

**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** His Majesty King George the Fifth did on the twenty-first day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand nine hundred and twenty, grant a Charter (referred to hereafter as “the Charter of 1920”) constituting and founding a College in the County Borough of Swansea by the name of the University College of Swansea:

**AND WHEREAS** the said Charter provided for the constitution and government of the said College and the management of its affairs and divers other matters, including the enactment of Statutes for regulating all matters connected with the government and administration of the College:

**AND WHEREAS** His said Majesty did, by and with the advice of His Privy Council on the sixteenth day of March, One Thousand nine hundred and thirty-three, allow certain amendments to the said Charter:

**AND WHEREAS** on the seventeenth day of March, One Thousand nine hundred and fifty-five, We were pleased to allow certain further amendments to the said Charter:

**AND WHEREAS** We did, on the twenty-eighth day of October, one Thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine, grant a Supplemental Charter (referred to hereafter as “the Supplemental Charter of 1959”) varying and enlarging the powers of the University College of Swansea and which revoked the Charter of 1920 (except in so far as it incorporated the University College of Swansea and conferred upon it perpetual succession):

**AND WHEREAS** the Supplemental Charter of 1959 has been amended at divers times by resolution approved by Our Privy Council; and by such a resolution made on the twenty-sixth day of June, one Thousand nine hundred and ninety-six, the name and style of the University College of Swansea was changed to the University of Wales Swansea:

**AND WHEREAS** the University of Wales Swansea has resolved to change its name to Swansea University and has presented to Us in Our Council a humble Petition praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter:

**NOW, THEREFORE KNOW YE that** We having taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, have willed and ordained and do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and ordain as follows:

1. The Supplemental Charter of 1959 (except in so far as it continued in force the incorporation by the Charter of 1920 of the University College of Swansea and the conferring thereupon of perpetual succession) shall be and is hereby revoked, but nothing in this revocation shall affect the legality or validity of any act, deed or thing lawfully done or executed under the provisions of the said Supplemental Charter of 1959.
2. The institution shall be known hereafter either as Swansea University or *Prifysgol Abertawe* and may sue and be sued and may hold land and property and may bear Arms in either or both of such names or styles and may exhibit both of such names or styles upon its Common Seal.
3. The objects of the University shall be to advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research, and to engage in activities to promote and contribute to cultural, social and economic development within Wales and beyond.
4. Eligibility for membership of the University shall be regardless of age, ethnic or national origins, race, religion, gender, sexual preference, marital status, family responsibility, physical or sensory disability, or political or religious beliefs and activities.
5. The University shall be a teaching, research and examining body and, subject to this Our Supplemental Charter, the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations, shall have the following powers:
  - (a) To prescribe the conditions under which persons may be admitted to the University and to any particular course of study provided by the University.
  - (b) To provide schemes of study by teaching and by research which shall enable students to qualify for Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other Awards of Swansea University and other universities and bodies.
  - (c) To confer Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates on persons who shall have pursued a course of study and / or research approved by the University and who shall have passed the examinations or other tests prescribed by the University and met any other requirements determined by the University.
  - (d) To confer Honorary Degrees, Honorary Fellowships and other Honorary Awards and Distinctions on persons approved by the University.
  - (e) On what the University shall deem to be good cause, to deprive persons of any Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates or other Awards or Distinctions conferred upon or granted to them by the University.
  - (f) To institute and award *inter alia* Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Bursaries and Prizes.

- (g) To institute such offices as the University may require, to appoint persons to such offices, to remove them from such offices and to prescribe their conditions of service.
- (h) To affiliate other institutions or branches or departments or staffs thereof to further the objects of the University.
- (i) To co-operate by whatever means with other institutions of higher education or other organisations to further the objects of the University.
- (j) To enter into and to put into effect any agreement for the incorporation within the University of, or of the acquisition of, any other institution or part thereof and for taking over its rights, property and liabilities, and for any other purposes not repugnant to this Our Supplemental Charter.
- (k) To demand, charge and receive fees in respect of any of the University's activities.
- (l) To procure contributions to the funds of the University and to raise money in such other manner as the University may deem fit.
- (m) To act as Trustee or Manager of any property, endowment, legacy, bequest or gift made to the University to further the objects of the University and to invest any funds as the University may think fit.
- (n) To provide research, consultancy, advisory and other services.
- (o) To acquire, hold and dispose of property of any kind.
- (p) To establish, own shares in and participate in the governance of companies.
- (q) To do all such other acts and things as may further the objects of the University.

6. There shall be a Visitor of the University who shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council.

7. There shall be a Chancellor of Swansea University who shall be the chief officer of the University.

8. There shall be two Pro-Chancellors of Swansea University, one of whom shall be designated by the Council to act as the Chair of the Council.

9. There shall be a Treasurer of Swansea University.

10. There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of Swansea University who shall be the chief executive and principal academic and administrative officer of the University.

11. There shall be a Pro-Vice-Chancellor or Pro-Vice-Chancellors of Swansea University.

12. There shall be a Council of Swansea University which shall be the governing body of the University.

13. There shall be a Senate of Swansea University which, subject to the control and approval of the Council, shall regulate and superintend the education and discipline of the University, and shall have the constitution, powers and duties as assigned by the Ordinances.

14. There shall be a Court of Swansea University which shall serve as a forum for the engagement of the wider community with the University and which shall have the constitution and powers and duties as assigned by the Ordinances.

15. There shall be such other bodies, such as Faculties and Schools and other academic divisions, as may from time to time be constituted by the Council and which shall have the powers and duties assigned to them by the Ordinances and Regulations.

16. There shall be a Students' Union of Swansea University with a constitution approved by the Council and, so far as is reasonably practicable, the Council shall ensure that the Students' Union operates in a fair and democratic manner and is accountable for its finances.

17. Swansea University shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus to any of its members except by way of prize, reward or special grant.

18. The Council may, after consultation with the Senate and by Special Resolution, amend or add to this Our Supplemental Charter. Such amendment or addition when approved by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council shall have effect so that this Our Supplemental Charter shall henceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so added to or amended.

19. The Council may, after consultation with the Senate and by Special Resolution, make, add to, amend or repeal Statutes to prescribe matters to support this Our Supplemental Charter provided that no such changes shall be either repugnant to the provisions of this Our Supplemental Charter or shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council.

20. For the purposes of this Our Supplemental Charter a Special Resolution means a resolution passed at one meeting of the Council and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not less than three months after the former meeting. Resolutions shall be deemed passed if supported by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at each meeting.

21. Subject to this Our Supplemental Charter and the Statutes, the Council may make, amend, add to or repeal Ordinances to direct and regulate the University and its members.

22. Subject to this Our Supplemental Charter, the Statutes and the Ordinances, the Council and the Senate and the bodies and committees established by them may make, amend, add to or repeal Regulations to support and enforce their respective powers and functions.

23. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between any provision in any Ordinance and any provision in any Regulation, the provision in the Ordinance shall prevail.

24. In the event of inconsistency between any provision in any Ordinance and any provision in any other Ordinance, or between any Regulation and any other Regulation, the matter shall be referred to the Council for resolution.

25. This Our Supplemental Charter shall come into effect on the first day of September 2007.

Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Supplemental Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to Swansea University and to the promotion of its objects.

**IN WITNESS** wherof We have cause these Our Letters to be made Patent.

**WITNESS** Ourselves at Westminster the thirtieth day of August in the fifty-sixth year of Our Reign.

**BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL**

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