#### AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 9th day of June, 1966.

PRESENT.

# THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 2nd day of June, 1966, in the words following, viz.:—

"Your Majesty having been pleased, by Your Order of the 3rd day of August, 1965, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the Governors of Brunel College of Advanced Technology, praying for the grant of a Charter of Incorporation constituting and founding within Greater London a University under the name and style of 'Brunel University':

"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that a Charter may be granted by Your Majesty in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed".

HER MAJESTY having taken into consideration the said Report, and the Draft Charter accompanying it, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Roy Jenkins, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal a Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

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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 an humble Petition has been presented unto Us by the Governors of Brunel College of Advanced Technology (hereinafter called "Brunel College") praying that We should constitute and found a Technological University within Greater London for the dissemination and advancement of learning and knowledge by teaching and research and grant a Charter with such provisions in that behalf as shall seem to Us right and suitable:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

NOW THEREFORE Know Ye that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have willed and ordained and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain as follows:—

- 1. There shall be and there is hereby constituted and founded within Greater London a University with the name and style of "Brunel University" (hereinafter called "the University").
- 2. The members for the time being of the Court, the Council, the Senate, the Academic Advisory Committee (subject to the provisions of Article 15.2 hereof), the full-time Academic Staff, the Graduates, the Graduate and Undergraduate students, the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal,

the Vice-Principal, the Treasurer (if appointed), the Secretary General 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 are hereby constituted and from henceforth for ever shall be one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and a Common Seal by the name and style of "Brunel University" with power to obtain through Our College of Arms a grant of armorial bearings (which shall be duly recorded in Our said College) and in that name to sue and be sued, to take, purchase, hold, charge, sell, exchange, demise or otherwise dispose of real and personal property, to invest, lend and borrow money, and subject to the provisions of this Our Charter to perform such other acts as by law bodies corporate may do, and the University shall have the constitution and powers and be subject to the regulations in this Our Charter prescribed or contained.

- 3. The objects of the University shall be to advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research. The University shall be particularly concerned to provide that form of education which allows students to spend periods of intra mural learning associated with periods of extra mural work so that upon graduation they are possessed not only of a range of academic learning but know also of the relevance of that learning to the affairs of Our Realm.
- 4. The University shall be a teaching, research and examining body and shall subject to this Our Charter, the Statutes and the Ordinances, have the following powers:—

- (1) To prescribe the conditions under which persons shall be admitted to the University or to any particular course of study therein.
- (2) To confer and grant Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic distinctions on and to persons who shall have pursued a course of study approved by the University and shall have passed the examinations or other tests prescribed by the University. The University shall, in addition, have the power:—
  - (i) to confer Degrees on former students of Brunel College who shall before the date of this Our Charter have been awarded the Diploma in Technology of the National Council for Technological Awards;
  - (ii) to confer Degrees on former students of Brunel College who shall before the date of this Our Charter have been awarded Membership of the College of Technologists.
- (3) To admit graduates of other Universities to Degrees of equal or similar rank in the University.
- (4) To confer Degrees of the University on any persons who hold office in the University as Professors, Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers or otherwise or who shall have carried on research therein.
- (5) To grant Diplomas, Certificates or other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University under conditions laid down by the University.
- (6) To confer Honorary Degrees and other distinctions on approved persons; provided that all Honorary Degrees and other distinctions so conferred shall be conferred and held subject to any provisions which are or may be made in reference thereto by the Statutes, or the Resolutions of the Council of the University.
- (7) On what the University shall deem to be good cause to deprive persons of any Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates or other distinctions conferred or awarded by the University.
- (8) To provide instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit and to make provision for research and for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as the University may determine.
- (9) To prescribe rules for the discipline of the students of the University.

- (10) To provide such lectures and instruction for persons not being Members of the University as the University may determine and to grant Diplomas and Certificates to such persons.
- (11) To accept the examinations and periods of study passed by students of the University at other Universities or places of learning as equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the University as the University may determine and to withdraw such acceptance at any time.
- (12) To associate other institutions or branches or departments thereof and to recognise selected members of the staffs thereof as teachers of the University and to admit the members thereof to any of the privileges of the University and to accept attendance at courses of study in such institutions or branches or departments thereof in place of such part of the attendance at courses of study in the University and upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as may from time to time be determined by the University.
- (13) To co-operate by means of Joint Boards or otherwise with other University authorities for the conduct of examinations, and for such other purposes as the University may from time to time determine.
- (14) To enter into any agreement for the incorporation within the University of any other institution and for taking over its rights, property and liabilities and for any other purposes not repugnant to this Our Charter.
- (15) To constitute or abolish by Resolution of the Council, after considering the recommendations of the Senate and of the Academic Advisory Committee (while that Committee exists), Faculties, Schools, Departments, Institutes, Delegacies, Boards or other Academic Sections of the University.
- (16) To institute and establish or abolish Professorships, Readerships, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and any other such offices required by the University and to appoint to such offices, to remove persons from such offices and to prescribe the conditions of service relating to such offices.
- (17) To institute and establish such administrative offices as may be required, to appoint to such offices, to remove persons from such offices, and to prescribe the conditions of service relating to such offices.
- (18) To institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Bursaries and Prizes.

- (19) To establish and maintain and to administer and govern institutions for the residence of the staff and students of the University whether Colleges, Halls or Houses and to license and supervise such institutions and other places of residence whether or not maintained by the University.
- (20) To make provision for research and advisory services and with these objects to enter into such arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies or industrial firms as may be thought desirable.
- (21) To provide for the printing and publication of research and other works which may be issued by the University.
- (22) To demand and receive fees, subscriptions and deposits.
- (23) To act as trustees or managers of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University and to invest any funds representing the same in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes annexed to this Our Charter.
- (24) To give guarantees to building societies whether in pursuance of continuing arrangements or not.
- (25) To do all such other acts and things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University as a place of education and of learning and research.
- 5.1. There shall be a Visitor of the University who shall have the right from time to time and in such manner as he shall think fit to direct an inspection of the University, its buildings, laboratories and general equipment and also an enquiry into the teaching, research, examinations and other work done by the University.
- 5.2. The Visitor shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council on the nomination of the Council of the University for such period as We, Our Heirs or Successors shall see fit.
- 6.1. There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be the Head of the University and shall preside over meetings of its Court.
  - 6.2. The Chancellor shall confer Degrees granted by the University.

