

Council

- Establishment 1. (1) The University Council, or Academic Council of the University, established pursuant to the Principal Enactments, shall be called the "Council".
- Functions 2. (1) Council shall control the academic affairs of the University.
(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), in particular Council shall
- (a) nominate to Board suitable candidates for
 - (i) appointment to the academic staff
 - (ii) promotion to higher grades in the academic staff, and
 - (iii) appointment as external examiners;
 - (b) superintend, regulate and co-ordinate admission, curricula, instruction, assessments, education and academic progress;
 - (c) make regulations concerning the academic and other requirements to be fulfilled to achieve the academic standing necessary for the conferral of degrees and other academic qualifications;
 - (d) make regulations concerning the exceptional circumstances in which degrees and other academic qualifications may be suspended, removed or reinstated;
 - (e) approve examiners;
 - (f) when it has considered reports of examiners, determine which candidates are qualified to proceed to higher degrees;
 - (g) promote, encourage and develop teaching, learning, research and scholarship; and
 - (h) consider and determine matters referred to it by Board.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the functions of Council shall include those functions set out in the Act of 1997.¹
- (4) In performing its functions, Council shall respect the principles of tenure and academic freedom.
- Powers 3. (1) Council shall have such powers as are necessary or expedient to perform its functions pursuant to the Principal Enactments and the Statutes.
(2) Except where the Principal Enactments otherwise require, Council may delegate any of its functions, provided that Board has consented in advance to this delegation, and the principles of delegation shall apply.
- Membership 4. (1) Council shall consist of the following members:
(a) The Provost, the Vice-Provost, the Registrar, the Senior

¹ See section 27 of the Act of 1997.

- Lecturer, the Senior Tutor, the Dean of Graduate Studies, the Dean of Research, and the Deans of the Faculties;
- (b) Four members of the academic staff from each of the Faculties;
 - (c) Two representatives of Senate;
 - (d) One member of the research staff;
 - (e) The Education Officer of the Students' Union, and one undergraduate student from each of the Faculties;
 - (f) The Vice-President of the Graduate Students' Union, and one postgraduate student from one of the Faculties of which the Vice-President is not a member; and
 - (g) Not more than two co-opted members.
- (2) The term of office of elected representatives shall begin on the first day of the academic year following election.
- (3) (a) Regulations governing elections or co-options to Council and the filling of casual vacancies shall be set out in Schedule 1.
- (b) Elections pursuant to sub-sections (1)(b) and (d) shall be held together and concluded not earlier than the fifteenth day of May and not later than the fifteenth day of June.
- (4) (a) The Secretary, the Librarian, the Academic Secretary, and the Chief Operating Officer shall be entitled to attend meetings of Council.
- (b) The Secretary to the Scholars, and one postgraduate student from each Faculty not represented by the representatives in sub-section 4(1)(e), shall be entitled to be observers at meetings of Council.
 - (c) Council may from time to time provide that one other specified member of College shall also be entitled to attend or be an observer at meetings of Council for the duration of any academic year or part thereof.
 - (d) Any person present at meetings of Council pursuant to the first three paragraphs of this sub-section shall be provided with all relevant papers and shall have a voice on any matter which is under discussion, but shall not be entitled to vote.
 - (e) Council may invite any person to be present for a meeting or part thereof.
- (5) The Provost shall be the Chairperson of Council and the Senior Lecturer shall be Secretary. The Secretary to College shall assist the Senior Lecturer in bringing forward the business and in implementing the decisions of Council.
- (6) Elected representatives and observers shall, at the beginning of the first meeting which they each attend, make a Declaration in the presence of Council in the appropriate form as prescribed by the Schedule on Declarations.

- Meetings
5. (1) Council shall hold such ordinary meetings as the Provost may determine or the Statutes require.
(2) Council may hold such additional or extraordinary meetings as the Provost or Council may determine.
(3) Council may hold such meetings jointly with Board as the Provost may determine.
(4) The Provost shall convene a meeting of Council whenever requested to do so by at least five members of Council.
(5) The quorum for a meeting of Council shall be one third of the total number of members, rounded up to the nearest whole number, plus one.
(6) The Provost shall ensure that members of Council shall normally receive at least one week's notice of any meeting of Council.
(7) The Chairperson shall not vote at divisions on Council except to exercise a casting vote.
(8) Council shall otherwise regulate its procedure and business, and such regulations or standing orders as it shall make for this purpose shall be set out in Schedule 2.
- Obligations of Members
6. (1) A candidate for a post shall neither take part in any nomination for that post nor be present when the nomination is under discussion by the Council.
(2) Every member of Council shall make such disclosures of interests as are required of members of Board.²
- Regulations
7. (1) Council may make, and shall administer, such regulations as appear to it to be necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions.
(2) Council may provide for the consequences (including, in appropriate cases, exclusion from the University) of failure to observe or fulfil its regulations.
(3) The Senior Lecturer shall apply the academic regulations made by Council.
(4) Council shall ensure that decisions on appeals by students against the application to them of regulations made by Council shall be taken after due enquiry; provided that matters of student conduct are governed by the Division on Conduct.
- External relations
8. (1) The external relations of the University shall be conducted by Council or, at its request or direction, by Board, the Provost or an Officer.
(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), in particular Council may
(a) approve, and recommend to Board for institution or recognition, courses and examination procedures in institutions other than the College as suitable to qualify

² See section 8(1)-(2) of the Third Schedule to the Act of 1997.

for the award of such Degrees and other academic qualifications in the University as may be proposed by Board and approved by Senate, including the award of such Degrees and other qualifications jointly with such other institutions;

(b) withdraw such approval, and recommend to Board the withdrawal of such institution or recognition; and

(c) make recommendations to Board in relation to the external relations of College.

Limitations

9. (1) A regulation regarding the academic affairs of the University may be originated either by Board or by Council.
(2) No nomination or regulation made by Council shall be valid unless and until it has received the consent of Board.
(3) Where Board declines to grant such consent, Council may appeal the matter to the Visitors, pursuant to the provisions of the Chapter on the Visitors.
(4) Council shall be subject to Board in matters of finance.
(5) Council shall have no role in nominations for and election to Fellowship.

Schedules

10. (1) Schedule 1 may be revised by Council with the consent of Board.
(2) Schedule 2 to this Chapter may be revised by Council and shall not require the consent of Board, provided that any revision is approved by at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.