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1. Membership

1.1 The Senate shall comprise the following:

- (a) The Vice-Chancellor (Chair)
- (b) Any Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Pro Vice-Chancellors
- (c) All Heads of Colleges
- (d) All Heads of Schools
- (e) All Heads of Interdisciplinary institutes approved for this purpose
- (f) One representative of each academic School, to be appointed by each School
- (g) Five student representatives, appointed by the Students' Union
- (h) Up to five individuals who are co-opted members and approved by the Senate
- (i) Up to ten independent academic members

1.2. The Secretary to the Senate shall be the University Secretary or their nominee. Other officers may attend Senate meetings in an advisory capacity or as observers.

1.3 Other individuals may attend Senate meetings on the invitation of the Chair.

1.4 The Independent Academic Members of the Senate shall be appointed in the following manner:

- (i) When a vacancy in the independent academic representation is about to occur, the Secretary to the Senate shall inform all members of the Academic Staff currently in post of the fact and shall call for nominations.
- (ii) Each nomination sent to the Secretary to the Senate shall be signed by a proposer and seconder and shall be accompanied by a statement by or on behalf of the candidate of willingness to serve.
- (iii) If more than ten nominations are received, the Secretary to the Senate shall arrange for a ballot of all those invited to submit nominations and the vacancy shall be filled by the candidates receiving the largest number of votes. The manner of the election, save as here provided, shall be in the discretion of the University Secretary.
- (iv) The result of the election shall be published by the Secretary to the Senate.
- (v) Any casual vacancy arising shall be filled as it arises by a procedure similar to that specified above. Any person appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall serve for the remaining period of the vacancy arising.
- (vi) The period of office shall be three years beginning on the first day of August following election and representatives are eligible for re-election upon the expiry of one term.

- 1.5. The Senate shall normally meet on four occasions each academic year.
- 1.6 All members shall have the right, when addressing the Senate, to speak in either Welsh or English.
- 1.7. The Senate is the academic authority of the University and is the ruling body on matters which require academic judgement. Examples of such matters are:
 - Regulations relating to degree programmes and students
 - Student assessment, progression and appeals
 - Student registration or the termination of studies
 - Student discipline
 - The award of prizes, scholarships etc.
 - The length and structure of the academic year
 - Timetabling issues
 - Individual student cases.
- 1.8 The Senate may also engage in discussion of strategic matters affecting the academic domain.

2. Statement of Primary Responsibilities

Subject to the provisions of the Charter and Statutes the Senate shall the following powers and functions, which it may delegate to the committees which it establishes:

- 2.1 To oversee and regulate teaching and research within the University and the examinations and assessments conducted by the University.
- 2.2 To make such Regulations as it considers necessary or desirable to the purpose of carrying out its functions as defined in the Charter.
- 2.3 To award degrees and other distinctions (including without limitation, diplomas, certificates, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary fellowships, membership and associateships) in the name of Bangor University and / or jointly with other education institutions.
- 2.4 With good cause, to revoke degrees and other distinctions (including without limitation diplomas, certificates, fellowships, honorary degrees, honorary fellowships, memberships and associateships) awarded in the name of Bangor University and / or jointly with other education institutions.
- 2.5 To regulate the discipline of the students of the University in respect of both academic and non-academic matters.
- 2.6 To regulate student complaints and appeals in respect of both academic and non-academic matters.
- 2.7 To regulate the procedures for instituting and awarding Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Bursaries and Prizes and to receive an annual report on the awards made.
- 2.8 To make recommendations to Council on the length and structure of the academic year, and timetabling.

- 2.9 To determine which members of staff shall have academic status, and to approve Honorary Appointments on the recommendation of the Dean or Head of School
- 2.10 To consider, and where appropriate to approve, all proposals for academic affiliation to or association with Bangor University or other institutions or departments or branches thereof
- 2.11 To appoint two members of the Senate to be members of the Council.
- 2.12 To comment on changes to the Charter and Statutes proposed by the Council.
- 2.13 To report to the Council on any academic matter
- 2.14 To report on any matter referred to the Senate by the Council.