



Swansea University
Prifysgol Abertawe

Ordinance 4 - The Senate

4.1 Constitution

4.1.1 The Senate shall consist of:

- (i) The Vice-Chancellor who shall be the Chair.
- (ii) The Provost.
- (iii) The Pro-Vice-Chancellors.
- (iv) Other Professors of the University -who are employed by the University.
- (v) The Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Boards of the Learning and Teaching Quality Committee and the Faculty Associate Deans, Education.
- (vi) Fourteen elected representatives of the non-professorial staff chosen so that each of the Faculties is represented by at least four members.
- (vii) The occupants of such other posts in the University as may from time to time be approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate.
- (viii) Eight students appointed in accordance with regulations made from time to time by the Senate.

4.1.2 The members of the Senate referred to in clause (vi) above shall be elected in such manner as may be prescribed by the Senate.

4.1.3 A member of the Senate may resign at any time by writing addressed to the Secretary of Senate.

4.2 Powers of Senate

4.2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Charter and Statutes, the Senate shall have the following powers and functions which it may delegate to the Academic Boards and to the committees which it establishes:

- (i) To oversee and regulate instruction, teaching and research within the University and the examinations and assessments conducted by the University.
- (ii) To regulate the admission of persons to courses of study in the University.

- (iii) To confer and grant Degrees, Diplomas and other academic distinctions on and to persons who shall have pursued a course of study approved by the University and shall have passed the examinations or other tests and met all other requirements prescribed by the University.
- (iv) On good cause, as defined by Regulations, to deprive persons of any Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates or other distinctions or awards conferred upon or granted to them by the University. Honorary Degrees and other Honorary Awards shall only be removed on the joint recommendation of the Council and the Senate.
- (v) To receive periodic reports, at least annually, regarding external examination arrangements.
- (vi) To advise the Council on issues relating to the welfare of the students of the University.
- (vii) To regulate the discipline of the students of the University in respect of both academic and non-academic matters.
- (viii) To regulate student complaints and appeals in respect of both academic and non-academic matters.
- (ix) To regulate the procedures for instituting and awarding, Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Bursaries and Prizes and to receive an annual report on the awards made.
- (x) To make recommendations to Council on the structure of the academic year.
- (xi) To regulate the procedure for Degree Congregations and other Award Ceremonies of the University.
- (xii) To regulate the academic dress to be worn by the various officers and members of the University.
- (xiii) To appoint members of the Senate to be members of the Court and the Council.
- (xiv) To fill vacancies among the membership of Senate.
- (xv) To approve the academic aspects of associations within the University, or with other institutions or organisations or departments or branches thereof, to the benefit of the University in teaching and research.
- (xvi) To approve, amend or refer back to the appropriate body any academic matter relating to teaching and research.
- (xvii) To require reports on academic matters relating to teaching and research from any appropriate body.
- (xviii) To comment on changes to the Statutes proposed by the Council.

- (xix) To advise the Council on the long-term development of the University.
- (xx) To make recommendations to the Council on any academic matter;
- (xxi) To report on any matter referred to the Senate by the Council.
- (xxii) To discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University.
- (xxiii) To carry out such other functions as the Council shall authorise.