



At the Council Chamber, Whitehall

THE 12th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

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 Strathclyde as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

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SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE

1. In Statute 2.1.1 after “Court” *insert* “and to ensure the effectiveness of the Senate”.
2. In Statute 2.4:
 - (a) after “promote or dismiss” *insert* “(excepting the Principal or University Secretary)”;
 - (b) *delete* “The Court shall not make a delegation under this Statute to a Student or a Committee containing a Student.”.
3. *Delete* Statute 2.5 and *substitute*:

“2.5 The Court shall consist of the following persons, namely -

 - 2.5.1 the Convener of Court, carrying out the role defined in Statute 2.9 and occupying the position of senior lay member as defined in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 and appointed accordingly, who shall hold office for a period of two years, whereafter they shall cease to be a member of the Court, provided always that they shall be eligible for re-appointment but shall not serve continuously for more than eight years in that office;”
 - 2.5.2 the Principal and Vice-Chancellor, who shall be a member of Court for so long as he or she is Principal and Vice-Chancellor;

- 2.5.3 the Vice-Principal, who shall be a member of Court for so long as he or she is Vice-Principal;
- 2.5.4 one person appointed by The City of Glasgow Council, who shall be a member of Court for one year and eligible for re-appointment subject to the maximum period in Statute 2.7;
- 2.5.5 two members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate, who each shall be a member of Court for three years or for the remainder of his or her membership of the Senate, whichever is completed sooner, and, in the former case, shall be eligible for re-appointment for a further three years, subject to a maximum total period as a member of Court of six years, and also subject to the appointee's membership of Court continuing only so long as he or she is a member of the Senate;
- 2.5.6 two persons appointed by being nominated by the Students' Association Executive from among the registered students of the University , who shall each be a member of Court for one year and eligible for re-appointment once, if so nominated;
- 2.5.7 one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the academic professional staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University, who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment, if so nominated, subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years;
- 2.5.8 one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the professional services staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University; who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment, if so nominated, subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years;
- 2.5.9 one person appointed by being elected by the academic professional staff of the University, from among their own number, who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years;
- 2.5.10 one person appointed by being elected by the professional services staff of the University, from among their own number, who shall be a member of Court for three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment subject to a maximum period as a member of Court of six years; and
- 2.5.11 between nine and thirteen other persons, who are neither staff nor students of the University, co-opted by the Court, who shall each be a member of Court for up to four years and normally eligible for re-appointment subject to the maximum period in Statute 2.7.”.

4. **Delete** Statutes 2.6 to 2.9 and **substitute**:
 - “2.6 Academic Professional staff referred to in Statutes 2.5.7 and 2.5.9 shall include all academic, research, teaching and knowledge exchange staff of the University.
 - 2.7 The maximum total continuous period of office of a member of Court serving under the terms of Statutes 2.5.4 and 2.5.11 is nine years. Where a particular skill or expertise might otherwise be lost, the Court may exceptionally agree to extend, by a maximum of two years, the period of office of members serving under the terms of Statute 2.5.11.
 - 2.8 One-third of the total actual membership of the Court shall constitute a quorum.
 - 2.9 The Convener of Court is responsible for the leadership and effectiveness of the Court, for the efficient and effective conduct of its business and for ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of authority between the Court and the Principal of the University. Neither students nor members of staff of the University shall be eligible to be appointed as Convener of Court. The Convener of Court shall be appointed by virtue of an open process of advertisement, selection of candidates and election, in accordance with procedures for appointing a senior lay member set out in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.
 - 2.10 The Court may make such provision in Ordinances as it thinks appropriate for the effective operation and procedure of the Court, which is otherwise consistent with this Statute. The Ordinances may, in particular, allow for additional roles and responsibilities to be conferred on or assumed by members of Court.
 - 2.11 The Court shall have the power to remove the Convener of Court, or any other member of Court, on the grounds of serious personal misconduct, inability to exercise the functions set out in Statute 2.9 or the functions of membership of the Court, abuse of the rights and privileges of membership of Court, bringing the University into disrepute, persistent absenteeism, medical incapacity or legal impediment.
 - 2.12 A member of Court may be removed from office on any of the grounds set out in Statute 2.11, after due investigation, if not less than 75% of those members of Court present and voting agree that it would be in the interests of the University for such member to be removed. A member so removed shall have the right to seek a review of the decision.”
5. In Statute 3.1.3 **delete** “Professional Services” and **substitute** “professional services”.
6. In Statute 3.1.4:
 - (a) after “departments” **insert** “/schools”;
 - (b) **delete** “as may be determined by the Court on the recommendation of the

- Senate”.
7. **Renumber** Statutes 3.1.5 to 3.1.6 as Statutes 3.1.6 to 3.1.7.
 8. After Statute 3.1.4 **insert**:

“3.1.5 such numbers of the students, elected by the students of the University, as may be determined from time to time by the Court on the recommendation of the Senate. Provided always that the number of student members shall not fall below one tenth of the total membership of the Senate;”.
 9. In renumbered Statute 3.1.6:
 - (a) **delete** “Academic Staff, Research Staff and Teaching Staff” and **substitute** “academic professional staff, elected by the academic professional staff of the University,”;
 - (b) after “Senate” **delete** “and”;
 - (c) after “Senate” **insert** “; subject to the conditions of Statute 3.4.”.
 10. **Delete** renumbered Statute 3.1.7.
 11. **Renumber** Statutes 3.2 to 3.6 as Statutes 3.5 to 3.9.
 12. After Statute 3.1 **insert**:

“3.2 Students referred to in Statute 3.1.5 shall include sabbatical officers of the Executive of the Students’ Association. Those elected shall be members of Senate for one year and shall be eligible for re-election annually, subject to a maximum period as a member of Senate of five years.

3.3 Academic professional staff referred to in Statute 3.1.6 shall include all academic, research, teaching and knowledge exchange staff of the University.

3.4 More than 50% of the total membership of Senate must fall within the categories referred to in Statutes 3.1.5 or 3.1.6.”.
 13. In renumbered Statute 3.5:
 - (a) **delete** “Statute 3.1.5” and **substitute** “Statute 3.1.6”;
 - (b) after “re-election once.” **delete** “The members of Senate referred to in Statute 3.1.6 shall be on Senate for up to three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment.”.
 14. In Statute 5.1 **delete** “Article 11” and **substitute** “Article 12”.