

## Ordinance 15

# The Senate: Statement of Primary Responsibilities

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The Senate shall be the academic authority of the University and shall be responsible to the Council, and shall provide assurance to the Council, for: academic quality in teaching and research, managing and approving the academic portfolio, and managing the regulation of the academic interests of the institution.

Decisions of Senate, unless otherwise specifically provided for, shall be taken by a majority of those members present and voting.

#### List of Primary Responsibilities

The Senate shall, subject to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances, and in addition to all other powers delegated to it by the Council, have the following powers:

1. Either on behalf of the University or jointly with other institutions, to approve awards, degrees and other academic distinctions upon and to those persons who have pursued and successfully completed a scheme of study or research approved by the Senate, and upon and to persons who hold academic distinctions of equal or similar rank conferred by any other college or institution of higher education.
2. For good cause to deprive persons of any academic distinctions or titles to be conferred upon them by the University, and to revoke any degree or other award granted to them by the University and to withdraw all privileges connected therewith.
3. To present for awards, degrees and other academic distinctions of other bodies those persons who under the supervision of the University have pursued and successfully completed a scheme of study or research approved by those bodies.
4. To consider and, where appropriate, to approve, all proposals for the academic affiliation or association of the University with other institutions or organisations – including the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol or any successor body – and, where appropriate, to put in place suitable procedures to monitor such affiliations or associations. Where an affiliation or association involves the granting of Aberystwyth University awards, degrees and other academic distinctions by another institution, Senate's approval of such proposals shall be reported for information to Council. Senate shall be advised on such matters by the Resources and Performance Committee where significant financial or legal considerations arise.
5. To ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the academic performance, effectiveness and quality of the Institution against the plans and key performance indicators agreed by the Council.
6. Where necessary, to inquire into the research, teaching, staffing and general work of any Institute, Department and other academic units of the University and to review, amend, refer back or revise any academic decision of such Institute, Department or academic unit of the University.
7. To make recommendations to the Council for the creation, abolition and change of name of academic units.
8. To be responsible for portfolio management and to direct, regulate and control all the teaching, schemes of study and examinations of the University, and to determine the conditions under which persons shall be admitted to the University and to any particular scheme of study or research.

9. To determine the conditions relating to academic performance and the proper pursuit of studies under which students shall be permitted to continue their studies in the University and the sanctions which are to be applied to any student who fails to satisfy the examiners at any examination of the University of his or her satisfactory progress.
10. To regulate the discipline of the students and, subject to the provisions of the Statutes and Ordinances, to suspend any student from any class or classes and / or to exclude any student from the whole or any part of the University or its precincts.
11. To award studentships, scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other grants for the encouragement of study and research.
12. To make recommendations to the Council concerning the award and any revocation of Fellowships and other distinctions *honoris causa*.
13. To determine which members of the staff shall have academic status.
14. To prescribe the academic dress to be worn by the Officers and members of the University and the occasions on which it shall be worn.

At its discretion, Senate may delegate the discharge of any of the above functions to one or more sub-committees or officers, provided that the sub-committees in question submit reports to Senate describing how that delegation has been implemented.