

# Supplemental Charter of the University of Liverpool

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS Her Majesty Queen Victoria did, on the eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, grant a Charter constituting and founding a College in Her City of Liverpool by the name of 'University College, Liverpool':

AND WHEREAS His Majesty King Edward the Seventh did, on the fifteenth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and three, grant a Charter of Incorporation for a University in His City of Liverpool by the name and style of 'The University of Liverpool':

AND WHEREAS the Royal Assent was given on the fourteenth day of August, One thousand nine hundred and three, to an Act of Parliament whereby all the property and liabilities of the said University College were transferred to the said University of Liverpool:

AND WHEREAS the said Charter incorporating the University of Liverpool provided for the constitution and government of the University and the management of its affairs and divers other matters, including the enactment of Statutes for regulating all matters connected with the government and administration of the University:

AND WHEREAS by the said Charter the Court of the University was designated as the Supreme Governing Body of the University:

AND WHEREAS the Court of the University has presented to Us in Our Council a humble Petition showing that it is desirable that certain restrictions by which the University has hitherto been bound should be removed and that certain of the provisions made for its constitution and government should be amended:

AND WHEREAS the said Petition of the University prayed for the grant of a Supplemental Charter:

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW YE that We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration have of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion willed and ordained and do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and ordain as follows:

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\* By the addition of the present Clause 18.

- 1 The said Charter of 1903 (except in so far as it incorporates the University of Liverpool, hereinafter called the University, and confers upon it perpetual succession and authorises it to have a Common Seal and to sue and be sued) shall be and is hereby revoked; but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the said Charter or under the provisions of Statute 41 as scheduled to these Presents.
- 2 The University shall consist of the Chancellor for the time being, the holders for the time being of the offices of Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, President of the Council, Vice-President of the Council, Treasurer, Deputy-Treasurer, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dean of a Faculty of the University, the members for the time being of the Court, the Council, the Senate, the Boards of the Faculties and the Convocation of the University, the undergraduates of the University and all others who shall pursuant to this Our Charter and the Statutes of the University for the time being be members of the University, and shall from henceforth for ever be continued and confirmed as one body corporate and politic by the name of 'The University of Liverpool' and by the same name shall continue to have perpetual succession and a Common Seal, with the power, subject to the Customs and Laws of Arms, to acquire armorial bearings which shall be duly recorded in Our College of Arms and in that name to sue and be sued and to take and hold land and to do all other lawful acts whatsoever.
- 3 We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens of the Kingdom and the other Realms and Territories aforesaid, shall be and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University of Liverpool through the Lord President of Our Council for the time being and in exercise of the Visitorial Authority We and Our Heirs and Successors shall have the right from time to time and in such manner as We or They shall think fit to direct an inspection of the University, its buildings, laboratories and general equipment and also of the examinations, teaching and other work done by the University.
- 4 There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be *ex-officio* head of the University and President of the Court.
- 5 There shall be two Pro-Chancellors of the University. One of the Pro-Chancellors as prescribed by the Statutes of the University shall act as Chancellor during a vacancy in that office or during the absence or inability of the Chancellor.
- 6 There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be the principal Academic and Administrative Officer of the University and *ex-officio* Chairman of the Senate.
- 7 There shall be a President of the Council of the University who shall be *ex-officio* a Pro-Chancellor.
- 8 There shall be a Vice-President of the Council of the University who shall act as President during a vacancy in that office or during the absence or inability of the President.
- 9 There shall be a Treasurer of the University.
- 10 There shall be a Deputy-Treasurer of the University who shall act as Treasurer during a vacancy in that office or during the absence or inability of the Treasurer.
- 11 There shall be one or more Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University. A Pro-Vice-Chancellor as prescribed by the Statutes of the University shall act as Vice-Chancellor during a vacancy in that office or during the absence or inability of the Vice-Chancellor.
- 12 There shall be a Dean of each Faculty of the University.
- 13 There shall be a Court of the University which subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes of the University shall elect the Chancellor and three members of the University Council and shall have the right to receive reports on the working of the University. Statutes of the University shall prescribe and regulate the constitution, powers and business of the Court, the election and continuance in office of the members of the Court, the filling of

vacancies among the members and all other matters relating to the Court which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.

