



## Ordinance 8 The Council: Membership

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## **ORDINANCE 8**

### **THE COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP**

1. The total Council membership – which shall have a majority of members not employed by the University and not students nor student representatives – shall not exceed 18 voting members. Council may appoint additional co-opted members provided the overall number of members is consistent with Statute. Council membership shall consist of the following categories:

1. Independent Members

The Chair of Council (ex-officio); the Deputy Chair (ex-officio); and up to nine other members, not employed by the University and not students nor student representatives, appointed by the Council in accordance with Ordinance.

Independent Members shall not normally serve on the Council for more than nine consecutive years in any capacity. When an Independent Member has served that maximum permitted period, they shall be ineligible for further re-appointment to Council until a period of three years has elapsed.

2. Ex-officio staff Members

The Vice-Chancellor; and one of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors or Pro Vice-Chancellors, with that individual nominated by the Vice-Chancellor at the start of each academic year to serve on Council for the remainder of that year.

3. Senate Members

Up to two members of academic staff (as defined in Statute 1), elected by and from the Senate.

4. Non-academic Staff Members

One member elected by and from the Staff (other than the Academic Staff).

5. Student Representative Members

Two Students or Student Representatives, elected from and by the Students' Organisation.

6. Co-opted Members

Such other individuals (not being members of staff, students, nor student representatives of the University) as may be co-opted by the Council. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of Council and shall not be registered as Trustees of the University.

2. The means of appointment to membership of Council shall be as prescribed by Ordinance.

3. Disclosure

All persons nominated for appointment or reappointment shall be required, before any appointment is made, to disclose any information that may be of relevance to their position as a member of Council, if appointed. This shall include any interest, financial or otherwise, that is likely or could be perceived as likely to interfere with the individual independent judgement as a member of the Council. Such information shall be made known to the Council at the time of the appointment or reappointment.