9. THE SENATE

9.1 Election of Members of the Academic Assembly to serve on the Senate

(a) The University Secretary shall give notice to the Chair of the Academic Assembly of the number of vacancies on the Senate when these are to be filled by election from the Academic Assembly. The Chair shall give notice to all members of the Academic Assembly that seconded nominations for election are to be submitted to the University Secretary not later than a specified date.

(b) After receipt of nominations the University Secretary shall issue a voting paper to all members of the Academic Assembly who are eligible to vote containing the names of the members nominated for election. The University Secretary shall specify the latest date by which voting papers are to be returned.

(c) The votes shall be counted under the direction of the University Secretary.

(d) In accordance with Section 18.1(b)(ii) of the Statutes, the number of Professors elected to serve on the Senate by the Academic Assembly shall not exceed three at any one time.

(e) If one or more of the vacancies is for a member to serve for less than three years, then the person with the lowest number of votes among those elected shall serve for the shortest period.

(f) Members of Senate elected by Academic Assembly who are subsequently promoted to a Professorship be required to resign their original elected membership of Senate.

9.2 Appointment of Twelve Professors to serve on the Senate

The following procedure shall be adopted to elect twelve Professors to serve on Senate under the provisions of Section 18.1(b)(i) of the Statutes:

(a) An election shall be held once in each year.

(b) The University Secretary shall, at the appropriate time, notify all the professors who are not members of Senate ex-officio that the said election is about to be conducted.

(c) Any professor so notified may, by the date prescribed by the University Secretary, withdraw from the list of candidates for that year.
If the number of candidates remaining after the prescribed date does not exceed twelve, the University Secretary shall declare those candidates elected.

If the number exceeds twelve an election shall be conducted in the following manner:

(i) Any candidate who has been a member of the Senate under the provisions of this section of the Statutes in the session previous to the session to which the election relates shall be declared elected automatically for one further year, provided that the period of continuous service on Senate under the said provisions does not thereby exceed three years.

(ii) The University Secretary shall declare the number of vacancies which remain to be filled and shall then conduct an election among the remaining candidates by postal ballot.

(iii) The University Secretary shall issue a voting paper to all Professors who are eligible to vote containing the names of the Professors standing for election and the latest date by which voting papers are to be returned. The votes shall be counted under the direction of the University Secretary.

(iv) Each voter shall have as many votes as there are vacancies. When the votes have been counted, the University Secretary shall issue a second voting paper containing the names of the eight candidates who have received the greatest number of votes. Ties in the first ballot shall be included in the second ballot. Each voter in the second ballot shall have as many votes as there are vacancies.

(v) The candidates who have received the greatest number of votes in the second ballot shall be declared elected. Ties in the second ballot shall be resolved by drawing lots.

(vi) In the event of a casual vacancy, the unsuccessful candidate who had the next highest number of votes in the second ballot is appointed. If there is more than one unsuccessful candidate tied on the next highest number of votes, this will be resolved by drawing lots.

9.3 Chair of the Programmes and Partnerships Approval Committee

The Chair of the Programmes and Partnerships Approval Committee shall be an ex-officio member of Senate.

9.4 Student Members of Senate

The student members of Senate are the President and Education Officer of the SU and one undergraduate and one postgraduate elected by campus ballot.

Approved by Council
1st August 2014