- 6.3. The manner of appointment of the successors to the first Chancellor and the period of office of the Chancellor shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 7.1. There shall be a Pro-Chancellor of the University.
- 7.2. In the absence of the Chancellor, or during a vacancy in that office, the Pro-Chancellor shall act in his place, except in the conferring of Degrees.
- 7.3. The manner of appointment of the successors to the first Pro-Chancellor and the period of office of the Pro-Chancellor shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 8.1. There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall also be the Principal of the University. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall be the chief Academic and Administrative Officer of the University and shall be Chairman of the Senate. In the absence of the Chancellor or during a vacancy in that office the Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall confer Degrees.
- 8.2. The powers and duties of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal and the manner of appointment of the successors to the first Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 8.3. During a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Council of the University shall appoint in the manner prescribed in the Statutes an Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal who shall exercise and perform such of the functions of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal and shall have such of his powers, privileges and duties under this Our Charter or under the Statutes as the Council may specify.
- 9. There shall be a Vice-Principal of the University. The powers and duties of the Vice-Principal and the manner of appointment of the successors to the first Vice-Principal shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 10. There shall be a Secretary General of the University. The powers and duties of the Secretary General and the manner of appointment of the successors to the first Secretary General shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.

- 11. The first Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Vice-Principal and Secretary General shall be the persons named as such in the First Schedule to this Our Charter.
- 12.1. There shall be a Court of the University (hereinafter called "the Court") which, subject to the Statutes, shall appoint the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor, and have the right to receive reports on the working of the University.
- 12.2. The constitution of the Court, its powers and functions, the manner of election and period of office of its members, the manner of filling vacancies in its membership and all other matters relative to the Court which it may be thought proper so to regulate, shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 13.1. There shall be a Council of the University (hereinafter called "the Council") which shall, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes, be the Governing Body of the University and shall appoint the Vice-Chancellor and Principal in accordance with the provisions contained in the Statutes.
- 13.2. The Council shall have the custody and sole use of the Common Seal. Regulations for the custody and use of the Seal shall be as prescribed by the Council.
- 13.3. The Council shall be responsible for the management and administration of the whole of the revenue and property of the University and except as may otherwise be provided in this Our Charter and the Statutes shall have general control over the University and all its affairs, purposes and functions and all such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by Statute.
- 13.4. There shall be a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council. The manner of election and period of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 13.5. The constitution of the Council, its powers and functions, the manner of election and period of office of its members, the manner of filling vacancies in its membership, and all other matters relative to the Council which it may be thought proper so to regulate shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.

- 14.1. There shall be a Senate of the University (hereinafter called "the Senate") which shall, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes and to the powers of the Council contained therein, be responsible for the academic work of the University, both in teaching and research, and for the regulation and superintendence of the education and discipline of the students of the University.
- 14.2. The constitution of the Senate, its powers and functions, the manner of election and period of office of its members, the manner of filling vacancies in its membership and all other matters relative to the Senate which it may be thought proper so to regulate, shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 15.1. Until so determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 15.2 hereof, there shall be an Academic Advisory Committee of the University (hereinafter called "the Academic Advisory Committee") which shall consist of seven persons not being members of the staff of the University appointed in the manner prescribed in the Statutes, together with the Vice-Chancellor and Principal and which shall be responsible for keeping under review the standard of education provided in the University and of the higher Degrees awarded by the University and have such other powers as may be conferred upon it by Statute.
- 15.2. On the motion of the Council, the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council may determine a date with effect from which the Academic Advisory Committee shall be dissolved.
- 15.3. The powers and functions of the Academic Advisory Committee, the period of office of its members, the manner of filling vacancies in its membership and all other matters relative to the Academic Advisory Committee, which it may be thought proper so to regulate, shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
  - 16. There shall be a Students' Union of the University.
  - 17.1. There shall be a General Assembly of the University.
- 17.2. The powers, duties and functions of the General Assembly of the University shall be as prescribed in the Statutes.
- 18.1. The Statutes of the University (in this Our Charter called "the Statutes") may contain in addition to all such matters as are in the foregoing provisions of this

Our Charter required to be prescribed or regulated by the Statutes all such other provisions consistent with this Our Charter as it may be thought proper to make for the convenient and effective attainment and execution of the objects and purposes of this Our Charter.

- 18.2. The first Statutes shall be those set out in the Second Schedule to this Our Charter and shall remain in force until they shall have been amended, added to or repealed in the manner hereinafter prescribed.
- 19. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes, the Council, the Senate, and the Boards of the Faculties, Schools and Departments if constituted, may from time to time make Regulations governing their proceedings and may amend, add to or repeal any Regulations theretofore made.
- 20. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes, the Council may pass Resolutions as it deems necessary from time to time for the conduct of the affairs of the University.
- 21. The Council, after consultation with the Senate, may at any time amend, add to or repeal any of the provisions of this Our Charter by a Special Resolution in that behalf, and such amendments, additions or repeals shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, have effect so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so amended, added to or repealed. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as amended, added to or repealed in manner aforesaid. No Article or provisions of this Our Charter shall be amended, added to or repealed otherwise than by Special Resolution or by Supplemental Charter.
- 22. The Council, after consultation with the Senate, may at any time, amend, add to or repeal the Statutes by a Special Resolution in that behalf; provided that all such amendments, additions or repeals shall be consistent with this Our Charter and that they shall not have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most

Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.

