

CHARTER

ELIZABETH THE SECOND by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS an humble Petition has been presented unto Us by Our most dearly beloved Mother Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Chancellor of Our University of London, Sir Cyril Philips, then Vice-Chancellor of Our University of London and by the College Committee of University of London, University College: praying that We should grant a Charter of Incorporation for the purpose of re-constituting University of London, University College as a College of the University of London.

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW Ye that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed and ordained and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain as follows:

1. There shall be and there is hereby constituted a University with the name and style of 'University College London', hereinafter referred to as 'the University'.
2. The Council, the Academic Board, the Honorary Fellows and Honorary Graduates, the Academic Staff and Students of the University and all such other persons as may pursuant to this Our Charter and the Statutes and Regulations of the University become Members of the Body Corporate are hereby constituted and shall for ever hereafter be one Body Corporate and Politic by the name of 'University College London' with perpetual succession and a Common Seal.
3. The objects of the University shall be to provide education and courses of study in the fields of Arts, Laws, Pure Sciences, Medicine and Medical Sciences, Social Sciences and Applied Sciences and in such other fields of learning as may from time to time be decided upon by the University and to encourage research in the said branches of knowledge and learning and to organise, encourage and stimulate postgraduate study in such branches.
4. The University, subject to this Our Charter and to the Statutes and Ordinances of Our University of London (hereinafter referred to as 'the University of London') shall in furtherance of the foregoing objects but not otherwise have the following powers:
 - (1) To provide facilities for research and scholarship, courses of education in undergraduate and postgraduate study and such other educational services as may be thought desirable or expedient.

- (2) To provide, maintain, alter and improve for the use of the Students and for the Staff of the University, libraries, museums, laboratories, lecture, class and reading rooms, residential accommodation, club rooms and premises, sports and playing fields, lands, furniture, fixtures, fittings, apparatus, equipment, books, publications, and any other things necessary, suitable or convenient for furthering any of the objects of the University.
- (3) To maintain, develop or alter the relationship between the University and the University of London and other educational institutions in such manner as may from time to time be thought desirable or expedient.
- (4) To solicit, receive and administer grants, subscriptions, donations, endowments, gifts and loans of any property whatsoever whether real or personal (including intellectual property rights), and whether subject or not subject to any specific trusts or conditions, to sanction such receipt and acceptance on its behalf by any body created or incorporated to raise funds for the University and approved by the Council of the University, to act as trustees for or in relation to any such gifts, legacies and endowments and to retain any such gifts, legacies and endowments either in their original form of investment or such other forms as the University, consistent with the terms of such gifts, legacies and endowments, may determine.
- (5) To act as trustees or managers of any property, endowment, legacy, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research consistent with the provisions of this Our Charter.
- (6) To invest any moneys in the hands of the University and available for investment in accordance with the Statutes.
- (7) To demand and receive fees, subscriptions and deposits.
- (8) To give guarantees to financial or commercial institutions of standing or repute, whether in pursuance of continuing arrangements or not.
- (9) To borrow and raise money either with or without security and to mortgage, charge or pledge the assets of the University as security for any moneys so raised.
- (10) To establish or abolish such posts both academic and non-academic as the University may require, to appoint persons thereto, to prescribe their conditions of service, to remunerate them, and to remove them.
- (11) To grant, continue and pay such salaries, pensions, gratuities or other sums in respect of services (whether rendered before or after the grant of this Our Charter) as may from time to time be thought proper.
- (12) To make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their widows or widowers and dependants.
- (13) To found, maintain and award exhibitions, scholarships, bursaries and studentships and to award medals and prizes.

- (14) To print, publish or disseminate educational material, in whatever form, with a view to furthering the objects of the University.
 - (15) To subscribe to any charities and to grant donations for any charitable purpose.
 - (16) To award Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates or other awards of the University.
 - (17) To co-operate or work with other institutions and individuals and to award Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates or other awards jointly.
 - (18) To amalgamate with colleges, schools or other educational or research institutions with the same or similar charitable purposes.
 - (19) To acquire for the University or construct, provide, maintain, manage, repair and dispose of any real or other property and to make such arrangements for insurance as it deems necessary.
 - (20) To insure the Members of the Council against the costs of a successful defence to a criminal prosecution brought against them as charity trustees or against personal liability incurred in respect of any act or omission which is or is alleged to be a breach of trust or breach of duty, unless the Member of Council concerned knew that or was reckless whether the act or omission was a breach of trust or breach of duty.
 - (21) Without prejudice to the express powers of the University, to exercise such powers of the University of London as may be authorised by the University of London.
 - (22) Generally to do all such other lawful acts as shall further all or any of the objects of the University.
5. There shall be a Visitor of the University who shall be the Master of the Rolls for the time being.
 6. All persons of the requisite academic standard, whether resident in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or elsewhere, shall be eligible for admission to the University without any distinction whatsoever and no religious test shall be imposed on any Member of the University by the University nor shall any disability be imposed on the grounds of political belief, sex or race.
 7. There shall be a Council of the University (in this Our Charter referred to as 'the Council'), which shall be the governing body of the University and which shall have the custody and use of the Common Seal. Statutes shall provide the constitution of the Council and it shall have the management and administration of the property of the University and the conduct of its affairs, subject to the powers of the Academic Board, together with all such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by the Statutes or Regulations.
 8. There shall be an Academic Board of the University (in this Our Charter referred to as the 'Academic Board'). Statutes shall provide the constitution

