



## Bishop Grosseteste University

### Schedule of Delegation

#### 1. Duration

- 1.1 With effect from 1 August 2019, Bishop Grosseteste University Council has established the Schedule of Delegation as set out below. This Schedule will be reviewed by Council on a biennial basis.

#### 2. Purpose

- 2.1 This Schedule confirms the location of specific powers for certain key decisions. It is not intended to be a full and complete description of the roles, remits, responsibilities and powers of all University bodies and individuals. It should be read in conjunction with the University's Articles of Association, incorporating the Instruments and Articles of Government and the terms of reference of relevant committees.
- 2.2 The Schedule is only concerned with the location of authority for the final decision making process. It does not identify how recommendations will be formulated. It identifies where authority is RESERVED and cannot be delegated to another body or individual. Unless stated as reserved, authority can be delegated to other committees/ senior post-holders as outlined in the notes section of the schedule.
- 2.3 Queries in relation to this Schedule should be addressed to the University's governance team in the first instance: [governance@bishopg.ac.uk](mailto:governance@bishopg.ac.uk).

#### 3. Key Principles

- 3.1 This Schedule is aligned to the CUC's Higher Education Code of Governance, 2020.
- 3.2 It observes a clear distinction between the governance and management of the University. For this purpose, 'governance' is defined as the systems, structures, procedures and rules by which the University takes decisions on its affairs and is held accountable for them, and for its use of public funds. This includes setting the University's strategic aims and objectives, monitoring and measuring performance against these, ensuring accountability and effective scrutiny, and appointing and ensuring the effectiveness of the head of the institution and other senior officers. Responsibility for the governance of the University rests with the University Council.
- 3.3 The Vice-Chancellor has delegated responsibility for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and human resource management of the institution. The Vice-Chancellor is Chair of Senate.
- 3.4 Whilst University Council has oversight of the academic governance of the University, Senate is the supreme academic body of the University and is responsible to the Council for matters of academic governance. Subject to the provisions of the Instruments and Articles of Governance, and any powers reserved to Council, Senate has the powers to take such measures or actions as best promote the interests of the University as a place of teaching,



learning, research and knowledge exchange. In general, such powers may be delegated to other committees or individuals as the Senate deems appropriate.

- 3.5 Decisions are reserved or delegated to the most appropriate level. Whilst delegated decisions may be reported to the delegating authority, these decisions will not be subject to further debate except in exceptional circumstances.
- 3.6 Any changes to the core substance of policies (e.g. amendments to principles, roles or responsibilities), and all new policies and procedures will be authorised as noted below.
- 3.7 Minor amendments to policies and procedures (i.e. changes to titles such as job titles in use at BGU, typographical amendments or changes to legislation) which do not affect the substance of the policy or procedure in question are delegated for sign off to the Academic Enhancement Committee (in respect of academic matters), overseen by Senate, or to the VCEG in respect of operational matters. Updates of approved minor policy changes will be noted to the relevant University Committee/ Senate.
- 3.7 Core policies are the provision of University Council, or its sub-committees/ Senate, as outlined below. Procedures outlining how these policies are implemented are management responsibility, unless stated otherwise below.
- 3.8 In a situation where natural and unavoidable catastrophes occur, which interrupt the expected course of events, operational matters needing to be addressed in an expedited fashion (where there is a material impact on matters pertaining to for example, finances, estate and HR) are delegated to the Vice Chancellor or the appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor in the absence of the Vice Chancellor, in so far as they do not impinge on the reserved powers of Council. Matters pertaining to the reserved powers of Council shall be addressed through a meeting of Council or written decisions as appropriate.

The Vice-Chancellor shall ensure that regular communication on the situation (and any associated decisions) is sent to Council. Decisions judged to have a material impact on the business of the University will be noted at the next Council meeting.