- 23. For the purposes of this Our Charter 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 meeting; provided that notice of each meeting shall be given to each member of the Council not less than fourteen days before the meeting to be held and that the Resolution shall be passed at each meeting by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting.
- 24. 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.
- 25. No religious, racial or political test shall be imposed by the University on 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.
- 26. Men and women shall be equally eligible for any office or appointment in the University or of any of its constituent bodies and all Degrees and courses of study in the University shall be open to both men and women.
- 27. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to the University and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourself at

WESTMINSTER

he SIXTH

day of

JULY

in the FIFTEENTH year of Our Reign.

# THE FIRST SCHEDULE

#### FIRST OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

- I. The first Chancellor shall be John Anthony Hardinge Earl of Halsbury.
- 2. The first Pro-Chancellor shall be Wilfred Banks Duncan Baron Brown, M.B.E.
- 3. The first Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall be James Topping, Esquire, M.Sc., Ph.D., D.I.C.
- 4. The first Vice-Principal shall be George Charles Shipp, Esquire, M.A., Ph.D., D.I.C.
- 5. The first Secretary General shall be Brian Hope Winstanley, Esquire, B.A.

## THE SECOND SCHEDULE

#### STATUTES

## 1. Definitions

#### I.I. In these Statutes:-

- "Academic Advisory Committee" means the Academic Advisory Committee of the University.
- "Academic Staff" means all members of the University holding teaching or research offices in the University, the University Librarian and his deputy.
- "Brunel College" means the charitable foundation known by that name.
- "University" means Brunel University.
- "Charter" means the Charter of the University.
- "Congregation" means the Congregation of the University.
- "Court" means the Court of the University. One in the 200019 2010 1119 to the One
- "Council" means the Council of the University.
- "General Assembly" means the General Assembly of the University.
- "Senate" means the Senate of the University. University:—

- "Resolutions" means Resolutions of the Council passed pursuant to Article 20 of the Charter.
- "Regulations" means Regulations made pursuant to Article 19 of the Charter.
- "Ordinances" means statements in writing published by the Senate governing the academic work of the University.
- "Officers of the University" means the persons holding such offices of the University as may be determined by Resolution of the Council.
- 1.2. Words importing the masculine shall include the feminine and, unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and words in the plural shall include the singular.

### 2. Members of the University

2.1. The following persons shall be Members of the University:—

The Chancellor.

The Pro-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

The Vice-Principal.

The Treasurer (if such an officer is appointed).

The Members of the Court.

The Members of the Council.

The Members of the Senate.

The Members of the Academic Staff.

The Secretary General.

The Members of the Academic Advisory Committee (while that Committee exists).

The Emeritus Professors.

The Honorary Professors.

The Visiting Professors.

Such other teachers and officers as shall by Resolution passed by the Council be granted the status of Members.

The Graduates of the University.

The Undergraduate and Post-graduate students of the University.

- 2.2. Membership of the University shall continue as long only as one at least of the qualifications above enumerated shall continue to be possessed by the individual Member.
- 2.3. The Council in consultation with the Senate shall have power to declare such other persons Members of the University as it shall deem fit.

## 3. The Chancellor

- 3.1. The successors to the first Chancellor shall be appointed by the Court on the nomination of the Council.
- 3.2. The Chancellor shall hold office during his life or until his resignation or until his removal in accordance with Statute 20.1.
- 3.3. The Chancellor may resign by writing addressed to the Court.

# 4. The Pro-Chancellor

- 4.1. The successors to the first Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Court on the nomination of the Council.
- 4.2. The Pro-Chancellor shall hold office from the date on which he is appointed until the date of the third Annual Meeting of the Court thereafter or until resignation or removal in accordance with Statute 20.1 and unless so removed shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- 4.3. If the office of Pro-Chancellor becomes vacant by death or resignation or from any other cause before the expiration of the period of office, the Council may appoint a successor who shall hold office until the next subsequent meeting of the Court. The Court shall at the first meeting after such appointment is made, appoint a Pro-Chancellor, in accordance with Clause 1 of this Statute, who shall hold office for the period specified in Clause 2 of this Statute.

4.4. The Pro-Chancellor may resign by writing addressed to the Court.

#### 5. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal

- 5.1. The successors to the first Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall be appointed by the Council after consideration by the Council of the report of a Committee of seven members of which the Chairman of the Council shall be a member ex-officio and Chairman, and the other members whereof shall be three members of the Council not being members of the Senate who shall be appointed by the Council and three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate.
- 5.2. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall hold office on such conditions as may be determined by the Council.
- 5.3. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall have a general responsibility to the Council for maintaining and promoting the efficiency and good order of the University.
- 5.4. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall bring before the Senate all matters of a substantial nature which affect the academic policy of the University.
- 5.5. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal may refuse to admit any person as a student without assigning any reason and may suspend any student from any class or classes and may exclude any student from any part of the University or its precincts. He shall report any such suspension or exclusion to the Senate at its next meeting. No such suspension or exclusion shall extend beyond the said meeting of the Senate unless confirmed by the Senate.
- 5.6. During a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Council shall appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor and Principal after consideration by the Council of the report of a Committee constituted in the manner prescribed in Clause 1 of this Statute.
- 5.7. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

#### 6. The Vice-Principal

- 6.1. The successors to the first Vice-Principal shall be appointed by the Council after consideration by the Council of the report of a Committee constituted in the manner prescribed in Statute 5.1. The appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.
- 6.2. The Vice-Principal shall hold office on such conditions and for such period as may be determined by the Council.
- 6.3. The Vice-Principal shall, subject to these Statutes, exercise and perform such functions of the Vice-Chancellor and Principal as shall be delegated to him by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal in accordance with the provisions of the Resolutions of the Council.
- 6.4. The Vice-Principal may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

#### 7. The Treasurer

- 7.1. The Council may appoint a Treasurer of the University who shall in an honorary capacity perform such duties and hold office for such period as may be determined by the Council.
- 7.2. A Treasurer may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

#### 8. The Academic Staff

- 8.1. The appointment of Professors, Heads of Faculties, Schools and Departments and the University Librarian shall be made by the Council on the recommendation of a Committee appointed by the Senate of which the Vice-Chancellor and Principal shall be a member ex-officio and Chairman and which shall include two members of the Council nominated by the Council.
- 8.2. Other members of the Academic Staff shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of

Appointments Boards constituted in such manner as may be determined by the Senate.