- 14 There shall be a Council of the University which, subject to the Statutes of the University, shall be the governing body of the University and shall have the custody and use of the Common Seal, the management and administration of the whole revenue and property of the University and the conduct of all the affairs of the University. It shall be the duty of the Council, from time to time, to bring before the Court or the Senate any matters which in its opinion should be dealt with by these bodies respectively. The members of the Council who are members of the Senate (other than the Vice-Chancellor) or of the academic staff of the University shall not be less in number than one-fifth or more in number than two-fifths of the total membership of the Council. Statutes of the University shall prescribe and regulate the constitution, powers and duties of the Council, the election and continuance in office of the members of the Council, the filling of vacancies among the members and all other matters relating to the Council which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.
- 15 There shall be a Senate of the University consisting of the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Deans of all the Faculties, all the Professors of the University and such other persons as may be prescribed by the Statutes, which, subject to the control by the Council as prescribed by the Statutes, shall regulate, and superintend the education and discipline of undergraduates and other students of the University. Statutes of the University shall prescribe and regulate the powers and duties of the Senate and all other matters relating to the Senate which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.
- 16\* There shall be Faculties of Arts, Science, Medicine, Engineering and Veterinary Science and such other Faculties either in addition to or in substitution for the aforesaid Faculties or any of them as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes of the University.
- 17 There shall be a Board of each Faculty, Statutes of the University shall prescribe who shall, in addition to the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean of the Faculty and the Professors in the subjects of the Faculty, be members of the several Boards of the Faculties and shall regulate the powers and duties of the Boards of the Faculties, the election, appointment and continuance in office of Deans, and all other matters relating to the Faculties and the Board of the Faculties which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.
- 18 Subject to the Statutes of the University any power exercisable by the Court, the Council, the Senate or the Board of a Faculty of the University and any duty imposed by this Our Charter or by the Statutes of the University upon the Court, the Council, the Senate or the Board of a Faculty of the University may be delegated by the Court, the Council, the Senate or the Board of a Faculty respectively (hereinafter called 'the delegating body') to any committee and the delegating body may resolve that, for so long as the delegation remains in force, the power shall be exercisable wholly or in part by the committee and not by the delegating body and the duty shall be the duty wholly or in part of the committee and not of the delegating body: Provided that any such delegation shall be revocable at any time by the delegating body but such revocation shall not affect the validity of anything done by the committee theretofore by virtue of the delegation.
- 19 There shall be a Convocation of the University consisting of the duly registered graduates and such other persons as the Statutes may prescribe. The Convocation shall have such and so many representatives in the Court and on such conditions as may be provided by the Statutes of the University. Statutes of the University shall prescribe and regulate the conditions for registration, as a member of the Convocation, the constitution, functions, privileges and all other matters relating to the said Convocation which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.
- 20 There shall be one Guild of Students and a Representative Council of the Guild. The Representative Council shall have such and so many representatives in the Court and on

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\* Subject to approval by the Privy Council.

such conditions as may be provided by the Statutes of the University. Statutes of the University shall prescribe and regulate the constitution, functions, privileges and all other matters relating to the said Guild which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.

