

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF OPEN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS



PRELIMINARY

The regulations contained in the model articles of association for private companies limited by guarantee contained in Schedule 2 to The Companies (Model Articles) Regulations 2008 in force at the time of adoption of these Articles shall not apply to the Company and these Articles shall be the regulations of the Company

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

2.1 In these Articles the following expressions have the following meanings unless inconsistent with the context

"these Articles"	these Articles of Association, whether as originally adopted or as from time to time altered by special resolution
"the 2006 Act"	the Companies Act 2006 (as amended from time to time)
"Company"	the company regulated by these Articles
"Directors"	the directors of the Company. The directors are charity trustees as defined by section 177 of the Charities Act 2011
"electronic address"	any address or number used for the purposes of sending or receiving documents or information by electronic means
"electronic form" and "electronic means"	have the meaning given in section 1168 of the 2006 Act
"executed"	includes any mode of execution
"hard copy form"	has the meaning given in section 1168 of the 2006 Act
"Independent Director"	a Director who is not a director, trustee or employee of the University
"office"	the registered office of the Company
"ordinary resolution"	has the meaning given in section 282 of the 2006 Act

“seal”	the common seal of the Company (if any)
“secretary”	the secretary of the Company or any other person appointed to perform the duties of the secretary of the Company, including a Joint, assistant or deputy secretary
“special resolution”	has the meaning given in section 283 of the 2006 Act
“the Statutes”	the Companies Acts as defined in section 2 of the 2006 Act and every other statute, order, regulation, instrument or other subordinate legislation for the time being in force relating to companies and affecting the Company
“United Kingdom”	Great Britain and Northern Ireland
“University”	Open University, a Royal Charter corporation
“in writing”	hard copy form or to the extent agreed (or deemed to be agreed by virtue of a provision of the Statutes) electronic form or website communication

- 2.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, words or expressions contained in these Articles shall bear the same meaning as in the Statutes but excluding any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the Company.
- 2.3 Words importing the masculine gender only shall include the feminine gender and the neuter (as appropriate).
- 2.4 References to any statute or statutory provision include, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to that Statute or statutory provision as modified, replaced, re enacted or consolidated and in force from time to time and any subordinate legislation made under the relevant statute or statutory provision.
- 2.5 Where the word "address" appears in these Articles it is deemed to include postal address and, where applicable, electronic address.
- 2.6 The expression "working day" in relation to a period of notice means any day other than Saturday, Sunday and Christmas Day, Good Friday or any day that is a bank holiday under the Banking and Financial Dealing Act 1971 in the part of the UK where the company is registered.
- 2.7 The expression "clear days" in relation to a period of notice to call a meeting means the number of days referred to excluding the day when the notice is given and the day of the meeting.

OBJECTS

The Company's objects are:

- 3.1 To promote and provide education and training in the field of arts and crafts and related skills and disciplines in all countries of the world.

POWERS

- 4.1 For the furtherance of the objects set out in the immediately preceding article and as ancillary thereto, but without prejudice to the generality thereof to do (if thought fit) or procure the doing of all or any of the following further things:

