

Charter of the University

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 thirtieth day of November in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, grant a Charter (hereinafter referred to as “the Charter of 1893”) constituting and founding a University in and for Wales, the first paragraph of the first Article of which Charter is as follows:

“I. FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES

There shall be and there is hereby constituted and founded a University in and for Wales and the County of Monmouth (which County is to be deemed included in ‘Wales’ wherever Wales may hereinafter occur in this Our Charter) with the name of the University of Wales by which name the Chancellor and other members of the University of Wales for the time being shall be and are hereby constituted one body corporate with perpetual succession and a Common Seal and with power without any further licence in mortmain to take, purchase and hold and also to sell, grant, exchange, demise or otherwise dispose of real and personal property which University shall have the constitution and powers and be subject to the regulations in this Our Charter prescribed and contained and which University is in this Our Charter referred to as ‘the University’ ”:

AND WHEREAS the Charter of 1893 provided that women should be eligible equally with men for admittance to any Degree or office of the University:

AND WHEREAS in the years One thousand nine hundred and six, One thousand nine hundred and twenty, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-one and One thousand nine hundred and sixty Supplemental Charters were granted to the University (which last named Supplemental Charter is hereinafter referred to as “the Supplemental Charter of 1960”) and each of which have heretofore been revoked except the Supplemental Charter of 1960:

AND WHEREAS by an humble Petition presented unto Us in Our Council the University of Wales has prayed that We should be graciously pleased now to grant them a further Supplemental Charter:

AND WHEREAS We are minded to accede to the prayer of such Petition:

NOW KNOW YE that We, having taken into consideration the said Petition have willed and ordained and do, by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain that without prejudice to that part of Article I of the Charter of 1893 which constituted and founded the University as a body corporate with perpetual succession and a Common Seal, the whole of the Supplemental Charter of 1960 shall be and is hereby revoked and the provisions hereinafter contained shall be substituted therefor and so that any reference in any Charter of Incorporation or any deed, will or instrument of any kind to or to any provision of the Charter of 1893 or any of the before recited Supplemental Charters shall be read and construed as a reference to or to the most nearly corresponding provision or provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations made hereunder.

I THE NAME

The University of Wales shall henceforward be known either as “PRIFYSGOL CYMRU” or as “THE UNIVERSITY OF WALES” (hereinafter called “the University”) and may sue and be sued and may hold land and property and may bear Arms in either or both of such names or styles and may exhibit either or both of such names or styles upon its Common Seal.

II MEMBERSHIP

The following shall be Members of the University of Wales:

The Chancellor of the University (hereinafter called “the Chancellor”)

The Pro-Chancellor of the University (hereinafter called “the Pro-Chancellor”)

The Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive of the University (hereinafter called “the Vice-Chancellor”)

The members of the Council of the University (hereinafter called “the Council”)

The members of the Academic Board of the University (hereinafter called “the Academic Board”)

The Graduates (as defined in the Statutes) of the University

The members of the staff (as defined in the Statutes) of the University

All other persons and corporations who shall be declared by the Ordinances to be Members.

III THE AUTHORITIES

The authorities of the University are the persons or bodies on whom powers or duties to perform functions are conferred in accordance with this Our Supplemental Charter.

IV ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS AND AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS

A. There may be Accredited Institutions of the University.

B. There may be Affiliated Institutions of the University.

C. The initial Accredited Institutions and Affiliated Institutions of the University and the conditions and procedures under which an institution shall in future become or cease to be an Accredited Institution or an Affiliated Institution shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

V THE POWERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University shall have and enjoy the following powers:

- (a) To prescribe in the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations the requirements for matriculation.
- (b) To prescribe in the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations the designations of the degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions of the University.
- (c) To confer and grant under conditions laid down in the Statutes, or Ordinances or Regulations, Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic distinctions of the University upon and to persons who shall have pursued and successfully completed a scheme of study or research prescribed by Statute, Ordinance or Regulation.
- (d) To admit graduates of other Universities to Degrees of equal or similar rank in the University under conditions laid down by Statute, Ordinance or Regulation.
- (e) Under conditions to be prescribed in the Statutes or Ordinances to confer upon other institutions the status of Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution of the University.
- (f) Under conditions to be prescribed in the Statutes or Ordinances
 - (i) to grant to Accredited Institutions and Affiliated Institutions, and to other Associated Bodies the right to establish and operate schemes of study and programmes of research leading to awards of the University and to enrol students onto such schemes and programmes;
 - (ii) to determine arrangements for the assurance of quality and standards in respect of those schemes of study and programmes of research leading to awards of the University established in accordance with Article V(f)(i);

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- (iii) to grant, to any Accredited Institution and Affiliated Institution that shall have been granted its own taught degree awarding powers, delegated responsibility for matters relating to the quality and standards of schemes of study leading to awards of the University where such schemes of study shall be operated by the said institution or by any other Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution;
- (iv) to grant, to any Accredited Institution and Affiliated Institution that shall have been granted its own research degree awarding powers, delegated responsibility for matters relating to the quality and standards of programmes of research leading to awards of the University where such programmes of research shall be operated by the said institution or by any other Accredited Institution or Affiliated Institution.
- (g) From time to time, to review such decisions as may have been taken by the University further to the provisions of Article V(f) and, as the University may think fit, to
 - (i) confirm the rights and responsibilities granted under Article V(f)(i), Article V(f)(iii) and Article V(f)(iv);
 - (ii) determine conditions for the continuance of the rights and responsibilities granted under Article V(f)(i), Article V(f)(iii) and Article V(f)(iv); or
 - (iii) withdraw the rights and responsibilities granted under Article V(f)(i), Article V(f)(iii) and Article V(f)(iv).
- (h) To confer Honorary Degrees and other distinctions provided that all Honorary Degrees and Distinctions so conferred shall be conferred and held subject to any provisions which are or may be made in reference thereto by the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations of the University.
- (i) On what the University shall deem to be good cause to deprive persons of any Degrees or other distinctions conferred upon them by the University and to revoke any Diplomas or Certificates granted to them by the University and, if the University shall think fit, to restore to any person the Degree or other distinction of which he or she shall have been deprived or to reinstate any Diploma or Certificate which shall have been so revoked.
- (j) To provide for the association (other than by way of being Accredited or Affiliated Institutions) of other bodies and institutions upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as may from time to time be determined in the Statutes or the Ordinances.
- (k) To co-operate with other awarding bodies and other authorities for the conduct of examinations and for such other purposes as the University may from time to time determine.
- (l) To join in the government and administration of other Institutions in such manner as may now or hereafter be prescribed by the constitutional instruments of such other Institutions but so that powers so conferred upon the University shall be exercised subject to any conditions which may be prescribed by the Statutes or the Ordinances.
- (m) Under conditions to be prescribed in the Statutes or Ordinances to establish Professorships, Readerships and other academic offices of the University.
- (n) Under conditions to be prescribed in the Statutes or the Ordinances to confer upon any person the title of Professor or Reader or any other title of the University (and to withdraw any such title).
- (o) To institute such administrative offices and posts of the University as may be required and to provide for the appointment of persons thereto.
- (p) To institute and award University Fellowships, Studentships, Scholarships, Exhibitions, Bursaries and Prizes and other aids to study and research.
- (q) To make provision for research and advisory services and in furtherance of these objects to enter into such arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies as the University may think desirable.

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- (r) To provide for the printing and publication of research and other works.
- (s) To demand and receive fees.
- (t) To act as trustee or manager of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of education or of research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University and to invest any funds representing the same in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes.
- (u) To bear and display the armorial bearings granted to the University by Our College of Arms and, if the University shall think fit, to obtain such amendments and variations thereto as the University may deem desirable.
- (v) If the University shall deem it necessary, to appoint a person or persons to visit and report upon the buildings, equipment and general facilities in teaching and research at any body or institution which now provides or which may provide schemes of study or programmes of research leading to awards of the University.
- (w) To maintain, manage, deal with, dispose of and subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and of the Statutes to invest all the property, money, assets and rights of the University in such stocks, funds, shares, securities or investments (other than land) whatsoever and wheresoever situate (whether authorised by the general law for the investment of trust moneys or not so authorised) as the University shall think fit or in the purchase of land in Our United Kingdom whether by way of investment or for occupation and subject or not subject to leases or tenancies and to vary any investments including the realization of existing investments and to re-invest the net proceeds of the realization, provided that in the case of moneys held by the University as trustee the powers hereby conferred shall be exercised subject to the provisions of the law relating to investment by trustees.
- (x) To give guarantees to building societies, friendly societies, local authorities and insurance companies whether in pursuance of continuing arrangements or not.
- (y) To take such steps as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the University and to raise money in such other manner as the University may deem fit.
- (z) To do all such other acts and things (including if thought necessary the promotion of a Bill or Bills in Parliament) whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the work of the University.

VI THE VISITOR

We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University through the Lord President of Our Council for the time being and in exercise of the Visitorial Authority We, Our Heirs and Successors shall have the right from time to time and in such manner as We or They think fit to direct an inspection of the University and its buildings and general equipment and also an enquiry into the work of the University.

VII THE CHANCELLOR

There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be the Head of the University.

VIII THE PRO-CHANCELLOR

There shall be a Pro-Chancellor who shall exercise and perform all the functions of the Chancellor during a vacancy in that office and at other times shall exercise and perform such of the functions of the Chancellor as the Chancellor may delegate to the Pro-Chancellor.

IX THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

There shall be a Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of the University who shall be the Chief Academic and Executive Officer of the University and shall preside over the meetings of the Academic Board. The Vice-Chancellor shall have power to admit persons to Degrees of the University in accordance with this Our Supplemental Charter and the Statutes.

X DELETED

XI DELETED

XII THE OTHER OFFICES

In addition to the offices hereinbefore constituted there shall be such other offices of the University as may be prescribed by the Statutes.

XIII DELETED

XIV THE COUNCIL

There shall be a Council of the University (hereinafter called “the Council”) which subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and of the Statutes shall be the supreme governing body and the administrative authority of the University and shall have the custody and use of the Common Seal and shall be responsible for the management and administration of the funds, revenue, property and investments of the University and shall have general control over the conduct of the affairs of the University and shall have all such other powers, duties and functions as may be conferred upon it by the Statutes.

XV THE ACADEMIC BOARD

There shall be an Academic Board of the University (hereinafter called “the Academic Board”) which subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and the Statutes shall be responsible for all academic matters which fall within the purview of the University and shall have all such other powers, duties and functions as may be conferred upon it by the Statutes.

XVI DELETED

XVII UNIVERSITY ORGANISATIONS

There shall be established by Ordinance, subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and of the Statutes, such organisations of the University, its students or its Graduates as the University may from time to time consider desirable.

XVIII DELETED

XIX THE STATUTES

1. Subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter, Statutes may prescribe or regulate as the case may be:
 - (a) The status, appointment and continuance in office and the powers and duties of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor.
 - (b) The constitution, powers, duties and functions of the Council and the Academic Board.
 - (c) Such other matters as the University may determine, with respect to the governing of the University or otherwise for the promotion of the objects of this Our Supplemental Charter.

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2. The Statutes set out in the Schedule to this Our Supplemental Charter shall be the Statutes of the University and shall come into force at the date hereof and shall remain in force until they shall have been added to, amended or repealed in manner hereinafter provided.
3. (a) Subject to the provisions of Article V hereof the Council may by Resolution make Statutes for the University which may add to, amend or repeal the Statutes for the time being in force, provided that no such Statutes shall be made until the Academic Board shall have had an opportunity of considering the proposed Statutes and reporting thereon to the Council and that no such Statutes shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.
 - (b) The Academic Board shall have power to propose to the Council Statutes to be made by the Council.

XX THE ORDINANCES

1. The Statutes may direct that any of the matters prescribed or regulated by Statute as authorised or directed in this Our Supplemental Charter shall be further prescribed or regulated by Ordinance, provided that any such further prescription or regulation shall not be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter or the Statutes.
2. Ordinances shall be made by Resolution of Council provided that Ordinances directly affecting academic matters shall first have been considered by the Academic Board.
3. Ordinances may add to, amend or repeal Ordinances from time to time in force.

XXI THE REGULATIONS

1. Any of the matters prescribed or regulated by Ordinance as authorised or directed in this Our Supplemental Charter or in the Statutes may be further prescribed or regulated by Regulation provided that any such further prescription or Regulation shall not be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter, the Statutes or the Ordinances.
2. Regulations shall be made by Resolution of the Academic Board.
3. Regulations may add to, amend or repeal Regulations from time to time in force.

XXII THE STANDING ORDERS

Subject to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter and of the Statutes, the Ordinances and the Regulations, the Council, the Academic Board and other organisations of the University shall each have power to make Standing Orders to govern their own respective procedures with power from time to time to amend or repeal any such Standing Orders.

XXIII DELETED

XXIV DELETED

XXV DISTRIBUTIONS

The University shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its Members except by way of prize, reward or special grant.