- 21 The University shall be both a teaching and an examining body, shall provide for instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit and shall make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge.
- 22 The University shall have power to grant and confer degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions, whether honorary, substantive or otherwise, and such degrees, diplomas, certificates and distinctions shall be granted, conferred and held subject to such provisions as may be made by the Statutes of the University.
- 23 All examinations held by the University shall be conducted in accordance with the Statutes of the University, provided that at least one external and independent examiner shall be appointed by the Council, on the recommendations of the Senate, for each subject or group of subjects forming part of the course of studies required for degrees of the University, but this limitation shall not apply to examinations for matriculation into the University.
- 24 Statutes of the University shall determine the examination or examinations for matriculation into the University. The University shall have power to co-operate by means of a Joint Board or otherwise with other Universities for the regulation and conduct of examinations for matriculation, including the conditions of exemption therefrom. Statutes of the University shall prescribe and regulate the constitution and duties of any such Joint Board, the appointment and continuance in office of the members thereof, the filling of vacancies among the members and all other matters relating to such Joint Board which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed and regulated.
- 25 The University may admit to affiliation with it or to any of its privileges or may recognise for any purpose and either in whole or in part any College or Institution or the members or students thereof, on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes of the University. The University may join with any other University or with any other public or private Body, Authority or Association having in view or promoting educational purposes or any purpose the same as or similar to any purpose of the University, or may appoint one or more representatives of the University to act upon any such Body, Authority or Association for such purposes as may be agreed upon or as may be provided for or permitted by law, on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes of the University. The University may recognise any member of the staff of any College or Institution, whether affiliated with the University or not, as a teacher of the University on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes of the University.
- 26 The Statutes scheduled to this Our Charter shall be the Statutes of the University until they have been added to, altered or repealed in the manner hereinafter prescribed. Statutes may add to, amend, alter or repeal the Statutes from time to time in force. The Council may from time to time make any new or additional Statutes and Ordinances for the University which shall carry into effect this Our Charter and its provisions, and which may govern and regulate the affairs, business, work and interests of the University and the members thereof as such and the status, appointment and continuance in office of the members, the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors, Vice-Chancellor, President of the Council, Vice-President of the Council, Treasurer, Deputy-Treasurer, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Deans of Faculties and other persons holding office in the University and may contain all such provisions as the Council may deem it fit and meet should be made with respect to or for the governing of the University, its constituent parts and members or to promote the objects of this Our Charter. No such Statutes as aforesaid shall have effect until they have been allowed by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which allowance a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.
- 27 The Statutes of the University may direct that any of the matters by these Presents authorised or directed to be prescribed, governed or regulated by the Statutes of the

University shall be prescribed, governed or regulated by Ordinances of the University. Ordinances may add to, amend, alter or repeal the Ordinances from time to time in force.

- 28 The Ordinances of the University may direct that any of the matters authorised or directed to be prescribed, governed or regulated by Ordinances shall be prescribed, governed or regulated by Regulations of the University. Regulations may add to, amend, alter or repeal the Regulations from time to time in force. Regulations shall be made by the Council of the University, except Regulations governing courses of study and examinations which shall be made by the Senate.
- 29 Men and women shall be equally eligible to hold office in the University, to be members of any of its constituent bodies, to receive any degree, diploma or certificate awarded by the University and to pursue any course of study in the University.
- 30 No religious test shall be imposed upon any person in order to entitle him to be admitted as a member, professor, teacher or student of the University or to hold office therein or to graduate thereat or to hold any advantage or privilege thereof.
- 31 The University shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its members except by way of prize, reward or special grant.
- 32 The Council may at any time add to, amend or alter these Presents and their provisions by a special resolution in that behalf and such addition, amendment or alteration shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, become effectual so that these Presents shall thenceforward continue and operate as though they had been originally granted and made as so added to, amended or altered in manner aforesaid. This Article of these Presents shall apply to this Our Charter as added to, amended or altered in manner aforesaid. A special resolution means a resolution passed at one meeting of the Council and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not less than one calendar month nor more than three calendar months after the former, provided that the resolution be approved at each meeting by not less than three-fourths of the members present and voting.
- 33 In this Our Charter, 'Statutes' means the Statutes set forth in the Schedule hereto and any Statutes adding to, amending, altering or repealing the same or any of them which may hereafter be made and may be allowed by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council. 'Ordinances' means Acts of the Council under the powers conferred by this Our Charter, to which Our further sanction is not hereby or by Statute required. 'Regulations', except when otherwise required by the context, means Regulations made pursuant to this Our Charter, the Statutes or the Ordinances.
- 34 Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that these Presents shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the University of Liverpool and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.