#### **4. Other Relevant Documents [ADD LINKS]**

[BGU Financial Regulations](#)

[ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY incorporating INSTRUMENT AND ARTICLES OF GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY](#)

[Terms of Reference of University Council and its sub-committee](#)

[The CUC Higher Education Code of Governance September 2020](#)

[HE Audit Committees Code of Practice](#)



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## Glossary of Committees/ relevant acronyms

Committee Name	Acronym
Academic Advisory Group	AAG
Academic Enhancement Committee	AEC
Academic Forum	
Accommodation Working Group	
Accreditation of Prior Learning Panel	APL
Audit Committee	
BG (Lincoln) Ltd	
Committee of University Chairs	CUC
Data Capability Programme Board	
Disbursement Committee	
Doctoral Programmes Group	
Employability Oversight Group	
External Examining Oversight Group	EEOG
Finance, Employment and General Purpose Committee	FE & GP
Governance and Nominations Committee	G&N
Health and Safety Committee	H&S
Honorary Award Committee	
Internationalisation Committee	
Joint Board of Studies	JBOS
Learning and Teaching Committee	LTC
Learning and Teaching Spaces Group	
Ltd Company JCC	
Partnership Steering Group	
People and Inclusion Committee	P&I
Portfolio Management Group	PMG
Primary ITE Committee	
Quality Assurance Committee	QAC
Remuneration Committee	RemCom
Research Committee	
Research Students Committee	
School Board Humanities	
School Board Social Sciences	
School Board Teacher Development	
Secondary FE and PDE Committee	
Selection Committee	
Senate	
Senior Executive Group	SEG
Senior Management Group	SMG
Stakeholder Engagement Committee	SEC
Student Engagement Group	
Students' Union	SU



Task and Finish Groups (under Senate)	
Teacher Development Management Team	TDMT
TESOF Steering Group	
University Council	
University Joint Consultative Committee	University JCC
Vice-Chancellor's Executive Group	VCEG
Widening Participation Group	WPG

**BISHOP GROSSETESTE UNIVERSITY (BGU):  
SCHEDULE OF DELEGATION: September 2019**

**1. Governance**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Final Authority</b>	<b>Reserved</b>	<b>Authority Delegated to</b>	<b>Notes ( i.e. Delegation Limits, Context and Process)</b>
1.1	Amendments to/ replacement of the Articles of Association.	Privy Council (or another body approved by Act of Parliament)	N/A	N/A	BGU proposals to be passed by a special resolution of the Company Directors and are subject to the approval of the Privy Council (or another body approved by Act of Parliament).
1.2	The pursuit of the charitable object and the determination of the educational character and mission of the University.	University Council	Yes	N/A	See BGU Articles of Governance.
1.3	The execution of any document to which the Directors of the Company from time to time are a party with the intention that any document executed under this authority will have the same effect as if executed by all of the Directors of the Company.	University Council	No	N/A	Delegated to two Directors (i.e. University Council Members) or one Director (University Council Member) and the Company Secretary. See the document attached in respect of the advice received from Shakespeare Martineau.   s 44 Execution of documents.pdf
1.4	The preservation and development of the character of the institution as a Church of England University.	University Council/ Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	Advised by the Vice-Chancellor.

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1.5	The recommendation to the University in general meeting for the varying or revoking of the Articles of Governance.	University Council	Yes	N/A	See BGU Articles of Governance.
1.6	To monitor the University's corporate and data processes, and policies and procedures, using external benchmarks as necessary.	University Council	No	Audit Committee	
1.7	To monitor the University's academic governance, partnerships, quality, academic standards and policies and procedures, using external benchmarks as necessary.	University Council	No	Senate	The University Council retains oversight and core-responsibility; however; operational monitoring is delegated to Senate.
1.8	To monitor any subsidiary company of the University.	University Council	No		Advised by FE&GP.
1.9	To regularly review the continuing appropriateness, complementarity and development of the Members' skill sets and the skills matrix of the University Council.	University Council	No	G&N Committee	
1.10	Membership of Committees (which may include persons who are not Members) and their terms of reference.	University Council	No	G&N Committee	Reported to University Council.



