The Council

Ordinance A1 and A2 define the membership and powers of the Council. The normal period of tenure is three years.

Class 1: Ex officio

The Vice-Chancellor
The Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Three Pro-Vice-Chancellors selected in accordance with Ordinance
PVC Education and Student Experience - Professor Elizabeth McCrum
PVC Academic Planning and Resource - Professor Dominik Zaum
PVC International – Dr Caroline Baylon
The Dean of the Henley Business School

Class 2: Fifteen persons not being employees or registered students of the University to be appointed by the Council.

Steve Alexander	31.07.2025
Shamshad Ali	31.07.2025
Sian Butler	31.07.2026
Kevin Corrigan (Vice-President of the Council)	31.07.2025
Penny Egan	31.12.2024
Helen Gordon (President of the Council)	31.07.2025
Sue Maple	31.07.2025
Angus McCallum	31.07.2025
Peter Milhofer	31.07.2025
Vacancy	
Kate Owen (Vice-President of the Council)	31.07.2024
Sally Plank	31.07.2026
Nigel Richards	31.07.2025
Dr Christopher Shaw	31.07.2025
Dr Janet Young	31.07.2025

Class 3: One member of the Academic Staff of the Leadership Group elected from among their own number in such a manner and under such conditions as are prescribed by the Council for the election of members of the Academic Staff to the Senate under Ordinance A1.

Professor Katja Strohfeldt	05.02 2026

Class 4: One member of the Senate not being a registered student of the University to be appointed by the Senate.

Professor Richard Frazier

31.07.2026

Class 5: One member of the Academic Staff of the University elected from among their own number in such manner and under such conditions as are prescribed by the Council for the election of members of the Academic Staff to the Senate under Ordinance A1.

Professor Jonathan Gibbins

31.07.2026

Class 6: One member of the staff of the University not being a member of the Academic Staff elected in such a manner as the Council shall from time to time determine.

John Jack 31.12.2025

Class 7: Two Officers of the Students' Union and two alternates as determined from time to time by the Council after consultation with the Students' Union.

The President of the Students' Union

Education Officer of the Students' Union

Alternates

Welfare Officer of the Students' Union

Activities Officer of the Students' Union

Secretary: The University Secretary (for whom Keith Swanson acts)

Constitution and Governance

Ordinance A1

The Council

1. Membership of and Appointment to the Council

- 1.1 Membership of the Council shall be as set out in the Charter.
- 1.2 Council members in Class 1 shall be appointed to the Council by virtue of their appointment to their current roles. If the University has more than three Pro-Vice Chancellors, employees holding that job title shall be elected to the Council by and from amongst their own number, normally for a period of three years.
- 1.3 Where a vacancy arises within Class 2, the Appointments and Governance Committee shall conduct an appropriate search and recommend the appointment of a suitable candidate to the Council.
- 1.4 Where a vacancy arises within Class 3, a member of staff who is employed as a Dean or Head of School at the time of their election shall be elected by and from amongst their own number.
- 1.5 Where a vacancy arises within Class 4, the Senate shall choose a member in such manner and under such conditions as are prescribed by the Senate from time to time.
- 1.6 Where a vacancy arises within Class 5, a member of staff who is employed as a member of the Academic Staff (being a Lecturer, Associate Professor or Professor) at the time of their election shall be elected by and from amongst their own number.
- 1.7 Where a vacancy arises within Class 6, a member of staff who is employed other than as a member of the Academic Staff as defined in clause 1.6 above at the time of their election shall be elected by and from amongst their own number.
- 1.8 Where a vacancy arises within Class 7, the Students' Union shall choose a member in such manner as it determines from time to time.

2. Removal from the Council

2.1 A member of the Council may be removed from office for good cause by the Council at the instance of the Council.

- 2.2 A member of the Council may resign their appointment in writing addressed to the Council.
- 2.3 Except for those who are members of the Council by virtue of their office or employment, if a member does not attend meetings of the Council for a period of one calendar year the member may be deemed to have resigned.

3. Removal of the President and the Vice-President(s) from Office

- 3.1 The President and the Vice-President(s) of the Council may be removed from their position as President or Vice-President by the Council by a resolution passed by a majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Council.
- 3.2 The President and the Vice-President(s) of the Council may resign from their position as President or Vice-President in writing addressed to the Council.

4. Secretary to the Council

4.1 The Council shall appoint a Secretary to the Council from amongst the members of staff of the University.

5. Reserved Business

- 5.1 Student members of the University or any other member who has an interest in the matter to be discussed shall be required to withdraw from a meeting when it is declared by the Chair of the meeting that the meeting is about to discuss a reserved area of business and shall not return to the meeting until the discussion on the reserved area of business is concluded.
- 5.2 Minutes and other records which relate to the discussion of reserved areas of business shall not at any time be made available to student members.
- 5.3 Reserved areas of business include matters affecting the appointment, promotion and personal affairs of individual members of staff of the University and matters affecting the academic assessment or standing of individual students.
- 5.4 Notwithstanding the above, the Chair may decide in any case of doubt whether a matter is a reserved area of business or not and their decision shall be final.

6. Declarations of interest

- 6.1 All members of the Council shall declare any interests that they and/or their close associates have, including but not limited to all company directorships, membership of governing bodies, trusteeships and partnerships. In addition, significant pecuniary or other material interests should be declared where others might reasonably think that the interest could influence their actions and decisions as a member of the Council.
- 6.2 The Secretary to the Council shall retain a register of the interests of members of the Council.
- 6.3 The register of interests will be circulated in full to members of the Council annually and shall be published by the University.