

University Charter

13 February 2019

Charter of the University of Warwick

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 an humble Petition has been presented unto Us by Our right trusty and well beloved William Edward Baron Rootes, Knight Grand Cross of Our Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, deceased, and others, being members of the University of Warwick Promotion Committee, praying that We should constitute and found a University within Our County of Warwick and City of Coventry for the advancement of learning and knowledge by teaching and research and for the provision of University education and to 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:

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| 1. | There shall be and is hereby constituted and founded in Our said County of Warwick and City of Coventry a University with the name and style of 'The University of Warwick'. |
| 2. | The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellors, the Vice-Chancellor, the Provost, the Treasurer and the Pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University for the time being, the members for the time being of the Council, the Senate, the members of the Academic Staff, the Graduates of the University, the Graduate and the Undergraduate students of the University, and all 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 'The University of Warwick' (in this Our Charter called 'the 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 or 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 the advancement of learning and knowledge by teaching and research and the provision of University education. |
| 4. | The University shall, subject to this Our Charter and the Statutes, have all of the powers of a natural person and also the following powers: |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To grant and confer under conditions laid down in the Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations, degrees, diplomas, certificates and other academic distinctions, including dual and joint awards, to and on 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. (b) 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, Ordinances or Regulations. (c) On what the University shall deem to be good cause to deprive persons of any degrees or other distinctions conferred upon them by the University and to revoke any diplomas or certificates granted to them by the University. (d) To maintain, manage, deal with, dispose of and, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes, to invest all the property, money, assets and rights of the University and to enter into engagements and to accept obligations and liabilities in all respects without any restriction whatsoever, to give guarantees and to raise funds on behalf of the University, and in so doing shall have the authority to enter into any financial instrument which is ancillary or incidental to the exercise of such powers. (e) 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 research, education and learning. |
| 5. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) There shall be the following Officers of the University: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a Chancellor who shall be the head of the University; (b) a Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the chief executive officer of the University; (2) There may be the following officers of the University, as the Council may from time to time determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Up to two Pro-Chancellors, one of whom may, in the absence of the Chancellor or during a vacancy in that office, exercise and perform all the functions of the Chancellor; (b) a Provost, who shall exercise and perform such of the functions and duties of the Vice-Chancellor as the Vice-Chancellor, or, if the Vice-Chancellor should be incapacitated, the Council shall delegate; (c) one or more Pro-Vice-Chancellors, who shall exercise and perform such of the functions and duties of the Vice-Chancellor as the Vice-Chancellor, or, if the Vice-Chancellor should be incapacitated, the Council may delegate; (d) an honorary Treasurer. (3) There shall be such other officers of the University as the Council may from time to time determine. (4) Officers shall be appointed by the Council: |

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| | <p>(a) The Chancellor shall be appointed by the Council and the Senate sitting in joint session;</p> <p>(b) The Council shall consult the Senate on the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor;</p> <p>(c) Procedures for the appointment of officers shall be set out in Ordinance</p> <p>(5) The term of office, role and functions of officers shall be determined by Council.</p> <p>(6) An officer may resign in writing addressed to the Council.</p> <p>(7) An officer (other than a member of the academic staff to whom Statute 11 applies) may be removed from office for good cause by the Council. No person will be removed from office by the Council unless that person has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard by the Council.</p> |
| 6. | There shall be a Council of the University (in this Our Charter called 'the Council') which, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes, shall be the executive governing body of the University and, subject to the powers of the Senate as provided in this Our Charter and the Statutes, shall have general control over the conduct of the affairs of the University and shall have all such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by the Statutes. |
| 7. | There shall be a Senate of the University (in this Our Charter called 'the Senate') which shall, subject to the powers of the Council as provided in this Our Charter and the Statutes, be responsible for the academic work of the University. |
| 8. | There shall be an Assembly of the University (in this Our Charter called 'the Assembly'). The membership of the Assembly shall be jointly determined by the Council and the Senate, from time to time. |
| 9. | Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, Statutes may prescribe or regulate the constitution, powers, duties and functions of the Council, the Senate and the Assembly, and all other matters as the Council may determine for the governing of the University, its members and constituent parts or otherwise for the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter. |
| 10. | <p>(1) The Council may by Special Resolution make Statutes for the University which may add to, amend or repeal the Statutes for the time being in force: Provided that no such Statutes shall 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.</p> <p>(2) Any of the matters prescribed or regulated by Statute or authorised or directed in this Our Charter may be further prescribed or regulated by Ordinance, provided that any such further prescription or regulation shall not be repugnant to the provisions of the Statutes or this Our Charter.</p> |
| 11. | (1) Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes the Council may make Ordinances to direct and regulate the University and its authorities and members. Any Ordinance relating to the academic work of the University shall only be made after consultation with the Senate. |

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| | <p>(2) Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes, the Senate may make Regulations in the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by this Our Charter and the Statutes. The Council may disallow or delay any Regulations that engage matters of concern to the Council.</p> <p>(3) The power to make Ordinances and Regulations shall include the power to add to, amend or repeal any Ordinances and Regulations previously made.</p> |
| 12. | Admission to membership of the University or to any of its constituent bodies, office or appointment in the University, and all degrees and courses of study in the University, shall be open to any person, irrespective of political belief, social background or to any of the protected characteristics established in equalities legislation, subject to such conditions and regulations as may properly be prescribed or provided for by the University. |
| 13. | <p>(1) The Council may at any time add to, amend or repeal this Our Charter by a Special Resolution in that behalf and such addition, amendment or repeal shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual so that this Our Charter shall thenceforth continue and operate as so added to, amended or repealed in manner aforesaid.</p> <p>(2) This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as added to, amended or repealed in manner aforesaid.</p> |
| 14. | For the purpose of this Our Charter, a 'Special Resolution' means a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council provided that notice of the meeting shall be given to each member of the Council not less than fourteen days before the meeting is held, and that the Resolution is passed at each meeting by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting. |
| 15. | We reserve unto Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, the right, on representation from the Council made in pursuance of a resolution passed by a simple majority of the members of the Council present and voting, to appoint by Order in Council a Visitor of the University for such period and with such duties and powers as We, Our Heirs and Successors shall see fit and his/her decision on matters within his/her jurisdiction shall be final. |
| 16. | 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 Ourselves at Westminster the eighth day of March in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By Warrant under the Queen's Sign Manual