- 4.1.1 to establish and run colleges, centres and other institutions,
- 4.1.2 to hold courses, lectures and workshops, provide personal tuition, correspondence courses and other teaching media,
- 4.1.3 to hold and promote the holding of displays and exhibitions,
- 4.1.4 to co-operate or collaborate with other persons or organisations,
- 4.1.5 to carry out and promote research into and the gathering of information and statistics about all matters relating to the said objects,
- 4.1.6 to levy reasonable charges and fees in the pursuance of the said objects,
- 4.1.7 to purchase, take on lease or to exchange hire or otherwise acquire any real and personal estate which may be necessary for any of the purposes of the Company,
- 4.1.8 to publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, Journals, films, tapes and instructional matter and to organise lectures, broadcasts and courses of instructions,
- 4.1.9 to purchase or otherwise acquire or found and to carry on schools and training centres,
- 4.1.10 to receive donations, endowments, subscriptions and legacies from persons desiring to promote the objects aforesaid or any of them and to hold funds in trust for the same,
- 4.1.11 subject to such consents as may be required by law, to borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Company on such terms and on such security as may be thought fit including making reasonable charges for any services provided hereunder (whether to beneficiaries or not),
- 4.1.12 to establish and support or aid in the establishment and support or to amalgamate with other charities associations or institutions and to subscribe lend or guarantee money for charitable purposes in any way connected with the purposes of the company or calculated to further its objects,
- 4.1.13 to undertake and execute any charitable trusts which may lawfully be undertaken by the Company and may be necessary to its objects,
- 4.1.14 to invest the moneys of the Company not immediately required for its own purposes in or upon such investments, securities, or property as may be thought fit in the absolute discretion of the trustees for the time being, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law and subject also as hereinafter provided,
- 4.1.15 to engage or employ such personnel (whether as employees consultants advisers or however) as may be requisite to the promotion of the objects of the Company and on such terms as the trustees may think fit,
- 4.1.16 to provide or procure the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of the said objects or any of them,
- 4.1.17 to receive loans at interest or otherwise from and to lend money and give credit to, to take security for such loans or credit and to guarantee and become or give security for the performance of contracts by any person or company as may be necessary or convenient for the work of the Company,
- 4.1.18 to draw accept endorse issue or execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants and other negotiable transferrable or mercantile instruments for the purpose of or in connection with the objects of the Company,

- 4.1.19 to establish promote or assist companies with charitable objects similar to those of the Company for the acquisition of the property or liabilities of the company or to carry on any authorised activity of the Company or for any other charitable purpose directly or indirectly calculated to benefit the Company in the furtherance of its objects,
- 4.1.20 to amalgamate merge or join in with any charity having charitable objects wholly or in part similar to those of this Company for the purposes of better effectuating the charitable purposes,
- 4.1.21 to make all reasonable and necessary provision for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their widows and other dependants,
- 4.1.22 to purchase acquire or undertake all or any of the property liabilities and engagements of charitable associations societies or bodies with which the company may co-operate or federate,
- 4.1.23 to pay out of the funds of the Company the costs of forming and registering the Company,
- 4.1.24 to do anything else within the law which promotes or helps to promote the Company's objects,

provided that

- 4.1.25 if the Company shall take or hold any property which may be subject to any trusts, the Company shall only deal with or invest the same in the manner allowed by law, having regard to such trusts,
- 4.1.26 the Company objects shall not extend to the regulation of relations between workers and employers or organisations of works and organisations of employers,
- 4.1.27 if the Company shall take or hold any property subject to the jurisdiction of the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Company shall not sell, mortgage, charge or lease the same without any authority, approval or consent as may be required by law, and as regards any such property the board of the Company shall be chargeable for any such property that may come into their hands and shall be answerable and accountable for their own acts, receipts, neglects and defaults, and for the due administration of such property in the same manner and to the same extent as such Board would have been if no incorporation had been effected, and the incorporation of the Company shall not diminish or impair any control or authority exercisable by the Chancery Division, or the Charity Commission over such Board but as regards any such property they shall be subject jointly and separately to such control or authority as if the Company were not incorporated.

APPLICATION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY

- 5.1 The income and property of the Company from whatever source derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in these Articles, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise howsoever, by way or profit to the members of the Company (and no member of its board shall be appointed to any office of the Company paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Company).
- 5.2 Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith by the Company:
 - 5.2.1 of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or servant of the Company (not being a member of its board) for any services rendered to the Company,

- 5.2.2 of interest on money lent by a member of the Company (or of its board) at a reasonable and proper rate per annum not exceeding two per cent less than the published base lending rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the Directors,
- 5.2.3 of any reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member of the Company (or of its board),
- 5.2.4 of fees, remuneration or other benefits in money or money's worth to a Company of which a member of the board of Directors may be a member holding not more than 1/100th part of the capital of the Company, and
- 5.2.5 any members of its board of Directors of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