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1.11	To regularly review the effectiveness of Committees and the University Council as a whole, also paying attention to succession planning.	University Council	No	N/A	Advised by G&N Committee.
1.12	The promotion of equality and diversity amongst the membership of the University Council and across the whole University.	University Council	No	N/A	Advised by the G&N & FE&GP Committees & Senate.
1.13	The determination and monitoring of key performance indicators of institution and benchmarking.	University Council	No	Audit Committee	Audit Committee is advised by the senior Executive Group. KPIs are monitored by University Council.
1.14	The approval of the University Strategic Plan.	University Council	No	FE&GP Committee	Overall approval is for the remit of the University Council though scrutiny of the strategy will take place within the FE&GP Committee.
1.15	The appointment of an Audit Committee; considering and, where necessary, acting on the annual report from the Audit Committee; appointing the external auditors; considering the annual report of the internal audit service; and receiving and approving the audited annual financial statements.	University Council	Yes	N/A	See the CUC Code of Governance and CUC HE Audit Committees Code of Practice (2020).



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1.16	To advise University Council in respect of reports from internal and external auditors, risk management, external activities with significant institutional-level financial or reputational risk and related matters.	Audit Committee	No	N/A	
1.17	To provide assurance to the University Council in respect of data quality.	Audit Committee	No	N/A	See the CUC Code of Governance and CUC HE Audit Committees Code of Practice (2020).
1.18	To make proposals to the University Council about the educational character and mission of the University, and for implementing the decisions of the University Council.	Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	May be delegated to senior post-holders in accordance with their roles and responsibilities.
1.19	The organisation, direction and management of the University and leadership of the staff	Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	May be delegated to senior post-holders in accordance with their roles and responsibilities.
1.20	The establishment of sub-committees reporting to Senate, membership and terms of reference.	Senate	No	N/A	



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1.21	The execution of responsibilities of the Chancellor.	Chancellor	No	N/A	The Chancellor position at Bishop Grosseteste University is an honorary, ambassadorial, ceremonial figurehead at public events, promoting and encouraging all aspects of the University's mission. The Chancellor's duties notably include the conferment of degrees of the University, which is also normally a non-delegable duty. In an emergency case of vacancy of position of the Chancellor, the Chair of the University Council shall act as Pro Chancellor.
1.22	To act and take decisions on behalf of the University Council in respect of routine and/or urgent business.	Chair of the University Council	No	N/A	In the case of more significant routine business, the Chair/Vice Chair may involve the whole council e.g. electronically/by email. The process can be assisted by Registrar or Secretary.
1.23	To call a special meeting of the University Council.	Chair of the University Council	No	N/A	In the case of indisposition/unavailability of Chair, the Acting Chair (normally, Vice Chair) may call a special meeting.



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1.24	Secretary to Council	Registrar and Secretary	No	N/A	As Company Secretary, the Registrar and Secretary will attend meetings of Council and its Committees in an advisory capacity. Due to potential conflicts of interest, the Governance Manager (or nominee) will attend the Remuneration Committee in place of the Secretary



## 2. Academic Affairs/ Student Matters

Ref	Responsibility	Final Authority	Reserved	Authority Delegated to	Delegation Limits, Context and Process
2.1	To ensure academic freedom.	University Council	No	Senate	
2.2	Approval of the Student Union's (SU) constitution.	University Council	No	N/A	The SU is a separate registered charity, however, University Council may give advice to the SU Board of Trustees.
2.3	Receipt of annual audited SU accounts.	University Council	No	FE&GP Committee	The SU is a separate registered charity, however, University Council may give advice to the SU Board of Trustees.
2.4	To establish rules in respect of students, including procedures for suspension and expulsion.	University Council	No		Advised by Senate and representatives of the students.  In a case of emergency, Chair of Council may act on behalf of the whole Council but the policy or equivalent would need to be approved by the whole Council either in a meeting or, by a simple majority of members, electronically (e.g. email).



