

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 "**Appropriate Manager**" is defined in **Ordinance 10.1.7**.
 - 2.4 "**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".
 - 2.5 "**Board**" means the Board of Trustees as defined in the Charter.
 - 2.6 "**Board Committee**" or "**Committee**" means a committee of the Board of Trustees including:
 - 2.6.1 the standing committees of the Board of Trustees whose terms of reference are set out in **Ordinance 4**; and

- 2.6.2 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.
- 2.7 **"Board Delegation Schedule"** is defined in **Ordinance 3.2.2.1**.
- 2.8 **"Code of Conduct"** means the Trustee code of conduct set out in **Ordinance 1.3**.
- 2.9 **"Conflict of Interest"** and **"Interest"** are defined in **Ordinance 5.14.3**.
- 2.10 **"Co-opted Member"** means a member of a Board Committee who is not a Trustee, appointed in accordance with **Ordinance 4.2.1.7**.
- 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 Chief Operating Officer & Registrar 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 **"Chief Operating Officer & Registrar"; "Chief Financial Officer "; "University Secretary"; "Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost"; "Deputy Vice-Chancellor"; and "Pro-Vice-Chancellor"** mean the person or persons for the time being holding office as Chief Operating Officer & Registrar; Chief Financial Officer; University Secretary; Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost; Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University respectively,
- Provided that if (i) the Board of Trustees approves an amendment to the title of any of the offices referred to above or to any other office (except for the Vice-Chancellor) referred to in these Ordinances; or (ii) the person for the time being holding any of the offices referred to above or any other office (except for the Vice-Chancellor) referred to in these Ordinances shall have an alternative job title, any references in these Ordinances to the relevant office shall be interpreted as references to that office with the title as amended or the person holding that office with their alternative job title, as the case may be.
- 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.