



*At the Court at Buckingham Palace*

THE 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

The University Court of the University of Edinburgh, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 3 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, has made an Ordinance, No 212 (Composition of the Senatus Academicus), as set out in the Schedule to this Order:

The provisions of the Act relating to the making of this Ordinance have been complied with:

The Ordinance has been referred to the Scottish Universities Committee of the Privy Council, who have reported to Her Majesty that in their opinion it may properly be approved:

Therefore, Her Majesty, having taken the Ordinance into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve it.

*Ceri King*

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*SCHEDULE*

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH ORDINANCE No. 212

COMPOSITION OF THE SENATUS ACADEMICUS

At Edinburgh, the Seventeenth day of June, Two thousand and nineteen.

WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 1, empowers the University Court to amend the composition of the Senatus Academicus, which is at present regulated by the Universities (Scotland) Act 1858, Section 5, and by University of Edinburgh Ordinance No. 204 (Composition of the Senatus Academicus) as amended by University of Edinburgh Ordinance No. 206 (Composition of the Senatus Academicus – Amendment of Ordinance No. 204):

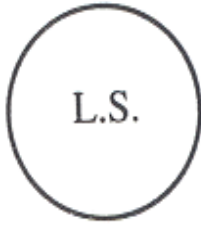
AND WHEREAS the University Court deems it expedient to amend the composition of the Senatus Academicus in order that it may comply with the requirements of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016:

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Section 3 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, and with particular reference to paragraphs 1 and 4 of Part I of Schedule 2 to that Act, hereby statutes and ordains:

1. The Principal of the University shall preside at any meeting of the Senatus Academicus.
2. The University Court will specify posts or offices, the holders of which shall be members of the Senatus Academicus during their tenure of that post or office, provided that such specified offices:
  - a. include the Principal, Heads of Colleges and Heads of Schools of the University in accordance with section 15 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
  - b. do not exceed 80 in total.
3. Academic staff members who hold appointments from the University Court, as attested by a contract of employment issued by the University, shall elect from their own number to serve as members of the Senatus Academicus provided:
  - a. that the total number of such members shall be 200, 100 of whom shall be elected Professors of the University, and 100 of whom shall be elected non-Professorial academic staff members of the University;
  - b. that the academic staff members to be elected to membership of the Senatus Academicus in terms of section 3 of this Ordinance shall not include any academic staff members who hold any of the posts or offices referred to in section 2 of this Ordinance.
4. An academic staff member elected under section 3 of this Ordinance shall remain a member of the Senatus Academicus for a period determined by the Senatus Academicus and not exceeding three years from the first day of August of the year of election and shall be eligible for re-election for the same period provided that:
  - a. an academic staff member elected under section 3 of this Ordinance shall demit office on ceasing to hold a contract of employment issued by the University;
  - b. an academic staff member elected under section 3 of this Ordinance may resign membership at any time.
5. Students at the University shall elect 30 persons from their own number to serve as members of Senatus Academicus, in accordance with section 15 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.
6. A student member elected under section 5 of this Ordinance shall remain a member of the Senatus Academicus for a period of one year from a date which shall from time to time be determined by the University Court on the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus, and shall be eligible for re-election for the same period provided that:

- a. a student member elected under section 5 of this Ordinance shall demit office on ceasing to be a student at the University;
  - b. a student member elected under section 5 of this Ordinance may resign membership at any time.
7. Elections for academic staff members shall be held annually on dates to be fixed by the Senatus Academicus to fill vacancies for elected members occurring in the normal course and shall be conducted in accordance with the rules determined by the University Court in accordance with section 16 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 and on the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus.
8. Elections for student members shall be held annually on dates to be fixed by the Senatus Academicus to fill vacancies for elected members occurring in the normal course. Elections for student members shall be conducted by the Students' Association, under the supervision of the Senatus Academicus, in accordance with rules made by the University Court, in accordance with section 16 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.
9. The number of members elected under sections 3 and 5 of this Ordinance shall comprise more than 50 per cent of the membership of the Senatus Academicus in accordance with section 15 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.
10. In accordance with section 17 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016, the validity of the proceedings of the Senatus Academicus shall not be affected by any:
  - a. vacancy in membership (or category of membership);
  - b. defect in the appointment of a member.
11. On the date on which this Ordinance comes into force, Ordinance No. 204 (Composition of the Senatus Academicus) and Ordinance No. 206 (Composition of the Senatus Academicus – Amendment of Ordinance No. 204) shall be revoked.
12. This Ordinance shall come into force after its approval by Her Majesty in Council on a date to be determined by the University Court acting upon the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of Edinburgh and subscribed on behalf of the Court in terms of the Requirements of the Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.



*Professor Peter Mathieson*  
Member of the University Court

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University Secretary