

## **Ordinance 12**

### **Students' Union**

#### **1 Status**

- 1.1 The Students' Union approved by the University's Board of Trustees as the students' union of the University in accordance with **Article 9.1** of the Charter is University of Bristol Students' Union, constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee (registered charity number 1139656; company number 6977417).
- 1.2 The Students' Union is a "students' union" within the meaning of the Education Act 1994 (the "**Act**").

#### **2 Governance**

- 2.1 The Students' Union will conduct and manage its own affairs and funds in accordance with its articles of association from time to time (the "**Articles**").

#### **3 Responsibilities of the University's Board of Trustees**

- 3.1 The University's Board of Trustees is required under Part II of the Act to take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that the Students' Union operates in a fair and democratic manner and is accountable for its finances. In order to comply with this duty, the University's Board of Trustees has:
  - 3.1.1 Approved the Articles, which meet the requirements of the Act and which reserve certain powers to the University's Board of Trustees and require a review by the University's Board of Trustees at intervals of no less than five years. Any amendments to the Articles require the prior approval of the University's Board of Trustees.
  - 3.1.2 Published a Code of Practice setting out the manner in which the requirements of the Act are to be carried into effect in relation to the Students' Union (the "**Code of Practice**").

#### **4 Finances and University funding**

- 4.1 The University shall make financial contributions to the Students' Union on an annual basis of such amounts as the University's Board of Trustees determines from time to time. The Students' Union may make recommendations to the University's Board of Trustees in relation to such funding which the University's Board of Trustees may act upon (at its absolute discretion).
- 4.2 The University may make such arrangements (including such terms as to the payment of rent, repair and such other matters as may be agreed from time to time by the University and the Students' Union) for the use or occupation of such parts of the University's premises by the Students' Union as the University's Board of Trustees determines from time to time.
- 4.3 The Students' Union shall comply with the requirements of the Code of Practice and the Articles in relation to the approval of its budget in respect of each financial year and the submission to the University's Board of Trustees of its audited accounts and other information as may be required by the University in order to fulfil its obligations under Part II of the Act.