



*At the Council Chamber, Whitehall*

THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

BY THE LORDS OF HER MAJESTY'S MOST  
HONOURABLE PRIVY COUNCIL

The Privy Council has approved the amendments to the Statutes of the University of Bristol as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

*Ceri King*

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*SCHEDULE*

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

1. In Statute 4 under title "Role" after "conferring of degrees" *insert* ", and may preside at meetings of Court."
2. In Statute 8 under title "Role" before "The Treasurer shall be appointed annually" *insert* "2."
3. *Delete* Statute 11 and *substitute*:

**"Statute 11**

**Membership of Court**  
**Core Members of Court**

The Core Members of Court shall be as follows:

*Elected Members*

- Thirty Alumni Association Representatives elected by and from the Alumni Association, of whom five should be elected exclusively from the international alumni (but if no international members put themselves forward for election, then the full number of representatives can be appointed in such manner as the Alumni Association shall determine);
- Five Emeriti elected by and from the emeritus professors;

### *Nominated Members*

- Twenty Members nominated by their organisations, drawn from civic, cultural and community organisations or bodies including (but not limited to) organisations or bodies located in or around the city of Bristol;
- Twenty Members nominated from unions, professional organisations, business community and industry or other knowledge-intensive organisations including (but not limited to) organisations or bodies located in or around the city of Bristol;
- Five representatives from amongst those formally elected to represent the people of the City of Bristol and its surrounding areas;

### *Ex Officio*

- The Chancellor;
- The Pro-Chancellors;
- Honorary Fellows.

The normal term of office for an Elected Member shall be four years and Elected Members may be re-elected for a further four year term (in accordance with this Statute 11).

The normal term of office for a Nominated Member shall be four years and Nominated Members may be re-appointed for one further four year term (in accordance with this Statute 11), provided that the Nominated Member remains associated with the nominating organisation or body and retains the nomination of the nominating organisation or body.

An individual may be appointed as an Elected Member or Nominated Member notwithstanding that he or she has previously held office in any other category provided that he or she may only serve as a member of Court (in any category of membership) for a maximum period of ten consecutive years. In the event that an individual has served for ten consecutive years, he or she may be eligible for appointment as a Core Member only after a year has elapsed since he or she retired as a member of Court (in any category of membership).

All appointments will be overseen by the Nominations Committee of the Board of Trustees (the Nominations Committee) and approved by the Chancellor (for the avoidance of doubt, this shall include any variation to the normal term of office).

### **Additional Appointed Members of Court**

The Chancellor may appoint up to twenty Additional Appointed Members from the body of honorary graduates or nominations put forward by civic, cultural and community, professional, industry and business organisations or bodies including (but not limited to) organisations or bodies located in or around the city of Bristol. The nomination process shall be conducted in such manner as the Nominations Committee considers appropriate from time to time.

The term of office of Additional Appointed Members shall be one year and all appointments will be made by the Chancellor on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee.

In exercising his or her power to appoint Additional Appointed Members, the Chancellor shall consult and engage with a range of different organisations and bodies in order to ensure that there is appropriate diversity among the Appointed Members and that they include representatives of the City of Bristol and are able to reflect and support the strategic aims of the University and the interests of its current and future students.

### **Attendees of Court**

The Attendees of Court will be invited to Court with the purpose of informing Members of Court as required. Attendees of Court will be as follows:

- Twenty individuals elected by and from employees of the University
- The elected Sabbatical Officers of the Union of Students
- The Board of Trustees (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Chair, Deputy Chair and Treasurer)
- The Vice-Chancellor
- The Pro-Vice-Chancellors
- The Registrar
- The Chief Operating Officer
- The Deans of Faculty
- The University Secretary
- The University Librarian
- The Bursar
- The Secretary & Clerk to Court

Other members of the University's staff may be invited by Court to attend meetings of the Court as may be appropriate to the business of the meeting. For avoidance of doubt, Attendees will not be entitled to vote at meetings of Court.

