

Division - University

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- Establishment 1. (1) Pursuant to the Principal Enactments, the College was founded and established as mother of a University,¹ commonly called the University of Dublin (or, in the Statutes, "the University").
- Functions 2. (1) The objects and purposes of the University are
- (a) to develop and promote the distinctive intellectual atmosphere of an academic community dedicated to the independent, unceasing and universal preservation, pursuit and advancement of knowledge, learning, research and scholarship,
 - (b) to teach, explain and disseminate the fruits of such academic endeavour,
 - (c) to strive for the intellectual, social and cultural development of every member of the Community and of society at large, and
 - (d) in particular, to provide higher education and to institute, award, validate, and cancel Degrees and other academic qualifications.
- (2) Except as otherwise provided for in the Principal Enactments or the Statutes, the functions of the University shall in the first instance be performed in relation to College.
- (3) In particular, these functions shall, except where the contrary intention appears or the context requires, be performed by or on the directions of Board, Council or Senate.
- (4) Board has overall responsibility for the operation of the University.
- (5) Council has initial responsibility for the academic affairs of the University.
- (6) Senate has initial responsibility for Degrees and other academic qualifications of the University of Dublin.
- (7) The University may perform such other functions as may be prescribed by the Statutes or Board.

¹ The Charter of 1592 says "*mater Universitatis*", of which a translation into English is provided in the text above.

3. (1) The Degrees and other academic qualifications awarded by the University shall be set out in or pursuant to Schedule 1, which may be revised by Board only with the consent of Senate.
- (2) Degrees are conferred at Public Commencements pursuant to the Chapter on Senate; they are usually conferred in person but may be conferred *in absentia*.
- (3) Degrees are awarded on the grounds of proficiency in scholarship in the following cases:
 - (a) students who successfully complete a course of study or research may be conferred with a degree.
 - (b) *aegrotat*; whereby students who are prevented by illness or other grave cause beyond their control from completing their final year may be conferred with a degree;
 - (c) *post obitum intempestivum*; whereby any student who was a candidate for a degree, but whose untimely death preceded the relevant Commencements, may posthumously be conferred with that degree; and
 - (d) *propter aliam causam*; whereby any student, in unforeseen circumstances which are neither covered by the Statutes nor within their spirit and intendment but which are determined by Board to be deserving of a degree, may be conferred with that degree.
- (4) Degrees are also awarded in the following cases:
 - (a) *ad eundem gradum*; whereby graduates of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge may be conferred with a corresponding degree of this University;
 - (b) *jure officii*; whereby members of the staff of the College or University or of any related institution may be conferred with the degree of Master in Arts;
 - (c) *honoris causa*; whereby any person may be conferred with any degree on the grounds of distinguished merit; and
 - (d) *jure dignitatis*; whereby any graduate of the University who has been appointed to such public positions as may seem to Board sufficiently distinguished may be

Footnote 36 ctd:

Furthermore, section 3 of the Act of 1997 provides:

'the University of Dublin' means the university established by the charters and letters patent incorporating Trinity College and which said university is further provided for by the letters patent of the 24th day of July, 1857.

Finally, section 1 of the Act of 2000 provides:

'the College' means the College of the Holy and Undivided Trinity of Queen Elizabeth near Dublin established by the Foundation Charter of 1592, and shall be held to include the University of Dublin save where the context otherwise requires in accordance with the charters and letters patent relating to Trinity College.

conferred with a doctorate in Divinity or Law.

Regulations

4. (1) General regulations governing the Degrees provided for in section 3 shall be prescribed by Board with the consent of Senate and shall be set out in the Calendar.
- (2) In particular, such general regulations governing the academic standing necessary for award of the Degrees provided for in section 3(3) shall be so prescribed and set out.
- (3) (a) Specific regulations made by Council concerning the academic and other requirements to be fulfilled to achieve the academic standing necessary for the conferral of degrees shall be set out in the Calendar.
(b) Specific regulations made by Council concerning the exceptional circumstances in which degrees may be suspended, removed or reinstated shall be set out in the Calendar.
- (4) Only those who have fulfilled all applicable regulations shall be candidates for their degrees; Board may propose to Senate Graces for the conferral thereof; and the Proctors may supplicate Senate accordingly.
- (5) The Degrees to which this Chapter applies shall include Degrees instituted, awarded, examined, or cancelled, jointly with other institutions.

Masters non-Regent

5. (1) A Master of Arts shall be designated as a "Master Regent" during the first three years following award of that Degree, and shall thereafter be designated as a "Master non-Regent".
- (2) (a) At the first Public Commencements in each Academic Year, on the proposition of the Chancellor and the Provost, the Senior Master non-Regent shall be elected by the Senate from amongst the Masters Non-Regent.
(b) A casual vacancy in the office shall be filled, in like manner, at the first meeting of Senate after the occurrence of the vacancy.
(c) The office of Senior Master non-Regent shall immediately become vacant if its holder is co-opted to Senior Fellowship.
(a) A Senior Master non-Regent, who who has not been co-opted to Senior Fellowship or has not died, resigned, retired or been removed from office by Senate after due enquiry, shall hold office until the end of the Academic Year in which the election took place, and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (3) The Senior Master non-Regent represents the Body Corporate of the Senate at Commencements.

6. (1) Pursuant to the Act of 1997² or otherwise, the functions of the University may be performed in relation to such institutions other than College as Board may determine.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 18.4.1(ii) of Bunreacht na hÉireann and in accordance with law, the University shall elect three members of Seanad Éireann; provided that legislation has not been enacted pursuant to Article 18.4.2 of Bunreacht na hÉireann.³
- (3) The University shall foster ongoing and lifelong links with all of its Alumni.

² See section 8(1) of the Act of 1997.

³ Section 18.4 of Bunreacht na hÉireann provides:

- (1) The elected members of Seanad Éireann shall be elected as follows:
- (i) Three shall be elected by the National University of Ireland.
 - (ii) Three shall be elected by the University of Dublin.
 - (iii) Forty-three shall be elected from panels of candidates constituted as hereinafter provided.
- (2) Provision may be made by law for the election, on a franchise and in the manner to be provided by law, by one or more of the following institutions, namely:
- (i) the universities mentioned in subsection 1° of this section,
 - (ii) any other institutions of higher education in the State,
- of so many members of Seanad Éireann as may be fixed by law in substitution for an equal number of the members to be elected pursuant to paragraphs (i) and (ii) of the said subsection 1°.
- A member or members of Seanad Éireann may be elected under this subsection by institutions grouped together or by a single institution.