



At the Council Chamber, Whitehall

THE 18th DAY OF MAY 2023

BY THE LORDS OF HIS MAJESTY'S MOST HONOURABLE
PRIVY COUNCIL

WHEREAS the Council of King's College London has duly made a Statute, revising the College Statutes, as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

AND WHEREAS the Statute has been submitted to the Lords of the Privy Council for approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, Their Lordships, having taken the Statute into consideration, are pleased to approve it, as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE
REVISED STATUTES OF KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

THE STATUTES

Membership of the Council

1. The Council shall consist of the following persons:

- (i) those appointed by the Council, on the recommendation of the Council's Governance and Nominations Committee, (or any such successor body established by Council), in accordance with the Ordinances, who shall number up to 20 members of whom 12 shall be independent members, 1 shall be a student and 7 shall be members of the staff of the University to include the President and Principal.
- (ii) the President of the King's College London Students' Union ("the Students' Union").

2. Other than any ex officio members who shall serve for the period of their respective offices, members shall be appointed for a period of three years and shall be eligible for re-appointment up to a maximum normally of three terms of three years or nine years in total in any one capacity.

Meetings of the Council

3. The Council shall hold such number of meetings each year as shall be determined by Ordinances.
4. A quorum at a meeting of the Council shall be 11. Of those present, a majority shall be independent members.
5. A written resolution signed by all those entitled to vote at a meeting of the Council is as valid as a resolution actually passed at a Council meeting. For this purpose, the written resolution may be set out in more than one document and will be treated as passed on the date of the last signature.

Ordinances and Regulations

6. The Council shall make Ordinances and shall delegate to the appropriate authority as specified by the appropriate Ordinance, the making of Regulations. If there is an inconsistency between the provisions of any Ordinances and the Regulations, the Ordinances shall prevail.

Functions and Powers of the Council

7. The Council shall be responsible for ensuring that the objects of the University are fulfilled. Without prejudice to the generality of the functions and powers exercisable by the Council on behalf of the University, those functions and powers shall include the following:
 - (a) to be responsible for the management and use of all property, revenues and grants;
 - (b) to govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University and for these purposes to appoint bankers and any other officers or agents;
 - (c) to solicit, receive and administer in the interests of the University money or property of any kind;
 - (d) to sanction the receipt or acceptance on its behalf of any money or property by any committee or society or other body created or incorporated to raise funds for the University;
 - (e) in furtherance of the objects, and so far as permitted by charity law, to give guarantees;

- (f) to subscribe to any charities and to grant donations for any charitable purpose consistent with the Charter;
- (g) to enter into arrangements with institutions or public bodies or industrial or commercial concerns with a view to the advancement, application and dissemination of knowledge;
- (h) to deposit or to invest moneys and funds of the University as the Council shall from time to time think fit in accordance with all relevant laws and for those purposes shall have the authority to enter into any financial instrument which is ancillary or incidental to the exercise of such powers;
- (i) in furtherance of the objects, and so far as permitted by charity law, to borrow and raise money and give security for loans; and for those purposes the University shall have the authority to enter into any financial instrument which is ancillary or incidental to the exercise of such powers;
- (j) to exploit for the University's benefit a facility or resources of the University, including study, research or knowledge or the practical application of study, research or knowledge belonging to the University, whether alone or with someone else;
- (k) to constitute or dissolve Faculties, Schools, Institutes, Departments, Divisions and Centres of the University;
- (l) to confer on such persons as the Council considers worthy Honorary Degrees, Honorary Fellowships and Fellowships of the University and to revoke the same in accordance with the Ordinances and Regulations;
- (m) to promote and maintain a students' union for the benefit of the students of the University;
- (n) to appoint the Auditor who shall receive such remuneration as may be determined from time to time by the Council;
- (o) from time to time at any meeting of the Council to make, alter or revoke Ordinances and Regulations for the conduct of the business or affairs of the University, provided that notice of an intention to propose any amendments to or revocation of the existing Ordinances and Regulations or the making of any new Ordinances and Regulations shall have been given in the notice calling any such meeting;
- (p) to appoint and dismiss the President and Principal; and
- (q) to appoint and dismiss the person performing the role of Clerk to the Council.