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2.5	The determination, of the University's activities.	Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	In accordance with the policies of the University Council and in consultation with Senate on academic matters.  May be delegated to senior post-holders in accordance with their roles and responsibilities/ terms of reference of Senate.
2.6	The maintenance of student discipline.	Vice-Chancellor	No	Senior Executive Group	The Senior Executive Group may engage members of the Senior Management Group/ Vice-Chancellor's Executive Group to undertake this responsibility as per the relevant policy and procedures.
2.7	To establish procedures for the expulsion of a Student for an unsatisfactory standard of work or other academic reasons.	Senate	No		Following consultation with the University Council and representatives of the Students.
2.8	General issues relating to the research, scholarship, teaching and courses at the University.	Senate	No		Advised by its sub-committees.
2.9	To establish the criteria for the admission of Students.	Senate	No		Policies to be scrutinised at QAC, noted at AEC and recommended for approval by Senate.



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2.10	The appointment and removal of internal and external examiners.	Senate	No	AEC	To be scrutinised at the External Examiner Oversight Group and agreed at QAC. Contentious issues to be raised at AEC and discussed at Senate if required.
2.11	To authorise policies and procedures for assessment and examination of the academic performance of Students.	Senate	No	AEC	Policies to be scrutinised at QAC, noted at AEC and recommended for approval by Senate. See also the University's Policy schedule for further details of relevant authorisation routes.
2.12	To agree the content of the curriculum.	Senate	No	AEC	Advised by reports from PMG.
2.13	To maintain academic standards and the validation and review of courses.	Senate	No		Records of decision to be scrutinised at QAC, noted at AEC and recommended for approval by Senate. Overall academic standards to be reviewed annually at Senate, advised by AEC.
2.14	The maintenance of the quality of and procedures for the award of qualifications and the conferment of academic titles.	Senate	No		Overall academic standards to be reviewed annually at Senate, advised by AEC.
2.15	To establish procedures for the expulsion of students for academic reasons.	Senate	No	QAC	Procedures to be agreed at QAC.



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2.16	To consider the development of the academic activities of the University and the resources needed to support them and for advising the Vice-Chancellor and the University Council.	Senate	No		Advised by AEC.
2.17	To advise on such other matters as the University Council or the Vice-Chancellor may refer to the Senate.	Senate	No		In consultation with its sub-committees.
2.18	To report annually on academic governance and Senate matters to Council.	Senate	No		Report to be prepared by the Senior Executive Team and AEC, based on Senate activities during the year and monitoring/ development of academic matters.
2.19	Oversight of academic partnerships.	Senate	No	AEC	



3. Finance

Ref	Responsibility	Final Authority	Reserved	Authority Delegated to	Discretionary Delegation, Delegation Limits, Context and Process
3.1	Development of an appropriate financial strategy aligned to the University's strategic plan.	University Council	No	N/A	Advised by FE&GP and the Senior executive Group. See the CUC Code of Governance.
3.2	The approval of the annual budget and estimates of income and expenditure.	University Council	Yes		See the BGU Articles of Governance and the CUC Code of Governance.
3.3	To ensure the solvency of the University and the safeguarding of its assets.	University Council	Yes		See BGU Articles of Governance.
3.4	Setting the policy framework for appropriate resource allocations	University Council	No	FE&GP Committee	See also the University's Policy schedule for further details of relevant authorisation routes.
3.5	To ensure the effective and efficient use of resources.	University Council	No	Senior Executive Group	The Senior Executive Group is assisted in fulfilling this responsibility by VCEG. SEG/ members of VCEG report to FE&GP Committee, who will advise University Council accordingly. University Council will also be advised by the Audit Committee, who will work with external and internal auditors on the Council's behalf. FE&GP Committee and Audit Committee will advise University Council and are not authorised to deal with any matters which are specified in the Articles of Government as being the prerogative of the whole University Council or other committees or authorities.