LIABILITY OF MEMBERS

- 6.1 The liability of the members is limited.
- 6.2 Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required (not exceeding £1.00) to the Company's assets if it should be wound up while such party is a member or within one year after such party ceases to be a member, for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before such party ceases to be a member, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributions among themselves.
- 6.3 If upon the winding-up or dissolution of the Company there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Company, but shall be given or transferred to some other charitable institution or institutions having similar objects of the Company, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Company under or by virtue of clause 5.1 hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members within three months of the member's resolution passed initiating the winding-up failing which and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to such other charitable object as the trustees shall resolve upon.

MEMBERS

- 7.1 The University shall be the member of the company.
- 7.2 Membership shall not be transferable and shall cease on death or, in the case of an association, body or institution, where it ceases to exist or loses the legal ability to be a member.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 8.1 The Company may but need not hold a general meeting of the members in any year.
- 8.2 The Directors or any member may call general meetings.
- 8.3 If at any time there are not within the United Kingdom sufficient Directors capable of acting to form a quorum, any director or any member of the Company may convene a general meeting in the same manner as nearly as possible as that in which meetings may be convened by the Directors.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 A notice convening a general meeting of the Company shall be called by at least fourteen clear days' notice in writing. The notice shall specify the time and place of the meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- 9.2 Subject to the provisions of these Articles notice of general meetings shall be given to all members, to all Directors and to the auditors.

- 9.3 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of these Articles a general meeting may be called by shorter notice if it is so agreed in accordance with section 307(4) of the 2006 Act.
- 9.4 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.
- 9.5 Notwithstanding that the Company does not have a share capital, every notice convening a general meeting shall comply with the provisions of section 325(1) of the 2006 Act as to giving information to members in regard to their right to appoint proxies.
- 9.6 Every notice convening a general meeting shall be given in accordance with section 308 of the 2006 Act that is in hard copy form, electronic form or by means of a website.
- 9.7 The Company may send a notice of meeting by making it available on a website or by sending it in electronic form and if notice is sent in either way it will be valid provided it complies with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 10.1 No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum of members is present. A duly authorised representative of the University shall be a quorum. If within half an hour from the time appointed for the general meeting a quorum is not present the general meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or to such other day and at such other time and place as the Directors may determine.
- 10.2 The chairman, if any, of the Directors shall preside as chairman at every general meeting of the Company, or if there is no such chairman, or if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 10.3 If at any meeting no director is willing to act as chairman or if no director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the general meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 10.4 A director shall, notwithstanding that he is not a member, be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting.
- 10.5 The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might properly have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment or of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting.
- 10.6 At any general meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands, a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, a poll may be demanded:
- 10.6.1 by the chairman, or
- 10.6.2 by any member having the right to vote at the meeting,
- and a demand by a person as a proxy for a member shall be the same as a demand by the member.
- 10.7 Unless a poll is duly demanded a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been earned or earned unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, or not earned by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting of the Company shall be conclusive evidence of

the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against such resolution.

- 10.8 The demand for a poll may, before the poll is taken, be withdrawn but only with the consent of the chairman and a demand so withdrawn shall not be taken to have invalidated the result of a show of hands declared before the demand was made.
- 10.9 A poll shall be taken as the chairman directs and he may appoint scrutineers (who need not be members) and fix a time and place for declaring the result of the poll. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.
- 10.10 A poll demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded on any other question shall be taken either forthwith or at such time and place as the chairman directs not being more than thirty days after the poll is demanded. The demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuance of a meeting for the transaction of any business other than the question on which the poll was demanded. If a poll is demanded before the declaration of the result of a show of hands and the demand is duly withdrawn, the meeting shall continue as if the demand had not been made.
- 10.11 No notice need be given of a poll not taken forthwith if the time and place at which it is to be taken are announced at the meeting at which it is demanded. In any other case at least seven clear days' notice shall be given specifying the time and place at which the poll is to be taken.

