

## **Ordinance 6 – The Court**

### **6.1 Constitution of the Court**

The following shall be members of the Court:

- a. Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors, University Treasurer and Vice-Chancellor.
- b. Chairs of the Audit, Assurance and Risk and Remuneration Committees.
- c. Six members appointed by the Senate, such that each of the Faculties is represented by one Professor and one member of the non-professorial academic staff.
- d. President of the Students' Union and one other student member appointed by the Students' Union.
- e. Ten Alumni representatives appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- f. Six representatives from the Education Sector appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- g. One representative each from Swansea Bay University Health Board and Hywel Dda University Health Board.
- h. The Lord Mayor of the City of Swansea.
- i. Chief Executives of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot Councils.
- j. His Majesty's Lieutenant for the County of West Glamorgan.
- k. The High Sheriff for the County of West Glamorgan.
- l. Five representatives from the local authorities appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- m. Six Members of Senedd Cymru and the UK Parliament appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- n. One representative from each of the recognised Campus Unions in the University.
- o. Seventeen representatives from learned societies, scientific and professional bodies, and religious, community and other organisations appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- p. Eight representatives from industry, business and entrepreneurship appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- q. Current Life Members of Court appointed by the Council.

- r. Twenty Emeritus Professors of the University appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.
- s. Five co-opted members appointed in accordance with procedures determined by Council.

## **6.2 Terms of Membership**

- 6.2.1 With the exception of ex-officio members, membership of Court shall be four-years from the date of appointment, or for a period specified by Council at the time of appointment, subject to members continuing to hold the relevant office or continuing to be eligible for appointment by the constituency from which they are appointed.
- 6.2.2 Members coming to the end of their terms may be considered for re-appointment or re-election.
- 6.2.3 A member of the Court may resign at any time by writing to the Secretary of the Court.
- 6.2.4 Any casual vacancy, howsoever occurring, shall be filled as soon as convenient.
- 6.2.5 Members of the Court in their capacity as members of the Court shall not be paid any fees or expenses by the University.

## **6.3 Powers of the Court**

- 6.3.1 The Court, a statutory body established under the University's Charter, provides a forum through which the University can engage and maintain strong links with its stakeholders and receive feedback and advice on matters relating to University business.
- 6.3.2 The Court normally meets annually to receive reports on the achievements, performance, finances, and workings of the University, and to appoint co-opted members of the Court. The Court may also receive presentations on other aspects of the broad range of activities undertaken within the University. The Court may also provide a source of ideas, influence and support to assist the University in implementing its strategy and achieving its strategic ambitions.
- 6.3.3 The Court has the right to discuss, ask questions, comment, and offer feedback and advice on these matters and on any matter concerning the business of the University. While the outcomes of the Court's discussions are advisory, the Court can make representations to the Council on any matter affecting the University.
- 6.3.4 All responsibilities and powers of governance rest entirely and absolutely with the Council and all responsibilities for management rest with the Vice-Chancellor's Senior Leadership Team. The Court does not take part in the day-to-day affairs, decision-making or governance processes of the University, but acts an important link with its stakeholders, fostering engagement, responsiveness and accountability.
- 6.3.5 In addition to Court's formal responsibilities, the University may from time to time seek support and advice on specific projects and activities where individual members are known to have particular knowledge, experience or networks that may benefit or support the work of the University. Court members are also encouraged to act as ambassadors for the University increasing awareness of the University's achievements, expertise and aspirations locally, regionally, nationally and internationally; to contribute through their

networks and expertise to specific areas of the University's work, such as student employability, and to engage with the University through its events. The Annual Meeting also provides an opportunity for Court members to network and to meet with members of the University community and other stakeholders.

#### **6.4 Meetings of the Court**

- 6.4.1 The Court shall ordinarily meet annually in each academic year, at such day and hour as shall be determined by the Council. The Chancellor (or in the absence of the Chancellor, a Pro-Chancellor) shall preside over and chair meetings of the Court.
- 6.4.2 Notice of the Annual General Meeting together with an indication of the business to be transacted shall be circulated to members by the Secretary to the Court at least twenty-one days before the date of each meeting. The agenda and papers for the meeting shall be circulated at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- 6.4.3 Where members of the Court are requested to propose a person for election as a member of the Court, the name of the person proposed shall be sent to the Secretary to the Court at least twelve days before the date of the meeting.
- 6.4.4 Twenty-five members of the Court shall form a quorum.
- 6.4.5 Special Meetings to exercise any of the powers of the Court may be convened at any time by the Chancellor; the Council; or 25 members of the Court subject to the Chancellor having the authority to postpone business to the next Annual General Meeting of the Court if there has already been one special meeting in the previous twelve months. Notice of a Special Meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary to the Court at least twenty-one days before the date of each meeting, and an agenda and supporting papers shall be circulated to members at least seven days before the Special Meeting, and no business other than that specified on such agenda shall be considered.
- 6.4.6 Any recommendation to the Council from the Court shall require the assent of the majority of members present at the meeting.
- 6.4.7 The proceedings of meetings of the Court shall be conducted at the discretion of the Chair in general accordance with the Regulations for the Conduct of Meetings, as approved by Council.