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3.6	The determination of the tuition and other fees payable to the University (subject to any terms and conditions attached to grants, loans or other payments paid or made by the relevant higher education funding bodies).	University Council	No	FE&GP Committee	
3.7	The appointment of auditors.	University Council	No	Audit Committee	
3.8	To account for the University's budget and resources.	Vice-Chancellor	Yes		See the BGU Articles of Governance
3.9	To prepare annual estimates of income and expenditure, for consideration by the University Council, and for the management of budget and resources, within the estimates approved by the University Council.	Vice-Chancellor	No	Chief Operating Officer	
3.10	Day-to-day responsibility for financial management and advising on financial matters.	Vice -Chancellor	No	Chief Operating Officer	The Vice-Chancellor as the University's accountable officer may be called to account for these in front of a relevant regulatory, Government or Parliamentary authority.



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3.11	To keep true accounts and to submit returns, reports and statements of account to the Registrar of Companies and to the Charity Commission.	University Council	No	Chief Operating Officer	The Vice-Chancellor as the University's accountable officer may be called to account for these in front of a relevant regulatory, Government or Parliamentary authority.
3.12	To keep proper records of meetings of the Company Directors, the University Council and committees of the University Council.	University Council	No	Registrar and Secretary	



4. Resources (Property, estate and systems)

Ref	Responsibility	Final Authority	Reserved	Authority Delegated to	Delegation Limits, Context and Process
4.1	To deal with and advise the University Council on matters relating to the strategic development of the Estate or any matters of operational significance, including matters of Health and Safety.	University Council	Part	FE&GP Committee	Day to day matters are dealt by the Senior Executive Group and their reports; the monitoring responsibility is for FE&GP Committee and the overall responsibility rests with the University Council. <i>It is to be specifically noted that the ultimate responsibility for Health and Safety matters always rests with the University Council.</i>
4.2	To deal with and advise the University Council on matters relating to the strategic development and operational implementation of the University's information systems.	University Council	No	FE&GP Committee	The Vice-Chancellor's Executive Group will lead on this area, bringing reports to FE&GP Committee / University Council as required.

## 5. Staffing

Ref	Responsibility	Final Authority	Reserved	Authority Delegated to	Delegation Limits, Context and Process
5.1	The process of appointment, suspension or dismissal of the Vice-Chancellor.	University Council	Reserved		Advised by the Selection Committee.
5.2	The grading and determination of the pay and conditions of service of the Vice-Chancellor.	University Council	No		Advised by the Remuneration Committee.
5.3	The appointment, suspension or dismissal of the holders of senior posts.	University Council	No	Selection Committee	
5.4	The, grading and, setting of a framework for the pay and conditions of service of the holders of senior posts (excluding the VC).	University Council	No	Remuneration Committee	Senior Executive posts. Following consultation with the Vice-Chancellor.
5.5	Setting a framework for and approving the form of the contract of employment of all other Staff/ rules relating to the conduct, suspension, discipline and dismissal of staff/ rules & procedures relating to staff grievances.	University Council	No	FE&GP Committee	See also the University's Policy schedule for further details of relevant authorisation routes.



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5.6	The appointment, assignment, grading, appraisal, suspension, dismissal and determination (within the framework set by the University Council) of the pay and conditions of service of staff other than the holders of senior posts.	Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	May be delegated to senior post-holders in accordance with their roles and responsibilities.
5.7	Preparing recommendations for the consideration by the University Council for the appointment, grading, suspension, dismissal and the determination of the pay and conditions of the holders of senior posts.	Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	May be delegated to senior post-holders in accordance with their roles and responsibilities.
5.8	The assignment and appraisal of the holders of senior posts subject to the approval of the University Council or any Committee formed by the University Council for that purpose.	Vice-Chancellor	No	N/A	
5.9	To appoint, as and when required, a holder of a senior post to deputise in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor.	Chair of the University Council	No	N/A	In the case of indisposition/unavailability of Chair, the Vice Chair may take such an action.
5.10	To appraise the Vice-Chancellor.	Chair of the University Council	No	N/A	In the case of indisposition/unavailability of Chair, the Acting Chair (normally, the Vice Chair) may take such an action.



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5.11	To establish a special committee of the University Council and refer to that committee the issue of the possible dismissal of the Vice-Chancellor.	Chair of the University Council	No	N/A	The dismissal of the Vice-Chancellor must ultimately be dealt with and decided upon by the whole University Council.