VOTES OF MEMBERS

- 11.1 On a written resolution, every member has one vote, on a show of hands every member (being an individual) present in person or by proxy (not being himself a member entitled to vote) or (being a corporation) present by a duly authorised representative or proxy (not being himself a member entitled to vote) has one vote and on a poll every member present in person or by proxy or by a duly authorised representative (as the case may be) has one vote.
- 11.2 A member in respect of whom an order has been made by any court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder may vote, by his receiver, curator bonis or other person authorised in that behalf. Evidence to the satisfaction of the Directors of the authority of the person claiming to exercise the right to vote shall be deposited at the office, or at such other place as is specified in accordance with these Articles for the deposit of instruments of proxy, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the right to vote is to be exercised and in default the right to vote shall not be exercisable in calculating the time period in this Article 11.2, no account shall be taken of any part of a day that is not a working day.
- 11.3 No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all moneys presently payable by him to the Company pursuant to any rules or bye-laws made by the Directors under Article 28 or otherwise have been paid.
- 11.4 No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive.
- 11.5 A vote given or poll demanded by proxy or by the duly authorised representative of a corporation shall be valid notwithstanding the previous determination of the authority of the person voting or demanding a poll unless notice of the determination was received by the Company at the office or at such other place at which the instrument of proxy was duly deposited before commencement of the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote is given or the poll demanded or (in the case of a poll taken otherwise than on the same day as the meeting or adjourned meeting) the time appointed for taking the poll.

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

- 12.1 A written resolution, proposed in accordance with section 288(3) of the 2006 Act, will lapse if it is not passed before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the circulation date.
- 12.2 For the purposes of this Article 12 "circulation date" is the day on which copies of the written resolution are sent or submitted to members or, if copies are sent or submitted on different days, to the first of those days.

NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

- 13.1 Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution the number of Directors shall not be less than five nor more than fifteen.
- 13.2 The Company shall have at least two Independent Directors.

POWERS OF DIRECTORS

- 14.1 Subject to the provisions of the 2006 Act and these Articles and to any directions given by special resolution, the business of the Company shall be managed by the Directors who may exercise all the powers of the Company. No alteration of these Articles and no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the Directors which would have been valid if that alteration had not been made or that direction had not been given. The powers given by this Article 14 1 shall not be limited by any special power given to the Directors by these Articles and a meeting of Directors at which a quorum is present may exercise all powers exercisable by the Directors.
- 14.2 All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable instruments, and all receipts for moneys paid to the Company, shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed, as the case may be, in such manner as the Directors shall from time to time by resolution determine provided that not less than two directors shall be required to sign all cheques drawn against the Company.

DELEGATION OF DIRECTORS' POWERS

- 15.1 The Directors may delegate any of their powers to:
- 15.1.1 any committee consisting of one or more directors and such other persons (if any) not being directors co-opted on to such committee as the Directors think fit provided that the number of co-opted persons not being directors shall not exceed one half of the total number of members of such committee, or
 - 15.1.2 the managing director (for the time being) of the Company or any Director holding any other executive office.
- 15.2 Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions the Directors may impose and may be collateral to their own powers and may be revoked or altered. Subject to any such conditions the proceedings of a committee with two or more members shall be governed by the Articles regulating the proceedings of Directors so far as they are capable of applying.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS

- 16.1 The University shall appoint Directors by notice to the Board of Directors of the Company.

DISQUALIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

The office of a director shall be vacated if:

- 17.1 he is removed by the University by notice to the Company; or

- 17.2 he ceases to be a director by virtue of any provision of the Statutes or these Articles or he becomes prohibited by law from being a director, or
- 17.3 he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally, or
- 17.4 he is, or may be, suffering from mental disorder and either:
 - 17.4.1 he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960, or
 - 17.4.2 an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs, or
- 17.5 he resigns his office by notice to the Company, or
- 17.6 he shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the Directors from meetings of Directors held during that period and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated.

DECLARATION OF DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

- 18.1 A director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Company which has not previously been declared. A director must absent himself or herself from any discussions of the Company Directors in which it is possible that a conflict will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the Company and any personal interest (including but not limited to any personal financial interest).

CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF LOYALTIES

- 19.1 If a conflict of interests arises for a director because of a duty of loyalty owed to another organisation or person and the conflict is not authorised by virtue of any other provision in these Articles, the unconflicted directors may authorise such a conflict of interests where the following conditions apply:
 - 19.1.1 the conflicted director is absent from the part of the meeting at which there is discussion of any arrangement or transaction affecting that other organisation or person,
 - 19.1.2 the conflicted director does not vote on any such matter and is not to be counted when considering whether a quorum of directors is present at the meeting, and
 - 19.1.3 the unconflicted directors consider it is in the interests of the charity to authorise the conflict of interests in the circumstances applying.
- 19.2 In this article a conflict of interests arising because of a duty of loyalty owed to another organisation or person only refers to such a conflict which does not involve a direct or indirect benefit of any nature to a director or to a connected person.
- 19.3 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, and provided that he has disclosed to the Directors the nature and extent of any material interest of his, a director notwithstanding his office:
 - 19.3.1 may be a party to or otherwise interested in any transaction or arrangement with the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested,
 - 19.3.2 may hold any other office or employment with the Company (other than the office of auditor),

- 19.3.3 may be a director or other officer of or employed by or be a party to any transaction or arrangement with or otherwise interested in any body corporate promoted by the Company or in which the Company is in any way interested,
 - 19.3.4 may, or any firm or company of which he is a member or director may, act in a professional capacity for the Company or any body corporate in which the Company is in any way interested other than as an auditor,
 - 19.3.5 shall not by reason of his office be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he derives from such office, service or employment or from any such transaction or arrangement or from any interest in any such body corporate and no such transaction or arrangement shall be liable to be avoided on the ground of any such interest or benefit, and
 - 19.3.6 save for a vote under section 175(4) of the 2006 Act authorising any conflict of interest which the director or any other interested director may have or where the terms of authorisation of such conflict provide that the director may not vote in situations prescribed by the Directors when granting such authorisation shall be entitled to vote on any resolution and (whether or not he shall vote) shall be counted in the quorum on any matter referred to in any of Articles 19.3.1 to 19.3.5 (inclusive) or on any resolution which in any way concerns or relates to a matter in which he has, directly or indirectly, any kind of interest whatsoever and if he shall vote on any resolution as aforesaid his vote shall be counted.
- 19.4 For the purposes of Article 19.3
- 19.4.1 a general notice to the Directors that a director is to be regarded as having an interest of the nature and extent specified in the notice in any transaction or arrangement in which a specified person or class of persons is interested shall be deemed to be a disclosure that the director has an interest in any such transaction of the nature and extent so specified,
 - 19.4.2 an interest of which a director has no knowledge and of which it is unreasonable to expect him to have knowledge shall not be treated as an interest of his, and
 - 19.4.3 an interest of a person who is for any purpose of the 2006 Act (excluding any statutory modification not in force when the Company was incorporated) connected with a director shall be treated as an interest of the director and in relation to an alternate director an interest of his appointer shall be treated as an interest of the alternate director without prejudice to any interest which the alternate director has otherwise

DIRECTORS' EXPENSES

- 20.1 The Directors may be paid all reasonable travelling, hotel, and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with their attendance at meetings of trustees or committees of trustees or general meetings or separate meetings of the holders of debentures of the Company or otherwise in connection with the discharge of their duties.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIRECTORS

- 21.1 Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Directors may regulate their meetings, as they think fit. A director may, and the secretary at the request of a director shall, call a meeting of the Directors. Questions arising at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Notice of every meeting of the Directors shall be given to each director, including Directors who may for the time being be absent from the United Kingdom and have given the Company an address within the United Kingdom for service.
- 21.2 Any director may participate in a meeting of the Directors or a committee constituted pursuant to Article 15.1.1 of which he is a member by means of a conference telephone or similar

communications equipment whereby all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and participation in a meeting in this manner shall be deemed to constitute presence in person at such meeting and, subject to these Articles and the Statutes, shall be entitled to vote and be counted in a quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is.

- 21.3 The quorum for the transaction of the business of the directors may be fixed by the Directors, and unless so fixed at any other number, shall be two.
- 21.4 Notwithstanding any vacancies in their number, the continuing Directors or where there is only one, the sole continuing Director, may continue to act but if the number of Directors is less than the number fixed as the quorum they, or (in the case of a sole director) he, may only act for the purpose of filling vacancies or calling a general meeting.
- 21.5 The University shall appoint a Director to be the chairman of the board of Directors and may remove him from that office. Unless he is unwilling to do so, the director so appointed shall preside at every meeting of the Directors at which he is present. But, if there is no director holding that office, or if the director holding it is unwilling to preside or is not present within five minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the Directors present may appoint one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.
- 21.6 All acts done by any meeting of the Directors or of a committee constituted pursuant to Article 15.1.1, or by any person acting as a director shall, notwithstanding that it be afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment of any director or person acting as aforesaid, or that they or any of them were disqualified from holding office or had vacated office, or were not entitled to vote, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director and had been entitled to vote.
- 21.7 A resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors entitled to receive notice of a meeting of directors or of a committee constituted pursuant to Article 15.1.1 shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Directors or (as the case may be) such a committee duly convened and held and may consist of several documents in the like form each signed by one or more Directors or members of the committee (as the case may be).
- 21.8 If, and as a consequence of section 175(6) of the 2006 Act a director cannot vote or be counted in the quorum at a meeting of the Directors then the following apply:
- 21.8.1 if the meeting is inquorate then the quorum for that purpose of that meeting shall be one,
- 21.8.2 notwithstanding Article 21.8.1 if the meeting is still inquorate then it must be adjourned to enable the members of the Company to authorise any situation in which a director has a direct or indirect interest that conflicts, or possibly may conflict, with the interests of the Company.

SECRETARY

- 22.1 Subject to the provisions of the Statutes, the secretary may be appointed by the Directors for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as they may think fit, and any secretary so appointed may be removed by them, provided always that no director may hold office as secretary where such office is remunerated.
- 22.2 A provision of the Statutes or these Articles requiring or authorising a thing to be done by or to a director and the secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as director and as, or in place of, the secretary.

MINUTES

- 23.1 The Directors shall cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purposes:
- 23.1.1 of recording the names and addresses of all members, and
 - 23.1.2 of all appointments of officers made by the Directors, and
 - 23.1.3 of all proceedings at meetings of the Company and of the Directors and of committees constituted pursuant to Article 15.1.1 including the names of Directors and members (as appropriate) present at each such meeting.

THE SEAL

- 24.1 If the Company has a seal it shall only be used with the authority of the Directors or of a committee constituted pursuant to Article 15.1.1 which is comprised entirely of Directors. The Directors may determine who shall sign any instrument to which the seal is affixed and unless otherwise so determined, every instrument to which the seal is affixed shall be signed by one director whose signature shall be attested in the presence of a witness or by one director and the secretary or by two directors.

ACCOUNTS

- 25.1 No member shall (as such) have any right of inspecting any accounting records or other book or document of the Company except as conferred by statute or authorised by the Directors or by ordinary resolution of the Company.

