

Ordinance 9

Student and Academic Status and University Membership

1 Students

- 1.1 Student status is acquired on registration by the University and terminates in the event of any of the following:
- 1.1.1 receipt of the academic award for which the Student is registered;
 - 1.1.2 the end of the maximum period of study for the course of study for which the Student is registered, excluding periods of suspension and including periods of extension which have been accepted by the University, as prescribed by Academic Regulation;
 - 1.1.3 the Student being required to leave the University, provided that they will retain Student status pending any internal appeal; or
 - 1.1.4 the Student otherwise leaving the course of study for which they are registered.
- 1.2 Academic Regulations govern the arrangements made by the University for Students' education and learning including the academic awards and courses of study, payment of fees by Students, use of the Library and discipline.
- 1.3 On the recommendation of the appropriate examination board, subject to the overriding authority of Senate, the University will grant an academic award to any Student who has fulfilled the conditions for that award prescribed by the University. Senate will establish Academic Regulations covering all academic awards except honorary degrees and fellowships and the conduct of their assessment.

2 Assessment of academic awards

- 2.1 **Ordinance 9.2.2** shall apply if:
- 2.1.1 any act or omission on the part of a member or members of the academic Staff or any other persons appointed to deal with examinations or assessment within the University; or
 - 2.1.2 any circumstances which are beyond the reasonable control of the University;
- shall in the opinion of the Board of Trustees disable the University from conducting examinations and assessment in the normal way.
- 2.2 If this **Ordinance 9.2.2** applies then, notwithstanding the provisions of the Ordinances and Academic Regulations, the Board of Trustees may order that the Vice-Chancellor representing Senate as its Chair and acting in the Vice-Chancellor's absolute discretion in what they consider to be in the best interests of the University and its Students shall have the power (after consulting with such members of Senate as the Vice-Chancellor considers appropriate) to:
- 2.2.1 determine what methods of examination and assessment of a Student's ability or proficiency shall be adopted by any relevant internal examiners and the relevant external examiners of the University for the purpose of:
 - (a) the award of any degree, diploma or certificate of the University;
 - (b) the classification of any degree of the University;

- (c) the assessment of satisfactory performance or proficiency before any Student is allowed to pass from one part of a programme of study or one University year to another; and

2.2.2 exercise the authorities of University examination boards to approve the award of any degree, diploma or certificate so examined or assessed.

2.3 An order pursuant to **Ordinance 9.2.2** may be made subject to any such conditions as the Board of Trustees may determine, including any period after which the order and/or its implementation shall be reviewed.

3 Student grievances

3.1 In accordance with the Board of Trustees' primary responsibilities under **Ordinance 1.1.2.3**, the Board shall determine the procedures under which grievances may be brought by Students, which shall include provision for the Board of Trustees, subject to **Ordinance 9.3.2**, to investigate and if appropriate redress a grievance brought by a Student.

3.2 The Board of Trustees may, at its discretion and pursuant to its power under **Statute 3.5**, appoint a committee to carry out its functions in relation to Student grievances under **Ordinance 9.3.1**.

4 Academic status

4.1 Persons other than members of Staff who are involved in the University's teaching or research may be accorded academic status for a specified period in accordance with Academic Regulations.

4.2 Persons accorded academic status may be given a title and shall be eligible to examine Students and permitted to use the Library and other University facilities.

5 Congregations

5.1 Congregations of the University shall be held at least annually to confer degrees.

5.2 Degrees shall be conferred by the Chancellor or, in their absence, the Vice-Chancellor in accordance with **Articles 12** and **15** of the Charter.

5.3 Recipients of degrees (other than honorary degrees) shall be presented for admission by the Pro Vice-Chancellor & Executive Dean of the Faculty awarding the degree or by another senior member of the Faculty nominated by them.

6 Academic Year

6.1 The Academic Year of the of the University shall run from 1 August to 31 July.

7 Members of the University

7.1 The following are members of the University:

7.1.1 Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors.

7.1.2 Trustees.

7.1.3 Students.

7.1.4 Staff.

7.1.5 Members of the Court.

- 7.1.6 Members of the Alumni Association.
- 7.1.7 Honorary Fellows.
- 7.1.8 Emeritus and Honorary Professors.