8.3. Members of the Academic Staff shall be appointed at such remuneration and upon such terms and conditions as may be prescribed from time to time by Resolution of the Council.

#### 9. The Secretary General

- 9.1. The successors to the first Secretary General shall be appointed by the Council with such duties, at such remuneration and upon such terms and conditions as the Council shall deem fit.
- 9.2. The Secretary General shall be Secretary of the Court, the Council and the Academic Advisory Committee (while that Committee exists) and shall be responsible for providing secretarial services for the Senate, the Congregation and the General Assembly.
- 9.3. The Secretary General shall be responsible to the Council for implementing those policies of the Council affecting the finances of the University and to the Vice-Chancellor and Principal for the provision of such general administrative services as are required by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.
- 9.4. The Secretary General may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

#### 10. Appointment of Other Staff

- 10.1. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal may from time to time appoint such other members of the staff as may be deemed necessary for the efficient functioning of the University.
- 10.2. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal may delegate to any committee or officer of the University the power to appoint any such members of the staff, or any class of such members.

#### II. The Auditors

- 11.1. The Council shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors who shall hold office for such period and at such remuneration as may be determined by the Council.
- 11.2. Every such Auditor shall be a member of a body of accountants established in the United Kingdom and for the time being recognised for the purposes of Section 161 of the Companies Act, 1948, by the Board of Trade, but no person shall be appointed as Auditor who is, or any member of whose firm is, a member of the Court, Council or staff of the University.
- 11.3. The Auditor or Auditors shall audit the annual statement of income and expenditure, the balance sheets, and the other accounts of the University and shall make a report to the Council at least once in each year.
- 11.4. The Auditor or Auditors shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to the books, records, accounts and vouchers of the University and shall be entitled to require from the officers of the University such information and explanations as may be necessary for the performance of his or their duties.
- 11.5. If the office of Auditor or Auditors shall become vacant by his or their death or resignation or any other cause before the expiration of his or their period of office the Council shall forthwith appoint an Auditor or Auditors in his or their place for the remainder of such period.
- 11.6. An Auditor may resign by writing addressed to the Council.

#### 12. The Court

12.1. The Court shall consist of the following persons, namely:

The Chancellor.

The Pro-Chancellor.

All members of the Council.

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

The Vice-Principal.

The Treasurer (if such an officer is appointed).

The Professors and Heads of Faculties, Schools or Departments.

All other members of the Senate.

The President and Secretary for the time being of the Students' Union.

The Chairman of the Greater London Council.

The Chairmen of the County Councils of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire and Surrey.

The Mayor of the London Borough of Hillingdon.

The Mayor of the London Borough of Ealing.

The Clerks of the Greater London Council and the County Councils of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire and Surrey.

The Town Clerk of the London Borough of Hillingdon.

The Town Clerk of the London Borough of Ealing.

The members of the Governing Body of Brunel College at the date of its dissolution who shall be life members of the Court.

The persons appointed by the Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council to be members of the Academic Advisory Committee, who shall be life members of the Court.

Three other persons nominated by the Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, who shall hold office for such period as may be determined by the said Lord President.

Such other persons, not exceeding fifty, as may be coopted by the Court on the nomination of the Council, who shall hold office for such periods as may be determined by the Court.

12.2. A member of the Court may resign at any time by writing addressed to the Court.

#### 13. Meetings and Powers of the Court

- 13.1. The Court shall hold an Annual Meeting each year at which shall be presented the audited financial statements of the University for the previous year, and a report by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal on the working of the University during the year. Not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one Annual Meeting of the Court and that of the next.
- 13.2. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be sent by the Secretary of the Court to all members of the Court at least four weeks before the date of the Meeting. A further notice, setting out the business to be transacted at the Meeting, and accompanied by copies of the financial statements and report referred to in Clause 1 of this Statute shall be sent by the Secretary to all members of the Court at least one week before the date of the Meeting.
  - 13.3. The Court shall have the following powers:-
  - (i) To appoint the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor on the nomination of the Council.
  - (ii) To discuss any matters relating to the University and convey its opinion thereon to the Council. Notice of any such matter for discussion at the Annual Meeting shall be given to the Secretary General at least two weeks before the date of the Meeting.
  - (iii) To co-opt members of the Court as provided for under Statute 12.

#### 14. The Council

- 14.1. The Council shall consist of the following persons, namely:—
- (i) The Chancellor.

The Pro-Chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal.

The Vice-Principal.

The Treasurer (if such an officer is appointed).

- (ii) Seven persons nominated by the following Councils:—
  - (a) Two by the Greater London Council.
  - (b) One by the Council of the Administrative County of Buckingham.
  - (c) One by the Council of the Administrative County of Berks.
  - (d) One by the Council of the Administrative County of Hertford.
  - (e) One by the Council of the Administrative County of Surrey.
  - (f) One by the Council of the London Borough of Hillingdon.
- (iii) Seven persons nominated by the following Bodies after consultation with the Council:—
  - (a) Four by such professional Institutions or Associations or learned Bodies as may be determined by the Council.
  - (b) One by the Confederation of British Industry.
  - (c) One by the Trades Union Congress.
  - (d) One by the Graduates Association of the University.
- (iv) Five members of the Senate nominated by the Senate.
- (v) Two members of the non-professorial staff elected from among their own number by the Readers, fulltime Senior Lecturers and Lecturers of the University.
- (vi) Two members of the Academic Advisory Committee (while that Committee exists) appointed by that Committee.
- (vii) Such other persons, not exceeding ten in number, as may be co-opted by the Council.

