University of Bristol
Ordinances

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Definitions and interpretation

1 The rules of interpretation set out in article 2 of the Charter shall apply to these Ordinances and words defined in the Charter shall have the same meaning in these Ordinances unless the context indicates otherwise.

2 In these Ordinances, the following words and expressions shall have the following meanings:

2.1 "Academic School" is defined in Ordinance 8.2.

2.2 "Academic Year" means the University's academic year specified in Ordinance 9.6.

2.3 "Additional Member" means a member of a Board Committee who is not a Trustee, appointed in accordance with Ordinance 4.2.1.7.

2.4 "Appropriate Manager" is defined in Ordinance 10.1.7.

2.5 "Associate" is defined in the Corporate Governance Framework for the University of Bristol Group of Companies as "a company in which the University has an interest between 20% and 49% and is able to exercise some influence".

2.6 "Board" means the Board of Trustees as defined in the Charter.

2.7 "Board Committee" or "Committee" means a committee of the Board of Trustees including:
2.7.1 the standing committees of the Board of Trustees whose terms of reference are set out in Ordinance 4; and

2.7.2 where the context permits, any other committee of the Board of Trustees established by the Board pursuant to its powers under Statute 3.5, but excluding Senate.

2.8 "Board Delegation Schedule" is defined in Ordinance 3.2.2.1.

2.9 "Code of Conduct" means the Trustee code of conduct set out in Ordinance 1.3.

2.10 "Conflict of Interest" and "Interest" are defined in Ordinance 5.14.3.

2.11 "Executive" means the Vice-Chancellor and their delegates, including the University Executive Board.

2.12 "Executive Delegation Schedule" is defined in Ordinance 3.2.2.3.

2.13 "Executive Group" means the University's Executive Group comprising the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost, the Pro Vice-Chancellors, the Registrar & University Secretary and the Chief Financial Officer.

2.14 "Faculty" and "Faculty Board" are described in Ordinance 8.

2.15 "Governance Team" means the Head of Governance (by whatever title that role shall from time to time be known as) and their team.

2.16 "Group" means the University and the Subsidiary Companies.

2.17 "Library" means the University Library comprising libraries and library-managed study spaces.

2.18 "Material decision" is defined in Ordinance 3.4.2.

2.19 "OfS" means the Office for Students.

2.20 "Preferred Skills" is defined in Ordinance 2.2.2.6.

2.21 "Registrar & University Secretary"; "Chief Financial Officer"; "Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost"; "Deputy Vice-Chancellor"; and "Pro-Vice-Chancellor" mean the person or persons for the time being holding office as Registrar & University Secretary; Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost; Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University respectively.

2.22 "Senate Delegation Schedule" is defined in Ordinance 3.2.2.2.

2.23 "Senior Executive Officers" means the officers of the University set out in Ordinance 7.1.

2.24 "Standing Orders" means regulations made from time to time by a body within the University to govern the body's own proceedings.

2.25 "Subsidiary Company" means a subsidiary of the University as defined by section 1159 Companies Act 2006.

2.26 "Treasurer" means the person (being an Independent Trustee) from time to time holding office as Treasurer of the University.

2.27 "University Executive Board" means an executive board comprising Officers and members of Staff to which the Vice-Chancellor delegates in accordance with Ordinance 7.5.
2.28 "University Strategy" means the overarching strategic plan of the University.

3 Any terms defined and used in one of the Ordinances only shall have the meanings given to them in the relevant Ordinance.