

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Statement of Primary Responsibilities

This Statement is based on the Model Statement contained in the Higher Education Code of Governance published by the Committee of University Chairs, adapted to reflect the powers and responsibilities that the Board of Governors derives from the University Statutes. Accordingly, this Statement should be read alongside Statute VI (Board of Governors).

The primary responsibilities of Council are as follows;

1. In furtherance of the Objects of the University, and in consultation with the Senate, approve and keep under regular review the mission and strategic direction of the University. As a consequence, to review and approve short, medium and long-term strategic objectives and key performance indicators, ensuring that these meet the interests of stakeholders.
2. Delegate authority to the President and Vice-Chancellor in the manner provided for in Statutes X, XI and XII for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and human resource management of the University, and establish and keep under regular review the procedures and limits within which such management functions will be carried out by and under the authority of the President and Vice-Chancellor.
3. Establish a process to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the University in achieving strategic objectives using approved key performance indicators benchmarked against other comparable institutions.
4. Ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment, and procedures for handling internal grievances and managing conflicts of interest.
5. Establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the governing body itself.
6. Conduct its business in accordance with current best practice in other sectors, including public sector, and higher education corporate governance and with the principles of public life drawn up by the Committee of Standards in Public Life, and appoint and constitute such committees in furtherance thereof as it may from time to time deem to be appropriate.
7. Safeguard the good name and values of the institution and to be responsible for the ethical governance of the University.
8. Appoint the following (i) and ii) in consultation with the Senate, iii) on the recommendation of the Senate);
 - i) the President and Vice-Chancellor;
 - ii) the Deans of Faculty and;
 - iii) the external examiners of the University
9. Establish suitable arrangements for monitoring the performance of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor and set appropriate remuneration.

10. Appoint, in consultation with the Senate, a Registrar and Secretary who, in addition to serving as Secretary to the Board (and in this capacity being accountable to the Board), shall be the Chief Operating Officer and Head of Administration of the University, responsible to the President and Vice-Chancellor for the provision of administrative and support services required for the effective and efficient conduct of the University.
11. To be the employing authority for all staff of the University.
12. Appoint persons to represent the University in pursuance of any powers conferred on the University otherwise than under the Charter and these Statutes.
13. To be the principal financial and business authority of the institution, to ensure that proper books of account are kept for the University and its subsidiary undertakings, to approve the annual budget and financial statements, and to have overall responsibility for the institution's assets, property and estate.
14. Present to the General Assembly the annual financial statements prepared in accordance with the proper books of account and reflecting current best practice in other sectors, including public sector, and higher education corporate governance, together with an Annual Report on the work of the University, and to receive and consider the opinion of the General Assembly thereon.
15. To be the institution's legal authority and, as such, to ensure that systems are in place for meeting all the institution's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in the institution's name.
16. To be responsible for effective planning, ongoing control, monitoring and review of the University's health and safety management procedures.
17. Make such provision as it may from time to time see fit for the residence of the students and, in consultation with the Senate, for their general welfare.
18. As required, appoint appeal bodies for hearing appeals by students as provided for in Statute XXI.2.
19. Act as trustee of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of research, scholarship, learning or teaching, whether in the University or elsewhere, or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University.
20. At such times as it may see fit, to require the Senate to provide evidence that the principles of academic governance provided for in these Statutes are being properly upheld and exercised.
21. Consider and report on any opinion on any matter relating to the work of the University, including proposals of the Board for the amendment of the Charter and these Statutes, that may have been received from either the General Assembly or the Senate, on reference from the Board or otherwise.
22. On the recommendation of the Senate, award degrees *honoris causa* pursuant to Statute XX.5, and revoke degrees or other academic distinctions pursuant to Statute XX.

23. Ensure that the institution's constitution is followed at all times and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.

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