

# **Supplemental Charter of the University of Liverpool**

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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 Her Majesty Queen Victoria did, on the eighteenth day of October, in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, grant a Charter constituting and founding a College in Her City of Liverpool by the name of 'University College, Liverpool':

AND WHEREAS His Majesty King Edward the Seventh did, on the fifteenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and three, grant a Charter of Incorporation for a University in His City of Liverpool by the name and style of 'The University of Liverpool':

AND WHEREAS the Royal Assent was given on the fourteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and three, to an Act of Parliament whereby all the property and liabilities of the said University College were transferred to the said University of Liverpool:

AND WHEREAS the said Charter incorporating the University of Liverpool provided for the constitution and government of the University and the management of its affairs and divers other matters, including the enactment of Statutes for regulating all matters connected with the government and administration of the University:

AND WHEREAS by the said Charter the Court of the University was designated as the Supreme Governing Body of the University:

AND WHEREAS the Court of the University has presented to Us in Our Council a humble Petition showing that it is desirable that certain restrictions by which the University has hitherto been bound should be removed and that certain of the provisions made for its constitution and government should be amended:

AND WHEREAS the said Petition of the University prayed for the grant of a Supplemental Charter:

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE that We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration have of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion willed and ordained and do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and ordain as follows:

- 1 By this Charter there shall be constituted as a body corporate a University by the name of 'The University of Liverpool' with all the powers of a natural person to do all lawful acts whatsoever ('the University').
- 2 We, Our Heirs and Successors shall be and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University of Liverpool through the Lord President of Our Council.
- 3 The objects of the University shall be to advance education, learning and research for the public benefit.
- 4 The University shall have power to grant and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions, whether honorary, substantive, dual, joint or otherwise, and such degrees, diplomas, certificates and distinctions shall be granted, conferred and held subject to such provisions as may be made by the Ordinances of the University.
- 5 The University shall have power to co-operate by means of joint boards or otherwise with other universities, authorities and bodies whether public or private for any of the purposes of the University.
- 6 The University may admit to affiliation with it or to any of its privileges any educational establishment or institution or the members or students thereof upon such terms and conditions and subject to such Regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by the Ordinances of the University.
- 7 The University shall consist of members who shall be prescribed by the Ordinances.
- 8 There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be ex officio head of the University.
- 9 There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be the principal Academic and Administrative Officer of the University and ex officio Chair of the Senate.
- 10 There shall be one or more Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes and the Ordinances, one of the Pro-Vice-Chancellors shall act as Vice-Chancellor during the temporary absence or inability of the Vice-Chancellor.
- 11 There shall be a Council of the University which, subject to the Statutes, shall be the governing body of the University responsible for the management and administration of the whole revenue and property of the University and the conduct of all the affairs of the University.
- 12 There shall be a Senate of the University which shall, subject to control by the Council as prescribed by the Statutes, oversee the teaching and research of the University.
- 13 There shall be such Faculties and other bodies as the Council may from time to time consider necessary to promote a comprehensive range of research, teaching and scholarship.
- 14 There shall be a Guild of Students of the University. The constitution, functions, privileges and all other matters relating to the Guild of Students shall be prescribed and regulated as set out in the Ordinances.
- 15 The Statutes as defined in Clause 20 shall remain in force until altered or repealed. The Council may at any time add to, amend, alter or repeal the Statutes by ordinary resolution provided that such Statutes shall not be effective until approved by the Privy Council. Any ordinary resolution means a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council by a majority of the members present and voting.
- 16 In everything done under this Our Charter, and the Statutes and Ordinances of the University, the Council shall seek to avoid unlawful discrimination and promote equality of opportunity, dignity at work and study and good relations within the University.
- 17 The Council may make Ordinances and Regulations (except Regulations governing courses of study and examinations which shall be made by the Senate) and may amend or repeal any Ordinances and Regulations so made. In matters relating to teaching and research, Ordinances shall be submitted to the Council on the recommendation of the Senate.

- 18 The University shall not make any dividend, gift or division unto or between any of its members except by way of prize, reward or special grant.
- 19 The Council may at any time add to, amend or alter the provisions of this Charter by a special resolution and such addition, amendment or alteration shall only become effectual upon the approval of the Privy Council. A special resolution means a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council by not less than three-fourths of the members present and voting.
- 20 In this Our Charter, 'Statutes' means the Statutes of the University set out in the Schedule to this Our Charter and any Statutes adding to, amending, altering or repealing the same or any of them. 'Ordinances' means acts of the Council under the powers conferred by this Our Charter. 'Regulations', except when otherwise required by the context, means Regulations made pursuant to this Our Charter, the Statutes or the Ordinances.

## **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE TO THIS CHARTER**

1. Original version approved by the Privy Council on 10 July 2013 to be effective from 1 August 2013.
2. Several amendments approved by Council on 4 July 2018 and the Privy Council on 13 February 2019, in relation to the following:
  - Deletion of the previous Article 9, 'There shall normally be two Pro-Chancellors of the University. One of the Pro-Chancellors as prescribed by the Ordinances of the University shall act as Chancellor during a vacancy in that office or during the absence or inability of the Chancellor', following disestablishment of the role.
  - Renumbering of Articles 10 to 21 as 9 to 20.
  - In the renumbered Article 10, removal of reference to there being a Deputy Vice-Chancellor and provision being made for one of the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, rather than the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, to act as Vice-Chancellor during the temporary absence or inability of the Vice-Chancellor.
3. Amendments approved by Council on 25 November 2021 and the Privy Council on 16 March 2022, in relation to the following:
  - Changing the word 'Chairman' to 'Chair'.
  - Deleting the wording in clause 18 ' , division or bonus in money' and substituting 'or division', in accordance with current practice as a very small number of staff have terms that provide for a performance bonus.