NOTICES

- 26.1 Any notice to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles (other than a notice calling a meeting of the Directors) shall be in writing and sent to an address for the time being notified for that purpose to the person giving the notice.
- 26.2 The Company may give any notice to a member either personally or by sending it by first class post in a prepaid envelope addressed to the member at his registered address or by leaving it at that address or by giving it in electronic form to an address for the time being notified to the Company by the member. A member who gives to the Company an address either within or outside the United Kingdom at which notices may be given to him, or an address to which notices may be sent in electronic form, shall be entitled to have notices given to him at that address, but otherwise no such member shall be entitled to receive any notice from the Company.
- 26.3 A member present, either in person or by proxy, at any meeting of the Company shall be deemed to have received notice of the meeting and, where requisite, of the purposes for which it was called.
- 26.4 Proof that an envelope containing a notice was properly addressed, prepaid and posted shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. Proof that a notice in electronic form was sent in accordance with guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators shall be conclusive evidence that the notice was given. A notice shall be deemed to be given at the expiration of 24 hours after the envelope containing it was posted or, in the case of a notice contained in electronic form, at the expiration of 24 hours after the time it was sent.
- 26.5 If at any time by reason of the suspension or curtailment of postal services within the United Kingdom the Company is unable effectively to convene a general meeting by notices sent through the post, a general meeting may be convened by a notice advertised in at least one national daily newspaper and such notice shall be deemed to have been duly served on all members entitled thereto at noon on the day when the advertisement appears. In any such case the Company shall send confirmatory copies of the notice by post if at least seven days prior to the meeting the posting of notices to addresses throughout the United Kingdom again becomes practicable.

INDEMNITIES FOR DIRECTORS

- 27.1 Subject to the provisions of the 2006 Act but without prejudice to any indemnity to which a trustee may otherwise be entitled, every trustee or other officer or auditor of the Company shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which Judgment is given in his favour, or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application if which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the company, and against all costs, charges, losses, expenses or liabilities incurred by him in the execution and discharge of his duties or in relation thereto.

RULES OR BYE-LAWS

- 28.1 The Directors may from time to time make such rules or bye-laws as they may deem necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Company and for the purposes of prescribing classes of and conditions of membership, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, it may by such rules or bye-laws regulate:
- 28.1.1 the admission and classification of members of the Company, and the rights and privileges of such members, and the conditions of membership and the terms on which members may resign or have their membership terminated and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by members,
 - 28.1.2 the conduct of members of the Company in relation to one another, and to the Company's servants,
 - 28.1.3 the setting aside of the whole or any part or parts of the Company's premises at any particular time or times or for any particular purpose or purposes,
 - 28.1.4 the procedure at general meetings and meetings of the directors and committees constituted pursuant to Article 15.1.1 in so far as such procedure is not regulated by these Articles,
 - 28.1.5 and, generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of such rules,
- provided, nevertheless, that no rule or bye-law shall be inconsistent with, or shall affect or repeal anything contained in these Articles.
- 28.2 The Company shall have power to alter or repeal the rules or bye-laws referred to in Article 28 and to make additions thereto. The Directors shall adopt such means as they deem sufficient to bring to the notice of members all such rules or bye-laws made pursuant to this Article 28 which, so long as they shall be in force, shall be binding on all members.

DOCUMENTS SENT IN ELECTRONIC FORM OR BY MEANS OF A WEBSITE

- 29.1 Where the 2006 Act permits the Company to send documents or notices to its members in electronic form or by means of a website, the documents will be validly sent provided the Company complies with the requirements of the 2006 Act.
- 29.2 Subject to any requirement of the 2006 Act only such documents and notices as are specified by the Company may be sent to the Company in electronic form to the address specified by the Company for that purpose and such documents or notices sent to the Company are sufficiently authenticated if the identity of the sender is confirmed in the way the Company has specified.

REGISTERED OFFICE

- 30.1 The Company's registered office is to be situated in England and Wales.