

Senate

- Establishment
1. (1) Pursuant to the Principal Enactments, the Senate is a chartered corporation, in the Statutes called the "Senate".
(2) The Body Corporate of Senate consists of, and has the name, style and title of, "the Chancellor, Doctors and Masters of the University of Dublin".
(3) References to the Body Corporate of the Senate shall, unless the contrary intention appears or context otherwise requires, be construed as references to the University, and vice versa.
(4) Senate has a Common Seal, of which the Chancellor shall be the official custodian.
- Membership
2. (1) Senate shall consist of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellors, the Provost, the Registrar, and the Doctors and Masters of the University; provided that the Doctors and Masters have satisfied the requirements set out in Schedule 1.
(2) Unless Board otherwise determines, the Registrar shall be the Secretary of Senate.
- Caput
3. (1) Senate shall have a Caput, which shall consist of the Chancellor, the Provost and the Senior Master non-Regent.
(2) If, for any cause, the Senior Master non-Regent is unable to be present, the Chancellor and the Provost shall nominate to the Senate another Master non-Regent to exercise the functions of the Senior Master non-Regent during that meeting.
(3) Any member of the Caput may veto any Grace for a degree proposed to Senate by Board.
- Functions
4. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, Senate may:
 - (a) under its Common Seal perform any lawful act;
 - (b) consider and act in relation to Degrees;
 - (c) approve Graces for degrees proposed by Board;
 - (d) perform such other functions as may be prescribed by Board; and
 - (e) deal with any or all of the assets of the University; provided that
 - (i) it may do so only for the encouragement of learning in the University, and
 - (ii) it shall be for Board exclusively to make regulations for the purposes of this sub-section.
- Convening Meetings
5. (1) The *Comitia* shall include Stated Meetings and Called Meetings of the Senate of the University in congregation lawfully assembled.
(2) Senate shall hold Stated Meetings on such dates as shall be determined by the Registrar in consultation with the Chancellor; provided that there shall be

- (a) at least one Stated Meeting in each of Michaelmas and Hilary Terms for the purpose of transacting business other than the conferring of degrees, and
 - (b) as many further Stated Meetings, known as Public Commencements, as are necessary for the conferring of degrees.
- (3) Senate shall hold such other meetings, known as Called Meetings, as may be called by the Registrar at the direction of Board, the Caput, or the Chancellor.

Notice of Meetings

6. (1) The Registrar shall
- (a) cause the dates of all Stated Meetings to be set out annually in the Almanack of the College,
 - (b) endeavour to publicise them by any other practicable means,
 - (c) cause notice of Public Commencements to be exhibited at the Front Gate of College for at least five days before each such meeting, and
 - (d) publicise Called Meetings by any practicable means.

Conduct of Meetings

7. (1) The Chancellor shall preside at meetings, shall have the casting vote in the event of a tie, and may adjourn or dissolve a meeting at any time.
- (2) No proposition (including Grace for a degree) shall be put before the Senate which has not first received the consent of Board.
- (3) The Chancellor may veto any proposition.
- (4) Senate may, by consensus or vote, accept or reject any proposition before it.
- (5) (a) Senate may seek to amend any proposition before it if a motion to this effect is proposed by a member and is not vetoed by the Chancellor.
- (b) The motion shall be discussed and voted upon; and, if it is accepted, the proposition as amended shall be sent back to Board.
- (c) Where Board declines to accept such amendment, the Senate may appeal the matter to the Visitors, pursuant to the provisions of the Chapter on the Visitors.
- (d) To provide for the possibility of such an appeal, the Chancellor or at least one Pro-Chancellor shall be absent from the discussion of and voting upon such a motion.
- (6) The procedures at Public Commencements shall be set out in Schedule 2.

Schedules

8. (1) Schedules to this Chapter may be revised by Senate with the consent of Board.