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		Curriculum and Partnerships Committee Teaching Committees	Education Committee has delegated authority to the Curriculum and Partnerships Committee to approve, amend and withdraw partnership arrangements which lead to a direct award of the University and validate programmes of study offered by partners leading to awards of the University. Education Committee has delegated authority to Teaching Committees within academic units to approve or recommend amendments to taught qualifications as prescribed in the frameworks approved by the Senate or Committees within its substructure
(2) To regulate the admission of persons to courses of study and their continuance therein.	Strategic Approval remains with the Senate TOR 2 c)	Education Committee Research Committee	Education Committee approves policies and regulations relating to undergraduate and taught postgraduate curriculum (including collaborative provision); and learning and teaching Research Committee approves policies and regulations relating to research and the research environment, the delivery of impact from research, research degrees and higher doctorates
(3) To advise the Council on the establishment of such academic bodies as may be required.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 4		The Senate retains the power to review from time to time the academic organisation of the University and advise the Council on the establishment, reorganisation or abolition of such academic bodies as may be required The abolition of faculties and centres would come to the Council for approval if there are significant resource / reputational implications. Otherwise the power is delegated to the Senate

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		Strategic Planning and Resource Committee (SPRC)	New faculty structures are approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Strategic Planning and Resources Committee, if there are significant resources / reputational implications. Otherwise the power is delegated to the Senate.
(4) To appoint members of the Senate to be members of the Council as provided for under Statute 11.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 6 a) and b)	None Chairs of Senate Committees	This responsibility remains with the Senate through election by the Senate or appointment on behalf of the Senate by its Chair, the Vice-Chancellor Appointments to fill casual vacancies on Committees within the academic governance structure have been delegated to the Chairs of the respective Committees.
(5) To recommend to the Council the establishment of new academic posts in the University.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR4	Vice-Chancellor and Planning Officers (PROs)	The Senate retains the power to recommend to the Council the establishment or abolition of new academic posts in the University. The retained power is intended to cover major changes. The establishment of individual academic posts has been delegated to the Vice-Chancellor and Planning Resource Officers (PRO's) but within overall budgets set by the Council on the advice of Finance Committee and Strategic Planning and Resources Committee.
(6) To review from time to time the duties and conditions of service of all members of the academic staff.	TOR 4	None	The Council retains the responsibility to determine terms and conditions on the advice of the Staff Strategy Committee for academic staff. The Staff Strategy Committee is advised by the Senate.

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		<p>Academic Staff Promotions Committee (ASPC)</p> <p>Academic Staff Promotions Appeals Committee</p> <p>Disciplinary Tribunal and Grievance Committee Panels (DTGCP)</p>	<p>The Academic Staff Promotions Committee (ASPC) delegates its powers to approve individual promotion to senior lecturer (or equivalent) to academic units.</p> <p>It also has delegated powers which it has devolved to the Chairs Subcommittee to make decisions on promotion to chair and progression to professorial salary band 3. It has delegated powers to academic units to make decisions on progression to professorial salary band 2</p> <p>The Academic Staff Promotions Appeals Committee considers appeals against decisions made by the Academic Staff Promotions Committee and the Chairs Subcommittee on the promotion of academic and research staff to senior lecturer, senior research fellow and chair.</p> <p>The procedures for discipline, dismissal and removal from office for incapacity on medical grounds for academic staff include a provision for the consideration of cases by a tribunal with membership appointed by the Council on the advice of a Nominating Advisory Committee.</p> <p>The Grievance Procedures for academic and academic-related staff include a Grievance Committee with the Chair drawn from a panel appointed by the Nominating Advisory Committee and one member drawn from a panel consisting of the external co-opted members of the Council (those not employed by the University).</p> <p>Included in the membership of the tribunal, and of the Grievance Committee, is one member of academic staff appointed from a panel consisting of ten members of academic staff appointed on behalf of the Senate by its Chair, the Vice-Chancellor. A similar panel is established</p>

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joint awards upon such terms and conditions as may be specified by the University.		Executive Deans Research Degrees Committee	Executive Deans (or nominee) have delegated authority (with an external or internal appraiser) to approve the appointments of external examiners for validated provision Research Committee has delegated to the Research Degrees Committee the appointment research degree examiners
(9) To recommend the institution of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic distinctions offered by the University or on its behalf as validated awards or jointly with other higher education institutions having the power to grant such qualifications.	Strategic Approval remains with the Senate TOR 2 a) & b) TOR 2 d)	Education Committee Research Committee	Detail as for Power (1)
(10) To recommend the withdrawal of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic distinctions offered by the University or on its behalf as validated awards or jointly with other higher education institutions having the power to grant such qualifications.	Strategic Approval remains with the Senate TOR 3	Delegations as power (9)	Detail as for Power (1)
(11) To grant distinctions including Honorary Degrees.	Approval remains with the Senate	Honorary Degrees Committee	The Honorary Degrees Committee receives from members of the University and from accredited institutions nominations of persons thought worthy of the award of an Honorary Degree and, after scrutiny of such nominations, to recommend a shortlist for the consideration of the Senate.