PROVIDED that as from the date on which, according to Article 15.2 of the Charter, the Academic Advisory Committee is dissolved, Clause 1 (iv) of this Statute shall be amended to read as follows:—

- "(iv) Seven members of the Senate nominated by the Senate."
- 14.2. (i) The members of the Council referred to in Clause I (ii) of this Statute shall hold office for a period of three calendar years and shall be eligible for re-nomination.
- (ii) The members of the Council referred to in Clause I (iii) of this Statute shall hold office for a period of two, three or four calendar years as may be determined by the Council and shall be eligible for re-nomination.
- (iii) The members of the Council referred to in Clause I (iv) of this Statute shall hold office for such period as the Senate may determine and shall be eligible for renomination one calendar year after the termination of such period of office; provided that such members shall cease to be members of the Council on the date that their membership of the Senate ceases should this date occur before the end of their term of office as members of the Council.
- (iv) The members of the Council referred to in Clause I (v) of this Statute shall hold office for such period as the Senate may determine and shall be eligible for reelection one calendar year after the termination of such period of office; provided that such members shall cease to be members of the Council on the date that their appointment as Reader, full-time Senior Lecturer or Lecturer of the University ceases should this date occur before the end of their term of office as members of the Council.
- (v) The members of the Council referred to in Clause I (vi) of this Statute shall hold office for such period as the Academic Advisory Committee may determine in each case, provided that the persons so appointed shall cease to be members of the Council when the Academic Advisory Committee is dissolved.
- (vi) The members of the Council referred to in Clause I (vii) of this Statute shall hold office for a period of not more than three years.

- 14.3. Casual vacancies in the membership of the Council shall be filled as soon as conveniently possible by the body which nominated, elected or appointed the member whose place has become vacant. A member appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only for the unexpired term of office of the member he replaces.
- 14.4. One-third of the total actual membership of the Council, or the nearest whole number less than one-third of such number if the latter is not a multiple of three, shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted other than the adjournment of the meeting. At the adjourned meeting the business for which the original meeting was called may be completed in the absence of a quorum. The manner of summoning the adjourned meeting and the period of notice given shall be prescribed in the Regulations.
- 14.5. (i) At the last Ordinary Meeting in every third year the Council shall elect from among such of its members as are not members of the staff of the University a Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall hold office for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.
- (ii) If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chairman or Vice-Chairman through a death or resignation or any other cause before the expiration of the holder's period of office the Council shall elect from among its members a successor or successors who shall hold office for the remainder of such period.
- 14.6. A member of the Council may resign at any time by writing addressed to the Council.

#### 15. Powers of the Council

- 15.1. Subject to the provisions of the Charter and these Statutes the Council shall, in addition to all other powers vested in it by the Charter and these Statutes, have the following powers, duties and functions:—
  - (i) To accept transfer of all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of Brunel College.

- (ii) To govern, manage and regulate the finances, accounts, investments, property, business and all affairs whatsoever of the University and for these purposes to appoint bankers and any other officers or agents whom it may deem expedient to appoint and to cause proper books of account to be kept for all sums of money received and expended by the University and of the assets and liabilities of the University, so that such books give a true and fair view of the state of the University's affairs and explain its transactions.
- (iii) To invest any monies belonging to or held by the University in such stocks, funds, shares or securities as the Council shall from time to time think fit, whether within or outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or in the purchase of freehold or leasehold hereditaments in the United Kingdom, including rents; provided that in the case of monies held by the University as trustees the powers conferred by this paragraph shall be exercised subject to the provisions of the law relating to investment by trustees.
- (iv) To sell, buy, exchange, lease and accept leases of real and personal property on behalf of the University.
- (v) To borrow money on behalf of the University and for that purpose, if the Council thinks fit, to mortgage or charge all or any part of the property of the University, whether real or personal, unless the conditions of any Will, Deed or Gift or other similar instrument are thereby contravened, and to give such other security whether upon real or personal property or otherwise as the Council may think fit.
- (vi) To provide the buildings, premises, furniture and equipment and other means required for carrying on the work of the University and maintaining its efficiency and well-being.
- (vii) To give guarantees to building societies whether in pursuance of continuing arrangements or not.
- (viii) To make provision for schemes of insurance, superannuation, pensions or retirement benefits for all salaried

- officers, and so far as the Council may think fit, for other employees of the University or their dependants.
- (ix) To enter into, vary, carry out and cancel contracts on behalf of the University.
- (x) To determine, after considering the recommendations of the Senate, all University fees.
- (xi) To nominate to the Court persons for appointment as Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.
- (xii) To nominate to the Court persons for co-option as members of the Court pursuant to Statute 12.1.
- (xiii) To elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman and co-opt members of the Council as provided for under Statute 14.1 (vii).
- (xiv) After consideration of a recommendation from the Senate and from the Academic Advisory Committee (while that Committee exists) to institute or discontinue Faculties, Schools, Departments, Institutes, Delegacies, Boards or other Academic Sections of the University.
- (xv) After consideration of a recommendation from the Senate and from the Academic Advisory Committee (while that Committee exists) to institute and establish or abolish Professorships and Readerships and to institute and establish or abolish after consideration of a recommendation from the Senate, Senior Lectureships, Lectureships, and other teaching offices.
- (xvi) To appoint the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Vice-Principal, the Professors, the Heads of Faculties, Schools and Departments, the Secretary General and the University Librarian.
- (xvii) To determine the conditions of appointment and service and remuneration of all the staff of the University, academic and other.
- (xviii) To refer to the Senate any matter coming before the Council which the Council considers to have academic implications and which has not been previously considered by the Senate.