- of the Academic Board and it shall, subject to the powers of the Council as provided in this Our Charter and the Statutes, be responsible for the academic work of the University in teaching, in examining and in research and for the regulation and superintendence of the education of the Students of the University.
9. There shall be a Chair of the Council who shall be appointed by the Council and shall preside over the meetings of the Council.
 10. There shall be a Vice-Chair of the Council who shall be elected by the Council and shall, subject to the Statutes, during a vacancy in the office of Chair or during his or her inability through illness or for any other cause to perform his or her functions and duties, perform all the functions and duties of the Chair.
 11. There shall be a Treasurer of the University and such other Officers of the University as the Council may from time to time appoint.
 12. There shall be a President and Provost of the University, hereinafter referred to as 'the Provost', who shall be the principal academic and administrative officer of the University and shall *ex officio* be Chair of the Academic Board.
 13. There shall be Honorary Fellows and Honorary Graduates of the University, who shall be elected in accordance with the Statutes and Regulations.
 14. There shall be a Students' Union, whose Constitution, and any amendments thereto, shall require the approval of the Council.
 15. The Schedule to this Our Charter sets forth the Statutes of the University and may be added to, repealed or altered in manner hereinafter provided.
 16. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, Statutes may prescribe or regulate as the case may be:
 - (1) The status, election, appointment and continuance in office of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council, the Treasurer, the Provost and other Officers and Members of Staff of the University.
 - (2) The constitution, powers, functions, duties and procedure of the Council, Academic Board and Faculties, and of Committees responsible to them, the status, election, appointment and continuance in office of the Chairs and other members of those bodies, the filling of vacancies among the members of those bodies and other such matters relative to those bodies.
 - (3) The power of Council to delegate upon such conditions as it may from time to time determine any of its powers and duties to the Academic Board or to Committees or Sub-Committees formed from within its own number or otherwise appointed, or to Officers of the University, with or without power to such Academic Board, Committees or Sub-Committees further to delegate all or any such of the delegated powers to any subordinate body. Provided that any such delegation shall not be repugnant to the provisions of the Statutes or of this Our Charter.

- (4) All such other matters as the Council may deem fit with respect to or for the governing of the University, its Members and constituent parts or otherwise for the furtherance of the objects of the University.
17. The Academic Board shall have power to propose to the Council Statutes and Regulations to be made by the Council and it shall be the duty of the Council to consider any such Statutes or Regulations.
18. The Council may, by Special Resolution, make Statutes which add to, repeal or alter the Statutes of the University provided that:
 - (1) no such Statutes which affect academic policy or the remuneration and conditions of appointment of the Academic Staff shall be made until the Academic Board has been consulted; and
 - (2) no such Statutes shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council of which approval a certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Council shall be conclusive evidence; and
 - (3) no such Statutes shall have effect if repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University of London insofar as these are relevant.
19. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes, the Council may make such Regulations as it considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the University and shall stipulate when such Regulations are to come into effect. Such Regulations may add to, amend or repeal Regulations from time to time in force.
20. The Statutes may direct that any of the matters authorised or directed in this Our Charter to be prescribed or regulated by Statute shall be prescribed or regulated by Regulation or by decision made by the Council. Provided that any such further prescription or regulation shall not be repugnant to the provisions of the Statutes or of this Our Charter.
21. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes, the Council and the Academic Board respectively may from time to time make Standing Orders governing their proceedings, and the power to make Standing Orders shall include the power to add to, amend or repeal any Standing Orders theretofore made.
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 - (1) It shall be the duty of the Council to refer to the Academic Board any matter coming before the Council which the Council considers to have academic implications and which has not been previously considered by the Academic Board.
 - (2) It shall be the duty of the Academic Board to bring before the Council any matter coming before the Academic Board which the Academic Board considers to have financial implications or to affect the general management of the University or its relationship with persons and bodies outside the University.
23. The Council may by Special Resolution alter, amend, repeal or add to this Our Charter provided that no such alteration, amendment, repeal or addition

which affects academic policy or the remuneration and conditions of appointment of the Academic Staff shall be made until the Academic Board has been consulted, and such alteration, amendment, repeal or addition shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall henceforward continue and operate as so altered, amended, repealed or added to. This provision shall apply to this Our Charter as altered, amended, repealed or added to in manner aforesaid.

24. For the purposes of this Our Charter, a 'Special Resolution' means a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council convened by twenty-eight days written notice specifying the substance of the resolution to be proposed thereat, by a majority consisting of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting:

Provided that in the case of a resolution to alter, amend, repeal or add to this Our Charter, the resolution shall be of no effect unless it is confirmed by a further Special Resolution passed at a meeting of the Council held not less than one month nor more than four months after the date of the first resolution and both resolutions are passed by a majority which, in addition to being not less than two-thirds of those present and voting, is also an absolute majority of all the Members of the Council.

25. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the University and to the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the seventeenth day of November in the twenty-fifth year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL