

The Senate

Part 1 – The Membership of the Senate

1. The Senate shall consist of:
 - (a) the President, ex-officio, who shall be Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-Presidents, ex-officio;
 - (c) the Vice-President (Academics) cum Provost, ex-officio, who shall be Deputy Chairman;
 - (d) the Associate Vice-Presidents, ex-officio;
 - (e) the Deans, ex-officio;
 - (f) the Associate Deans (Undergraduate Studies), ex-officio;
 - (g) the Associate Dean (School of Data Science), ex-officio;
 - (h) the Associate Dean (School of Interdisciplinary Studies), ex-officio;
 - (i) the Associate Dean (School of Graduate Studies), ex-officio;
 - (j) the Chair Professors, ex-officio;
 - (k) the Heads of Academic Departments, ex-officio;
 - (l) the Director of Core Curriculum, ex-officio;
 - (m) the Librarian, ex-officio;
 - (n) the Director of Information Technology Services Centre, ex-officio;
 - (o) the Director of Service-Learning, ex-officio;
 - (p) the Director of Student Affairs, ex-officio;
 - (q) the Director of Teaching and Learning, ex-officio;
 - (r) the Director of Lingnan Institute of Further Education, ex-officio;
 - (s) the Registrar, ex-officio, who shall be Secretary;
 - (t) two members of the full-time academic staff elected by and from among their number in each of the following constituencies:
 - (i) Faculty of Arts;
 - (ii) Faculty of Business; and

- (iii) Faculty of Social Sciences
- (u) one member of the full-time academic staff elected by and from among their number in each of the following constituencies:
 - (i) School of Data Science;
 - (ii) School of Interdisciplinary Studies; and
 - (iii) School of Graduate Studies
- (v) one full-time student elected by and from among their number in each of the following constituencies:
 - (i) Faculty of Arts;
 - (ii) Faculty of Business;
 - (iii) Faculty of Social Sciences;
 - (iv) School of Data Science;
 - (v) School of Interdisciplinary Studies; and
 - (vi) School of Graduate Studies
- (w) one full-time undergraduate student and one full-time postgraduate student elected by and from the undergraduate and postgraduate students respectively in accordance with statutes and appointed by the President; and
- (x) up to two co-opted members recommended by the Chairman and appointed by the Senate.

Part 2 - Powers and Duties of the Senate

The Senate shall be the supreme academic body of the University and shall have the following powers and duties.

1. To promote and provide guidance for the development of academic courses and programmes of study which are in line with the objectives and educational philosophy of the University, and to keep the quality of such courses and programmes under constant review.
2. To advise the Council on any matter which is relevant to the educational work of the University, and in particular with respect to the establishment of any proposed new programme of study or academic award.
3. To direct, plan, co-ordinate, develop, oversee, regulate and promote all teaching, programmes of study, research and other academic work in the University, and to formulate policies accordingly.

4. To direct and regulate matters related to intellectual property rights and knowledge transfer.
5. To make recommendations to the Council or the President, as appropriate, on the facilities and services that are required to support the academic work of the University.
6. To make regulations from time to time in respect of the following matters:
 - (a) the assessment of proposals for developing new programmes and/or new courses;
 - (b) the conduct of examinations and other forms of assessment of students;
 - (c) the admission, progression, registration and residence of students;
 - (d) the conditions for the academic awards of the University;
 - (e) the use of University libraries, laboratories, workshops and other educational facilities; and
 - (f) the award of student scholarships, bursaries and other prizes based on academic performance of the students.
7. To recommend to the Council the establishment of awards of distinction and honours.
8. To approve the appointment of external examiners and external academic advisors.
9. To decide in accordance with the regulations which persons have met the requirements for academic awards other than honorary degrees of the University.
10. To decide if any student is required to terminate his/her studies at the University either on academic or disciplinary grounds.
11. To decide on matters affecting the welfare and discipline of students.
12. To determine the academic calendar (with the exception of the dates of meetings of the Court and the Council).
13. To consider and report to the Council on matters referred to the Senate by the Council.

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