

Statement of the Role of the Senate

As the academic authority of the University, the Senate is responsible to the Council for academic governance, and specifically for regulating, in accordance with the Charter and Statutes,

- ~ the admission of students;
- ~ the curriculum and assessment;
- ~ the maintenance and enhancement of academic standards; and
- ~ the award of degrees and other qualifications

In particular, the Senate has the following responsibilities.

1. To put forward, for approval by the Council, student education, research and other academic strategies consistent with the University's overall strategy.
2. To determine academic policies (subject to the authority of the Council where appropriate), including in particular policies on
 - ~ the admission of students (to taught and research programmes)
 - ~ the shape and structure of the curriculum
 - ~ examination and assessment (including the appointment of examiners)
 - ~ the award (and where appropriate revocation) of degrees¹, diplomas, certificates and other academic awards or distinctions
 - ~ research, innovation and knowledge exchange together with associated issues of integrity, ethics and intellectual property.
3. To monitor the quality of academic provision and the outcomes of academic activity, to identify where objectives are being met and where enhancement is desirable, so as to be able to provide assurance to the Council and other stakeholders that desired academic standards are being achieved, maintained and enhanced and that students' interests are being protected. (Academic provision and activities in this context includes both taught and research programmes of study.)
4. To report to the Council on all Ordinances relating to programmes of study.

To enable it to discharge its responsibilities for academic governance effectively, the Senate

- (a) shall be consulted about the annual allocation of general revenue;
- (b) shall be given the opportunity to comment on proposed policies or modifications to policies, and on major business proposals, affecting the academic work of the University;
- (c) shall be consulted about any material modifications to the constitutional and organisational structure of the University.

Under the Charter, the Senate may discuss and pronounce an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University.

¹ excluding honorary degrees