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<p>(12) To grant Degrees and other academic distinctions to persons who shall have pursued in either the University or a body approved by the University, a course of study approved by the Senate and shall have passed examinations, tests or other assessments of the University or body approved by the University under the conditions laid down in the Regulations.</p>	<p>Strategic Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 3</p>	<p>The Module Results Approval and Qualifications Classification Panel (MRAQCP)</p>	<p>The Module Results Approval and Qualifications Classification Panel undertakes this work on behalf of the Senate.</p> <p>The Senate has delegated to the Module Results Approval and Qualifications Classification Panel the responsibility of approving recommendations for module results and the award and classification of qualifications.</p>
		<p>The Research Degrees Examination Results Approval Committee</p>	<p>The Research Degrees Examination Results Approval Committee on behalf of the Research Degrees Committee approves research degree examination results and the award of Open University research degrees.</p>
		<p>The Module Results Approval and Qualifications Classification Panel</p>	<p>The Module Results Approval and Qualifications Classification Panel) can act on behalf of the Senate and with the authority of the Senate as the Delegated Academic Authority for academic decisions in respect of the award of Aegrotat credit.</p>
		<p>Research Degrees Committee</p>	<p>The Research Degrees Committee can act on behalf of the Senate and with the authority of the Senate and is responsible for the award of an Aegrotat research degree.</p>
		<p>Assessment Exceptions Group (AEG)</p>	<p>The Assessment Exceptions Group (AEG) will act on behalf of the Senate and with the authority of the Senate as the Delegated Academic Authority for academic decisions in respect of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) reasonable adjustments for assessment of students with disabilities; (ii) the discretionary postponement of an examination or end of module assessment;

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			<p>(iii) the extension of time limits for assessment or examination, including the late submission of special circumstances</p> <p>Statute 19 states: -</p> <p>“(1) For the purpose of conferring Degrees of the University, there shall be held a meeting of members of the Senate and Council which shall be called a Congregation.</p> <p>(2) A Congregation shall be held at least once every year at such time and place as shall be determined by the Senate, and shall be presided over by the Chancellor or, in his absence, by the Vice-Chancellor or another Officer of the University designated by the Chancellor to act on his behalf for the occasion.</p> <p>(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 Congregations shall be determined by the Senate.</p> <p>(4) Subject to the approval of the Council, the Senate may delegate by regulation any powers conferred upon it by the Statute to any person or body of persons constituted for the purpose”.</p> <p>The Council has agreed to delegate the conferring of degrees to University management.</p> <p>The approval of academic dress for new degrees has been delegated to the Senate by the Council.</p>

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(13) To grant Diplomas, Licences or Certificates to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the Senate under conditions laid down by it.		Delegations as power (12)	Detail as for Power (12)
(14) To recognise such examinations and periods of study at such Universities and places of learning as the Senate may approve as equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the University as the Senate may determine and to withdraw such recognition at any time.	Strategic Approval remains with the Senate TOR 2	Education Committee	The Education Committee approves policies and regulations relating to the introduction of partnerships and collaborative provision leading to an award of the University. The Curriculum Partnerships Committee is responsible to the Education Committee and has delegated authority to approve, amend and withdraw curriculum partnership arrangements which lead to a direct award of the University and validate programmes of study offered by partners leading to awards of the University.
(15) To accept courses of study in any other institution which in the opinion of the Senate possesses the means of affording the proper instruction for such courses as equivalent to such courses of study in the University as the Senate may determine.	Strategic Approval remains with the Senate TOR 2	Education Committee	Detail as for Power (14)
(16) To determine what formalities shall attach to the conferment of Degrees and other distinctions.		University Management	
(17) To revoke any Degree or other distinction conferred by the University or by the University acting jointly with other higher education		Central Disciplinary Committee	Central Disciplinary Committee imposes any penalty allowed under the Code of Practice for Student Discipline.