### **Resignation**

Any member of Court may resign by a letter sent to Court through the Secretary.”.

5. In Statute 12:

(a) *delete* sub-paragraph “2. Annual Meeting” and *substitute*:

#### **“2. Annual Meeting**

An Annual Meeting of the Court shall be held each year. The Board of Trustees shall determine the date and venue for each Annual Meeting. The Chancellor shall determine the agenda for each Annual Meeting in consultation with the Vice-Chancellor and the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall present a report of its proceedings during the preceding academic year, including a report on changes to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances that, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, relate directly to Court, the Alumni Association and / or the Union of Students, and an audited statement of accounts for the preceding financial year. A copy of the report and statement shall be sent to every member of Court at least seven days before the meeting.”.

(b) under “5. Quorum” *delete* “forty-five” and *substitute* “twenty-five”.

6. *Delete* Statute 13 and *substitute*:

#### **“Statute 13**

##### **Powers of Court**

Court shall have the following powers:

##### **1. Comment and Advice**

At each Annual Meeting of Court, Court shall receive: a report from the Board of Trustees of its proceedings during the preceding academic year, including a report on changes to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances that relate, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, directly to Court; a report from the Vice-Chancellor and the University's senior management on the execution of the University's strategy in the preceding year; and the financial statements for the preceding financial year.

Court may comment and advise on any matter relating to the University and may:

a) pose questions to the Chair of the Board of Trustees on the activity of the Board in the preceding year and the plans for the year ahead;

- b) pose questions to the Vice-Chancellor and the University's senior management on the execution of the strategy of the University;
- c) pose questions to the Treasurer on the financial statements;
- d) offer advice and independent opinion on the activity of the University; and
- e) ask questions and offer comment to the Board of Trustees and the University's senior management on any aspect of the University's business.

## **2. Appointment of Officers**

Court shall appoint the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellors on the nomination of the Board of Trustees.

## **3. Extension of Periods of Office**

Court shall have power to approve extensions to prescribed terms of office for the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors.

## **4. Appointment of members of the Nominations Committee**

Court shall appoint two of its Members to serve on the Nominations Committee, established by the Board of Trustees.

## **5. Removal of members of Court for Good Cause**

Court may remove members of Court, other than those who are Ex Officio Members, for good cause, as defined by Statute 31.

If the Chancellor considers (in his or her reasonable opinion) that a member of Court should be removed for good cause and the matter is urgent and it is not practicable to refer the matter to Court for a decision, the Chancellor (following consultation with the Vice-Chancellor) may remove such member, provided that that this decision be reported to Court at the next meeting of Court following such removal.”.

## **7. *Delete* Statute 14 and *substitute*:**

### **“Statute 14**

*Statute 14 (formerly, ‘Nominations Committee of Court’) was repealed on 7 December 2018.”.*

## **8. *Delete* Statute 15 and *substitute*:**

### **“Statute 15**

## **Membership of the Board of Trustees**

## **1. Trustees**

The Board of Trustees shall be composed as follows:

### *Class I – Lay Trustees*

- The Treasurer, who shall be appointed and hold office in accordance with Statute 8.
  
- Up to 15 individuals appointed by the Board of Trustees following consideration of nominations made by the Nominations Committee of the Board (the Nominated Trustees).

The term of office for a Nominated Trustee shall be three years. A Nominated Trustee may be re-appointed for further terms in office, provided that he or she has been nominated for re-appointment by the Nominations Committee. After a Nominated Trustee has served three consecutive terms in office, he or she shall only be eligible for re-nomination and re-appointment if the Nominations Committee recommends the Nominated Trustee for re-nomination and the Board of Trustees by special resolution determines that it would be in the best interests of the University for the Nominated Trustee to be re-appointed for a further term of up to three years as the Board of Trustees shall resolve. A special resolution for this purpose is a resolution considered as a separate agenda item at a properly constituted meeting of the Board of Trustees and passed by a majority of those present and voting.

