

ORDINANCE IV
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. In accordance with Article 17 of the Charter there shall be and is hereby constituted a General Assembly of the Open University representative of the Regional Assemblies and of the Senate and of bodies and organizations co-operating closely with the University in the furtherance of its objects.
2. The General Assembly shall consist of the following members, namely:
 - (a) the Vice-Chancellor, who shall be the Chairman of the Assembly
 - (b) the Pro-Vice-Chancellors
 - (c) five members of the part-time or tutorial academic staff and three registered students elected from each Regional Assembly
 - (d) representatives of the Senate appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate
 - (e) representatives of bodies and organisations co-operating closely with the University in the furtherance of its objects, appointed by the Council.
3. The Assembly shall itself determine the extent of the continuity of its membership with the exception that the Council shall determine the periods of service of representatives of the Senate and of additional bodies and organizations; and that the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellors shall be members only during their periods of office.
4. Any casual vacancy occurring by resignation, incapacity or death among the nominated, appointed or representative members of the Assembly shall be filled by the person who, or body which, nominated or appointed the member whose place has become vacant. Any member nominated or appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office for the unexpired term of office of the member in whose place he is nominated or appointed.
5. In accordance with Statute 18 of the Charter the General Assembly shall have the following powers and functions:
 - (a) to elect, from amongst the nominations made by the Regional Assemblies under Statute 18 (3), four members of the Council of whom two shall be members of the part-time academic staff and two shall be students, to serve as appointed members of the Council for a period of three years commencing on the first day of August in the year in which they are appointed.
 - (b) to express an opinion to the Senate on any matter affecting the work and interests of the University.
6. The Assembly shall meet once in every year. A special meeting of the Assembly may be called at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor. The Assembly shall have power to determine the time and place of its annual meeting, and the procedures to be followed thereat.
7. In accordance with Statutes 13 (13) and 15 (21) of the Charter there shall be and is hereby constituted a central consultative committee with a Constitution, composition and membership as the Council, on the recommendation of the Senate and after due consultation

with the General Assembly, shall from time to time determine. The functions of the committee shall include that of acting for and on behalf of the General Assembly in such ways as the Assembly shall determine.

8. The General Assembly may also appoint and dissolve such and so many committees consisting either wholly or partly of its members as it may think fit; and the provisions of this clause shall also apply to any committee of the General Assembly.
9. The proceedings of the General Assembly shall not be invalidated by any vacancy in its number or by any defect in the appointment or qualifications of its members.

Approved by the Council on 20th July 1971