- (xix) To call for reports from the Senate and upon receiving such reports to review the work of the University.
- (xx) To determine the remuneration of external examiners.
- (xxi) To confer, after report from a Joint Committee of the Council and the Senate, Honorary Degrees.
- (xxii) To confer, on the recommendation of the Senate, the title of Emeritus Professor, Honorary Fellow or Honorary Professor, Reader or Lecturer.
- (xxiii) On what it shall deem to be good cause to deprive persons of any Honorary Degrees or Titles conferred by the Council.
- (xxiv) To make provision for research within the University.
- (xxv) When a recommendation or proposal from the Senate is not acceptable to the Council, to inform the Senate of the Council's reasons for non-acceptance and to provide an opportunity for further comment by the Senate to the Council.
- (xxvi) On the recommendation of the Senate to institute, subject to any conditions made by the Founders, Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions and Prizes.
- (xxvii) To provide for the recreation and welfare of the students and staff of the University.
- (xxviii) To establish Joint Committees of the Council and representatives of the Students' Union and to prescribe the method of appointment of such representatives and the functions of such Committees.
- (xxix) To appoint and determine the remuneration of the Auditor or Auditors.
- (xxx) To take such steps as it may think fit for the purpose of advancing the interests of the University, maintaining its efficiency, and making provision for and encouraging teaching, the pursuit of learning and the prosecution of research therein.

- (xxxi) To select a Seal for the University, to have the sole custody and use of the Seal and to appoint a Sub-Committee of the Council to use the Seal on behalf of the Council.
- (xxxii) To make, amend, add to or repeal Statutes, subject to the provisions of Article 22 of the Charter.
- (xxxiii) To exercise all such powers as are or may be conferred on the Council by the Charter and these Statutes, and to carry the Charter and these Statutes into effect.
- 15.2. (i) The Council may establish Committees of its members and may appoint as assessor members of such Committees persons who are not members of the Council; provided that such assessor members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee. The Council may delegate to any such Committee any powers or functions which it is competent itself to perform.
- (ii) The Council may establish Joint Committees of the Council and the Senate to which the Council may appoint members of the Council and the Senate may appoint members of the Senate.
- (iii) Unless otherwise specifically provided in these Statutes, the Chairman of the Council, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees of the Council and of all Joint Committees of the Council and the Senate.

#### 16. The Senate

- 16.1. The Senate shall consist of the following persons, namely:—
- (i) The Vice-Chancellor and Principal who shall be the Chairman.
- (ii) The Vice-Principal.
- (iii) The Head of each School and Department of the University.
- (iv) The University Librarian.

- (v) Two Professors elected from among their own number by the Professors who are not Deans of Faculties or Heads of Schools or Departments.
- (vi) Six members elected from among their own number by the Readers, full-time Senior Lecturers and Lecturers of the University.

PROVIDED that the elected members of the Senate referred to in (v) and (vi) above shall constitute one-third of the total membership of the Senate or the nearest whole number less than one-third of such number if the latter is not a multiple of three, the number of members to be elected under (v) and (vi) being increased accordingly; provided further that the number of elected members under (v) shall not exceed one-third of the number elected under (vi) or the nearest whole number less than one-third of such number if the latter is not a multiple of three.

- (vii) Not more than five members of the Academic Staff of the University co-opted in such a manner and for such periods as the Senate may determine, provided that one of such members shall be a member of the Academic Staff charged with the welfare of the students of the University.
- 16.2. The members of the Senate referred to in Clauses I(v) and (vi) of this Statute shall be elected in such manner as may be prescribed by Regulations made by the Senate, shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election; provided that no person shall be re-elected who has completed four consecutive years in office until a further period of one year has elapsed.
- 16.3. A member of the Senate may resign at any time by writing addressed to the Senate.
- 16.4. The Senate shall, subject to the provisions of the Charter and these Statutes, have the following powers, duties and functions:—
  - (i) To regulate the instruction and teaching within the University and the examinations held by the University and to make Ordinances relating thereto.

- (ii) To authorise the award of Degrees (other than Honorary Degrees), Diplomas, Certificates and other distinctions to persons who have satisfied the conditions for the award thereof as prescribed in these Statutes and the Ordinances.
- (iii) On what it shall deem to be good cause to deprive persons of any Degrees (other than Honorary Degrees and Titles conferred by the Council pursuant to Statutes 15.1(xxi) and (xxii) or other distinctions conferred on them and to revoke any Diplomas or Certificates granted to them by the University.
- (iv) To promote research within the University and to require reports from time to time on such research.
- (v) To appoint, remove or suspend examiners, provided that there shall be at least one external and independent examiner appointed for the final examination prescribed for any Degree of Bachelor and also for the examinations prescribed for any higher Degree; and provided also that the appointment of external examiners shall be subject to the approval of the Academic Advisory Committee, while that Committee shall continue to exist.
- (vi) To be generally responsible for the administration of the University Library.
- (vii) To recommend to the Council the conferring of the titles of Emeritus Professor, Honorary Fellow or Honorary Professor, Reader or Lecturer.
- (viii) To recommend to the Council the institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions and Prizes.
- (ix) To recommend to the Council the institution or discontinuation of Faculties, Schools, Departments, Delegacies, Boards or other Academic Sections of the University and to make recommendations as to their organisation, constitution and functions and the modification or revision thereof.
- (x) To constitute Appointments Boards which shall recommend persons for appointment by the Council under the provisions of Statute 8.2.

- (xi) To recommend to the Council the institution and establishment of Professorships and Readerships.
- (xii) To recommend to the Council the institution and establishment of Senior Lectureships, Lectureships and other teaching and research offices.
- (xiii) To nominate the members of the Council as provided for under Statute 14.1(iv).
- (xiv) To establish Joint Committees of the Senate and representatives of the Students' Union and to prescribe the method of appointment of such representatives and the functions of such Committees.
- (xv) To make recommendations to the Council on any academic matter.
- (xvi) To discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University.
- (xvii) To report to the Council as it may from time to time require on all Statutes and Ordinances or proposed changes therein.
- (xviii) To report to the Council on any matter referred to the Senate by the Council.
- (xix) To review, amend, refer back or control any act of any Faculty Board, Department, School, Institute, Delegacy or other Board.
- (xx) To prescribe, subject to any conditions made by the Founders and to any directions of the Council, the times and conditions of competition for Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions and Prizes and to examine for and award the same, or to delegate to the Faculty Board, Department, School, Institute, Delegacy or other Board concerned power to examine for and award the same.
- (xxi) To regulate the admission of persons to the University and to courses of study in the University.
- (xxii) To prescribe the academic dress to be worn by the various officers and members of the University, and the occasions on which it shall be worn.