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<p>institutions or on its behalf as a validated award and all privileges connected therewith if the holder thereof has been convicted of a crime for which he has been sentenced to imprisonment or for other good cause and the Senate considers that such a crime or other good cause is one which renders him unfit to be a member or graduate of the University or body permitted by the University to act on its behalf.</p>			
<p>(18) To advise the Council on the allocation of resources for teaching and research.</p>		<p>Strategic Planning and Resource Committee (SPRC)</p>	<p>Strategic Planning and Resource Committee (SPRC) reviews the allocation of resources to inform future strategy and recommends for approval by the Council University Fee and Financial Support Strategy and guidelines, and subsequently to approve the University fees on behalf of the Council.</p>
<p>(19) To recommend to the Council the institution of Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Prizes and other aids to study and research.</p>		<p>University Management</p>	
<p>(20) To propose to the Council new Statutes which it shall be the duty of the Council to consider.</p>	<p>Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 4</p>	<p>None</p>	

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(21) To make recommendations or to express an opinion to the Council on any matter of interest to the University and its affairs.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 4	None	
(22) To establish joint committees of the Senate and representatives of the students and to prescribe the method of appointment of such representatives and the functions of such committees.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 7	None Academic Quality and Governance Committee	<p>The Council has delegated to the Senate the power to agree proposals for the establishment or disestablishment of Senate committees subject to Council approval being required via SPRC in cases where there are resource / reputational implications.</p> <p>The Senate has delegated to the Academic Quality and Governance Committee the approval of amendments to constitutions of Senate committees.</p> <p>The Council approves the Senate Constitution.</p> <p>The Senate provides an annual report on performance in academic governance to the Council.</p> <p>The Senate will consider its own effectiveness annually and has delegated to the Academic Quality and Governance Committee the annual monitoring of the effectiveness of academic governance from which it will receive an annual report.</p>
(23) To regulate the discipline of the University in accordance with a Code of Practice to be approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 2 e)	Central Disciplinary Committee	<p>The Council has delegated its power to approve the Code of Practice for Student Discipline to the Senate.</p> <p>The Central Disciplinary Committee as a disciplinary authority can impose any penalty allowed under the Code of Practice for Student Discipline. As an appeal authority it considers and hears appeals against decisions of other disciplinary authorities except those of the Academic Misconduct Appeals Committee (AMAC).</p>

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		<p>Special Appeals Committee. (SAC)</p> <p>Senate Academic Appeal Review Panel (SAARP)</p> <p>Delegated Academic Authorities:</p> <p>Academic Misconduct Appeals Committee (AMAC)</p> <p>Assessment Exceptions Group</p> <p>Accessibility Referrals Panel</p> <p>Education Committee Delegate</p> <p>Examination and Assessment Boards</p> <p>Nursing and Social Work</p>	<p>Special Appeals Committee of the Senate has responsibility to hear appeals against decisions of the Central Disciplinary Committee, made other than in its role as an appeal authority.</p> <p>The Senate Academic Appeal Review Panel (SAARP) has responsibility to consider reviews of decisions of the Delegated Academic Authorities of the University at the final stage of the Academic Appeals Procedure.</p> <p>Delegated Academic Authorities (DAAs) have the authority to consider appeals against academic decisions as specified in Appendix 1 to the Academic Appeals Procedures.</p>

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		Selection Panels Nursing and Social Work Fitness to Practice Panels Programme Committees Research Degrees Examination Result Approval Committee Research Degrees Committee Student Support Team Academic Lead/Module Team Chair	
<p>(24) To expel any student guilty of grave misconduct after giving him an opportunity to appear personally and to be heard by the body established by the said Code of Practice which shall include the right of a student to be represented at a hearing, to call and to question witnesses and to have reasons assigned (if asked for) for any decisions that may be taken by the Senate leading to his expulsion.</p>		Central Disciplinary Committee Special Appeals Committee. (SAC)	Detail as for Power (23)

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(25) To take such steps as it thinks proper for supervising organisations of students.		Council	Ordinance XIII gives oversight of the Open University Students' Association to the Council. Section 9 of the Statement of Primary Responsibilities.
(26) Generally to exercise all such powers as are or may be conferred on the Senate by the Charter and these Statutes including the power to make Regulations in the exercise of the powers herein before expressly set out in this Statute and of all other the powers of the Senate.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 8	None	
(27) Subject to the approval of the Council, to delegate by regulation any powers specifically conferred upon it by this Statute to any person or body of persons constituted for the purpose.	Responsibility remains with the Senate TOR 5	None	

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