- One member of the Alumni Association, appointed as determined by Ordinance (the Alumni Association Trustee).

The term of office for the Alumni Association Trustee shall be three years. After the Alumni Association Trustee has served three consecutive terms in office, he or she shall be eligible for re-appointment if the Board of Trustees by special resolution determines that it would be in the best interests of the University for the Alumni Association Trustee to be re-appointed for such number of further three year terms as the Board of Trustees shall resolve. A special resolution for this purpose is a resolution considered as a separate agenda item at a properly constituted meeting of the Board of Trustees and passed by a majority of those present and voting.

Lay Trustees in Class I may not be members of the University's staff.

### *Class II – University Staff*

- The Vice-Chancellor
  
- A Pro Vice-Chancellor, nominated by the Vice-Chancellor

For renewable three-year terms, subject to a maximum of three such terms:

Three members of academic staff, appointed as determined by Ordinance (each an Academic Trustee)

Two members of the support staff, appointed as determined by Ordinance (each a Support Staff Trustee).

For the avoidance of doubt, the term of office of any Trustee in Class II shall end immediately if the appointed individual ceases to be a member of support staff or academic staff as appropriate.

### *Class III – Students*

For renewable one-year terms, subject to a maximum of three such terms:

Two students or Sabbatical Officers, appointed as determined by Ordinance (each a Student Trustee).

## **2. Right to attend**

The Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors and Chair of the Alumni Association, if not Trustees, and the Registrar and Finance Director, shall have the right to receive papers and attend meetings, but shall not have the right to vote on any issue.

## **3. Vacancies**

All vacancies arising among the Appointed or Elected Members of the Board of Trustees shall be filled as soon as possible by the appointing or electing authority for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Vacancies arising among the Nominated Trustees shall be filled as soon as reasonably practicable by the Board of Trustees following consideration of nominations made by the Nominations Committee.

## **4. Resignation**

Any Trustee may resign by a letter sent to the Board of Trustees through the Secretary.”.

9. In Statute 16 under title “Chair and Vice-Chair” *delete* “2. the” and *substitute* “2. The”.

10. In Statute 17:

(a) under title “3. Statutes and Ordinances” after “and Ordinances and” *insert* “, where, in the opinion of the Board of Trustees, any amendments to the Statutes and Ordinances relate directly to Court.”;

- (b) under title “16. Borrowing” after “Annual Meeting of the Court” *insert* “as part of the information provided to Court on the financial statements of the University (required by Statute 13(1)).”.
11. In Statute 18 *delete* “*The procedure for appointment of members of Council committees is now set out in paragraph 11 of Ordinance 3.*”.
12. *Delete* Statute 25 and *substitute*:
- “Statute 25**
- Powers of the Alumni Association**
- The Alumni Association shall have the following powers:
- Court
1. The Alumni Association shall appoint by election thirty of its members (which must include the Chair of the Alumni Association Committee and the Alumni Association Trustee) as Elected Members of Court in accordance with Statute 11.
- Advice
2. The Alumni Association may comment upon the development and policy of the University through its Elected Members on Court and the annual Alumni Forum, and will otherwise contribute to building an engaged and supportive alumni community appropriate to a world class university.”.
13. In Statute 29:
- (a) under title “Power to appoint Committee” *delete* “The Board of Trustees shall establish an Audit Committee, Nominations Committee, Staff Committee and Remuneration Committee.”;
- (b) under title “Membership” *delete* “and Court and of their joint committees”.
14. In Statute 31:
- (a) *delete* sub-paragraph titled “Members of the Board of Trustees” and *substitute*:
- “Members of the Board of Trustees
3. Any member of the Board of Trustees other than those who are members by virtue of their office or members of the academic staff, may be removed for good cause by the Board of Trustees.”;
- (b) under title “Good Cause” *delete* “in this Statute”.