- (xxiii) To regulate the discipline of the students of the University and to determine in what manner disciplinary powers shall be exercised.
- (xxiv) After consideration of a report from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, and subject to the provisions of Statute 23, to expel any student who, having been suspended or excluded by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, appears to the Senate to have been guilty of grave misconduct.
- (xxv) To do such other acts and things as the Council may authorise.
- 16.5. One-half of the total actual membership of the Senate, or the nearest whole number less than one-half of such number if the latter is not a multiple of two, shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted other than the adjournment of the meeting. At the adjourned meeting the business for which the original meeting was called may be completed in the absence of a quorum. The manner of summoning the adjourned meeting and the period of notice given shall be as prescribed in the Regulations.
- 16.6. (i) The Senate may establish Committees of its members and may appoint either as full members or as assessor members to such Committees persons who are members of the Academic Staff of the University but who are not members of the Senate; provided that assessor members shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Committee.
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor and Principal, or in his absence the Vice-Principal, shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees of the Senate and of all Joint Committees of the Council and the Senate.

## 17. The Academic Advisory Committee

- 17.1. The Academic Advisory Committee shall consist of the following persons, namely:—
- (i) Seven persons of high academic standing, appointed by the Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable

- Privy Council; provided that at least one of the said persons shall be actively associated with industry.
- (ii) The Vice-Chancellor and Principal.
- 17.2. The members of the Academic Advisory Committee appointed by the Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council shall hold office for such period as the said Lord President may determine.
- 17.3. Appointment to casual vacancies on the Committee shall be made at the discretion of the Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.
- 17.4. The Academic Advisory Committee shall elect one of its members other than the Vice-Chancellor and Principal as Chairman.
- 17.5. Three members of the Academic Advisory Committee, other than the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum no business shall be transacted other than the adjournment of the meeting. At the adjourned meeting the business for which the original meeting was called may be completed in the absence of a quorum. The manner of summoning the adjourned meeting and the period of notice given shall be as prescribed in the Regulations.
- 17.6. The Academic Advisory Committee shall in addition to all other powers vested in it by the Charter and these Statutes have the following powers and functions:—
- (i) To advise the Council and the Senate on academic matters.
- (ii) To approve of the institution of Degrees other than Honorary Degrees and the Degree of Bachelor.
- (iii) To keep under review and to certify annually to the Council that it has satisfied itself about the procedure for the appointment of academic members of the staff and the organisation and conduct of University examinations including the conditions of appointment and service of external examiners.

17.7. As from the date on which according to Article 15.2 of the Charter the Academic Advisory Committee is dissolved, this Statute shall be repealed.

## 18. Congregation

- 18.1. For the purpose of conferring Degrees of the University there shall be held from time to time a meeting of the members of the University which shall be called a Congregation.
- 18.2. A Congregation shall be presided over by the Chancellor, or in his absence, the Vice-Chancellor and Principal.
- 18.3. The procedure for summoning a Congregation, for the presentation of graduands and for the conferring of Degrees in absentia and all other matters relating to Congregation shall be determined by the Senate.

#### 19. The General Assembly

- 19.1. The General Assembly of the University shall consist of:—
  - (i) The Vice-Chancellor and Principal.
  - (ii) The Vice-Principal.
  - (iii) The full-time members of the Academic Staff.
  - (iv) The holders of such other posts as may be designated by the Senate.
  - (v) Such other Members of the University as may be nominated by the Senate.
- 19.2. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal or in his absence the Vice-Principal shall be the Chairman of the General Assembly.
- 19.3. There shall be at least one meeting of the General Assembly during each year.
- 19.4. The General Assembly may discuss and declare an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the Univer-

sity including any matters referred to it by the Senate and if it so decides submit resolutions to the Senate.

19.5. The Vice-Chancellor and Principal may at any time at his discretion, and shall upon recommendation of the Senate or on the written request of fifty signatories being members of the General Assembly stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called, summon a meeting of the General Assembly.

#### 20. Removal from Office

- 20.1. The Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor of the University may be removed from office for good cause by the Court. They shall not be so removed by the Court unless they shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to have been heard in person by the Court.
- 20.2. (i) The Vice-Chancellor and Principal, the Vice-Principal, the Professors, the Heads of Schools and Departments and all other members of the academic and senior administrative staff of the University may be removed for good cause by the Council.
- (ii) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Council to remove him in accordance with Clause 1 of this Statute shall have the right of appeal to the Appeals Committee hereinafter described.
- (iii) There shall be an Appeals Committee of the Council which shall consist of three members of the Council and two other persons nominated by the Senate in the manner prescribed in the Ordinances. The members of the Appeals Committee shall withdraw from any meeting of the Council for the duration of any discussion concerning a decision to remove a member of the staff referred to in Clause 2 (i) of this Statute. The Appeals Committee shall regulate its own procedure for the hearing of appeals which shall include the right of an appellant to be present and/or to be represented thereat and to question the witnesses upon whose evidence the case against him is based.
- (iv) The decision of the Appeals Committee on an appeal shall be binding upon the Council.

- 20.3. "Good cause" in this Statute means:-
- (i) any physical or mental incapacity considered to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold office; or
- (ii) conduct considered to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to perform the duties of his office or to comply with the conditions of tenure of his office; or
- (iii) conduct of a scandalous, immoral or disgraceful nature considered to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
- (iv) conviction of any offence considered to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the execution of the duties of his office.
- 20.4. Subject to the terms of his appointment no member of the academic or senior administrative staff of the University shall be removed from office save upon the grounds and in pursuance of the procedure specified in this Statute.

