- 2.1.11 Professional Services staff members comprising five in total from:
 - (a) the Chief Operating Officer;
 - (b) the University Librarian;
 - (c) three Professional Services staff in Grades 7 and above elected by and from the Professional Services staff of the University. Such members shall normally hold office for a period of three years.
- 2.1.12 In the case of changes in the proportion of elected places allocated to each Faculty under paragraph 2.1.8, vacancies will only arise and elections will only be required if the total number of elected members under 2.1.8 falls below the number of Heads of School appointed under paragraph 2.1.6. In no circumstances shall the number of members elected under paragraph 2.1.8 exceed the number of Heads of School appointed under 2.1.6.
- 2.2 Deputies are not permitted except in the following categories and subject to the following conditions, who may appoint a deputy for a specific meeting:
 - 2.2.1 the University Librarian and Chief Operating Officer may only appoint a deputy from their own direct reports;

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- 2.2.2 an Officer of the Students' Union who is a member under paragraph 2.1.10 may appoint a deputy from the Officers of the Students' Union or the Students' Union Council members nominated for this purpose by the President of the Students' Union;
 - 2.2.3 the University Secretary must be notified in advance by the member of Senate that they have nominated a deputy for the specific meeting.
- 2.3 Fifteen members of the Senate, including not fewer than eleven members of the senior academic staff (Professors and Heads of School), shall form a quorum.
- 2.4 The Senate shall, in addition to the members in 2.1 above, co-opt such members as may be necessary to ensure that:
 - 2.4.1 the senior members of the academic staff (Heads of School and Professors) shall constitute the majority of the Senate;
 - 2.4.2 Chairs of Senate committees not otherwise in the membership of the Senate are ex-officio members.
- 2.5 The University Secretary attends as Secretary to the Senate.

3. Validity of Decisions of the Senate

- 3.1 Decisions taken at a meeting of the Senate shall not be invalidated because of:
 - 3.1.1 a procedural defect of which the Senate is unaware at the time, provided that the defect, once identified, is at the earliest reasonable opportunity brought to the attention of the Senate and the Senate is asked to consider whether the decision should stand;
 - 3.1.2 a technical defect in the appointment of a Senate Member of which the Senate is unaware at the time;
 - 3.1.3 a technical defect in the giving of notice of which the Senate is unaware at the time;
 - 3.1.4 a vacancy in the membership of the Senate.

4. Delegation of Powers of the Senate

- 4.1 Subject to Regulation II: (4), powers of the Senate shall be delegated in accordance with Regulation III: Scheme of Council Delegation.