

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON

University Court

Council Ordinance 8

1. Constitution

1.1 The purpose of the University Court is to assist the University engage with its internal and external stakeholders. The University Court plays an important advisory role in the development of the University through its large and varied membership of prominent and distinguished individuals. Members are able to become involved in the University and, where possible, pass on their skills and knowledge to our students, for example by delivering guest lectures or taking seminar groups.

1.2 University Court's functions are:

1-To receive a report from the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor and President on activities at the University;

2-To support the University in the development and achievement of its objectives;

3-To receive information on developments at the University normally on an annual basis;

4-Allow members to meet each other and share experience and views.

1.3 The University Court plays a purely advisory role and has no executive authority in the governance and conduct of the University.

2. Membership

2.1 Membership of the University Court is by invitation from Council of the University. However, the following are regarded as ex officio members of Court:

Chair -The Chancellor of the University

Honorary Graduates

Honorary Fellows

Members of the University

Emeritus Professors

Other members may include:

Alumni

Former members of Council

Professional bodies which accredit the University's courses

Organisations linked to the work of the University

Further education colleges, schools and academies

National and International collaborative institutions

Charities, businesses and cultural organisations

3. The Role of Council and Nominations Committee

3.1 Council shall have the authority to revise the categories of membership.

3.2 Members of Court will be recommended by Nominations Committee to Council.

3.3 Membership shall be for a term of three years, renewable.

3.4 Nominations Committee shall review membership, normally on an annual basis.

3.5 Council shall reserve the right to remove members from the Court at their discretion.

3.6 A register of members of the Court shall be kept by the University Secretary.

3.7 The Chair of the Court shall be the Chancellor or, in his/her absence, the Pro-Chancellor.

3.8 In the absence of both the Chancellor and the Pro-Chancellor the Chair or the Deputy Chair of Council may Chair Court.

4. Attendance at meetings

4.1 Council, the Executive and senior academics will normally attend meetings of Court.

4.2 Prize winning students may be invited to attend meetings.

5. Frequency of meetings

5.1 Meetings shall normally be held once every two years or at dates agreed by Council.

6. Authority

6.1 The Court will have no executive authority in the governance and conduct of the University.

7. Secretary

7.1 The Secretary to the Court will be the Secretary to Council and University Secretary or other appropriate person nominated by the Secretary to Council and University Secretary.