#### 21. Removal of Other Staff

21. All members of the staff other than those specified in Statute 20 may be removed for good cause by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal in accordance with the terms and conditions of their appointment.

#### 22. Retirement of Members of the Staff

22. All members of the staff of the University shall retire from office on the thirtieth day of September following the date on which they attain the age of sixty-five years, unless the Council shall invite any such member of the staff to continue in office subject to annual review by the Council for a period not exceeding five years after which retirement shall be compulsory.

#### 23. Appeals by Students

23.1. A student who in accordance with Statute 5.5. has been suspended or excluded or who in accordance with

Statute 16.4 (xxiv) it is proposed shall be expelled from the University, may appeal to the Senate or to a committee of the members of the Senate appointed by the Senate for such purpose and such student shall be entitled to be heard in person.

- 23.2. The Secretary of the Senate shall notify any such student in writing of his right of appeal under this Statute and of the date and place at which he may appear to be heard in person.
- 23.3. After hearing such student (or being satisfied that the terms of this Statute have been complied with and that such student has not exercised his right of appeal), the Senate may amend, ratify or revoke (as the case may be) the suspension or exclusion of the student or the proposal to expel the student and such decision shall be final.
- 23.4. The Senate may direct that any student whom it is proposed to expel shall be suspended from any class or classes or excluded from any part of the University or its precincts during the whole or any part of the time between the proposal of the Senate to expel the student and the decision of the Senate under Clause 3 of this Statute or, in a case where the student does not exercise his right of appeal, the expiry of the period during which that right may be exercised.

#### 24. Service of Notice and Documents

- 24.1. Any notice or document required by or for the purpose of the Charter or these Statutes to be given or sent to a member may be given or sent either personally or by sending it by post to him at his last address registered with the University. Failure to send or receive such notice or document shall not invalidate any proceedings, meetings or other engagements to which such notice or document relates.
- 24.2. Where a notice or other document is sent by post, service thereof shall be deemed to have been properly effected by properly addressing and posting a letter containing the notice or other document and shall be deemed to have been effected at the time at which the letter would in the ordinary course be delivered.

#### 25. Acts during Vacancies

25. No act or resolution of the Court, Council, Senate, Academic Advisory Committee, General Assembly or any other bodies constituted in accordance with these Statutes shall be invalid by reason only of any vacancy in the body doing or passing it or by reason only of any want of qualification by or invalidity in the election or appointment of any de facto member of the body whether present or absent.

#### 26. Interpretation of Statutes

26. These Statutes shall be interpreted in such manner as not to conflict with the Charter.

#### 27. Initial Appointments and Meetings

- 27.1. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Statutes, the following provisions shall apply to the initial appointment of certain officers and members of the staff and certain members of the Court, the Council, the Senate and the Academic Advisory Committee and to the first meetings of those bodies.
- 27.2. The first Chancellor shall hold office from the date on which the Charter becomes of force and effect (hereinafter called "the Appointed Day").
- 27.3. The first Pro-Chancellor shall hold office from the Appointed Day until the date of the third Annual Meeting of the Court thereafter or until resignation or removal in accordance with Statute 20.1 and unless so removed shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- 27.4. The first meeting of the Court shall be convened by the Secretary General as soon as practicable after the Appointed Day.
- 27.5. (i) As soon as practicable after the Appointed Day, the Secretary General shall arrange for the election of the

members of the Senate referred to in Statute 16.1 (v) and (vi).

- (ii) The election shall be by ballot.
- 27.6. (i) As soon as practicable after the Appointed Day, the Secretary General shall arrange for the election of the members of the Council referred to in Statute 14.1 (v).
- (ii) The election shall be by ballot.
- 27.7. (i) The first meeting of the Senate shall be convened by the Secretary General as soon as practicable after the Appointed Day.
- (ii) The business to be transacted at this meeting shall be as follows:—
- (a) To co-opt the first members of the Senate referred to in Statute 16.1 (vii) and to determine their periods of office.
- (b) To nominate the first members of the Council referred to in Statute 14.1 (iv).
- (c) To make Regulations governing the procedure of meetings of the Senate in accordance with Article 19 of the Charter.
- (d) To determine the dates and times of the Ordinary Meetings of the Senate.

- (e) To appoint such Committees with such powers as the Senate may determine.
- (f) To transact any other business the Senate may deem necessary.
- 27.8. (i) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Secretary General as soon as practicable after the Appointed Day.
- (ii) The business to be transacted at this meeting shall be as follows:—
  - (a) To co-opt the first members of the Council referred to in Statute 14.1 (vii) and to determine their periods of office.
  - (b) To appoint a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council.
  - (c) To make Regulations governing the procedure of meetings of the Council in accordance with Article 19 of the Charter.
  - (d) To determine the dates and times of the Ordinary Meetings of the Council.
  - (e) To appoint such Committees with such powers as the Council may determine.
- (f) To transact any other business the Council may deem necessary.

27.9. As soon as is conveniently possible after the Appointed Day, the Lord President of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council shall appoint the members of the Academic Advisory Committee referred to in Statute 17.1(i) and the persons so appointed shall hold office from the date of their appointment for such periods as the said Lord President may determine.

27.10. The Governing Body of Brunel College shall continue to hold office from the Appointed Day until the date of the first meeting of the Council, and during that period shall be vested with all the rights, powers, duties and privileges conferred on the Council by the Charter and these Statutes as if it had been appointed in terms thereof.

#### 28. Saving for Existing Staff

28. All members of the academic and other staff of Brunel College who hold office immediately before the Appointed Day shall except where contractual arrangements exist to the contrary hold such offices on their existing conditions of service as correspond thereto on the staff of the University as if they had been appointed under the Charter and these Statutes and shall thereupon be governed in respect of powers, functions and tenure of office by the provisions thereof.