Delegation by the Council

8. Subject to Statute 9 below, the Council may delegate its powers under the Charter, the Statutes and Ordinances and Regulations while remaining accountable to:
 - (a) an appropriately qualified member of the Council; or

(b) an appropriately qualified committee that contains one or more members of the Council; or

(c) an appropriately qualified member of the University's staff.

9. The Council may not delegate its powers:

- (a) to appoint and dismiss the President and Principal and to approve the President and Principal's terms and conditions of appointment;
- (b) to approve and monitor the strategic plan (along with associated annual business plans and risk management strategies) recommended by the President and Principal;
- (c) to amend the Charter and the Statutes;
- (d) to make University Ordinances;
- (e) to ensure the solvency of the University and safeguard its assets;
- (f) to adopt the University's Budget and Annual Accounts;
- (g) to appoint the University's Auditors; and
- (h) to amend the Council's terms of reference.

Powers of the Chair

10. The Chair of the Council who shall be known as the Chair of King's College London, shall be empowered to take action on behalf of the Council in any matter being in the Chair's opinion either urgent or non-contentious and shall report such action to the Council at its next meeting for confirmation.

Powers & Duties of the President and Principal

11. The President and Principal as the Chief Executive of the University shall:

- (a) have a general responsibility to the Council for ensuring that the objects of the University are fulfilled and for maintaining and promoting the efficiency, discipline and good order of the University and shall have such powers and duties as may be authorised by the Council;
- (b) subject to the provisions of the Charter and these Statutes, have power to admit as a student of the University anyone having the requisite qualifications, in accordance with Ordinances and Regulations;
- (c) have power in accordance with Ordinances and Regulations, which shall provide for a right of hearing and of appeal, to suspend or terminate the University registration of any student for reasons of academic insufficiency and to exclude any such student

from access to any property of the University;

- (d) have power, in accordance with Regulations, to suspend any employee of the University and to exclude any person from access to any property of the University;
- (e) have power to delegate any or all of the powers conferred by paragraphs 11(b), (c), (d) and (e) of this Statute to such person or persons as the President and Principal may think fit;
- (f) make an annual report to the Council.

Senior Executive Officers

- 12. The President and Principal may, with the approval of the Council, appoint one or more senior executive officers who shall, subject to these Statutes, assist the President and Principal in such matters as the President and Principal may from time to time delegate to them. One of their number may be appointed by the Principal and President to act for him or her in the event of their temporary absence. Where the office of the Principal and President is vacant or in the event of a prolonged absence or incapacity of the Principal and President, the Chairman of the Council may make an acting appointment to be confirmed by Council at the first opportunity.

The Auditor

- 13. The Council shall appoint an Auditor of the University who shall be a member of a recognised supervisory body (as defined in Section 1217 of the Companies Act 2006) who is eligible for the appointment under the rules of that body. No person shall be appointed or remain Auditor who is or any one of whose partners is a member of the Council.
- 14. The Auditor shall hold office for such period as the Council may think fit and shall be eligible for reappointment, and shall receive such remuneration as may be determined from time to time by the Council.
- 15. The Auditor shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to the books, records, accounts and vouchers of the University and shall be entitled to require such information and explanation as may be necessary for the performance of the Auditor's duties.
- 16. The Auditor shall make a report to the Council as to the accuracy of the Annual Accounts and the financial management of the University at least once in every year.
- 17. If the office of Auditor shall become vacant before the expiration of the Auditor's period of office, the Council shall forthwith appoint an Auditor for the remainder of that period.
- 18. The Auditor may resign by notice in writing addressed to the Clerk to the Council.

***Transitional Provision**

19. Statutes 7(p) and 9(a) shall only come into effect upon the Crown renouncing its power to appoint the President and Principal. This transitional provision shall become redundant following its implementation and at which point shall be deleted from the Statutes.