Ulster University Council

Terms of reference

Statute I - The Council indicates that the Council shall have the following functions:

1. To provide leadership on strategy, stewardship and overall governance.

2. On the recommendation of the Senate, to institute or discontinue Faculties and other academic sections of the University and to establish and disestablish academic posts.

3. To authorise and control the establishment and disestablishment of other posts and to determine the policies for the appointment, conditions of appointment and remuneration of all employees of the University.

4. On the recommendation of the Senate, to designate persons, not being members of the Academic Staff, as recognised teachers of the University whose functions shall be prescribed by Regulation.

5. To control the appointment of other persons working for or in, or providing a service, for the University and teh apyment of honoraria, fees and other reumeration to such persons.

6. To make provision, so far as the Council may think fit, for schemes and insurance, superannuation pensions or retirement benefits for all employees of the University and their dependents.

7. To determine all University fees and to impose and recover all such other charges and deposits as may seem to the Council to be necessary or appropriate.

8. To institute, on the recommendation ofo the Senate (and subject, where appropriate, to any conditions acceptable to the Council and to the Senate which might be made by the founders) Fellowships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, Prizes and other aids to study and research.

9. On the recommendation from the Senate, to deprice persons of any Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates or other academic distinctions granted to or conferred on them by the University.

10. On the recommendation of the Senate, and subject to Statute II, to make Ordinances to regulate the discipline of students and other persons.

11. To receive and call for reports from the Senate, to review the work of the University and, subject to the powers of the Senate, to take such steps as it thinks proper for the purpose of advancing the interests of the University, maintaining its efficiency and encouraging teaching, the pursuit of learning and the prosecution of research therein.

12. To accept, reject, review, amend or refer back any recommendation made by the Senate; provided that no such recommendation may be rejected or reviewed or amended before being referred again to the Senate for consideration and report.

13. In accordance with Articles 5 and 16 of the Charter, to do all things deemed necessary by the Council for the efficient management and administration of the revenue and property of the University; and in particular:

    a) to govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs, including the risks associated with the business and affairs, whatsoever of the University and for that purpose to appoint bankers and any other officers or agents whom it may deem expedient to appoint and to cause books of accounts to be kept in such manner as to give a true and fair view of the state of the University's affairs and to explain its transactions;
    b) to invest any moneys belonging to the University in such stocks, funds, fully paid shares or securities as the Council shall think fit whether within the United Kingdom or not, in the purchase of freehold or leasehold hereditaments, including rents; provided that, in the case of moneys held by the University as trustees, the power conferred by this paragraph shall be exercised subject to the provisions of the law relating to investmenst by trustees;
    c) to sell, buy, exchange, lease and accept leases of real and personal property on behalf of the University;
    d) to borrow money on behalf of the University and for that purpose to mortgage or charge all or any part of the property of the University whether real or personal unless the conditions of any will, deed, gift or other instrument are thereby contravened, and to give such other security whether upon real or personal property or otherwise as the Council may think fit;
    e) to provide the buildings, premises, furniture and equipment and other means required for carrying on the work of the University;
    f) to enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University;
    g) to give on behalf of the University, guarantees, whether in pursuance of continuing arrangements or not;

h) to receive and call for such reports and to make such arrangements as it thinks proper for the promotion and maintenance of efficiency and good order in the University.

In reaching decisions the Council will have due regard to its impact on, and implications for, the University's commitment to ensuring equality of opportunity and good relations as outlined in its Equality Scheme, and associated policies, and where possible and practicable the Council will ensure that its actions are proactive in this respect.