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## THE CHARTER

I certify that this is a true copy of the Charter of the University of the West Indies.

  
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LIFETIME COMMISSION

1. The University constituted and founded by the Original Charter in the Territories therein specified and bearing the name and style of "The University of the West Indies" (hereinbefore and hereinafter referred to as "the University") by which name the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor and all other persons who are for the time being members of the University pursuant to the Original Charter and Statutes were constituted and incorporated into one Body Politic and Corporate shall continue to be so incorporated and shall also be and is hereby constituted and incorporated in the Bahama Islands and shall continue to have perpetual succession and a Common Seal with power subject to the Customs and Laws of Arms to acquire Armorial Bearings (which shall be duly recorded in Our College of Arms) and with power to break, alter and make anew the said Seal from time to time at their will and pleasure and in that name to sue and be sued in all manner of actions and suits with power to take, purchase, hold and also to grant, demise or otherwise dispose of real and personal property and to do all other matters and things incidental or appertaining to a body corporate.
2. The Objects of the University are:
  - (a) To provide a place or places of education, learning and research of a standard required and expected of a university of the highest standard, and to secure the advancement of knowledge and the diffusion and extension of arts, science and learning throughout the Contributing Countries.
  - (b) To continue and expand its work and activities and, by the example and influence of its corporate life, to promote wisdom and understanding.
3. The University shall be both a teaching and an examining body and, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes, shall have the following powers:
  - (a) To grant and confer, under conditions laid down by the University, Degrees and other academic distinctions to and on persons who shall have pursued a course of study approved by the University and shall have passed the examinations or other tests prescribed by the University. Provided that Degrees representing proficiency in technical subjects shall not be conferred without proper security for testing the scientific or general knowledge underlying technical attainments and provided further that when appointing examiners for examinations in each subject or group of subjects forming part of

- the course of studies required for University Degrees (excluding the examinations for Matriculation in the University) the Senate shall consider in what subjects or group of subjects it is necessary or desirable to appoint external and independent examiners, and in any case in which the Senate considers it to be necessary or desirable to appoint such examiners, the Senate shall make such appointments on such terms and conditions as it shall think fit.
- (b) To admit graduates of other Universities to Degrees of equal or similar rank in the University.
  - (c) To grant and confer Degrees of the University on any persons who hold office in the University as Professors, Readers, Lecturers, or otherwise, or who shall have carried on research therein under conditions laid down by the University.
  - (d) To grant Diploma, Certificates or other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University under conditions laid down by the University.
  - (e) To grant and confer Honorary Degrees and other distinctions, provided that all Degrees and other distinctions so granted and conferred shall be granted and conferred and held subject to any provisions which are or may be made in reference thereto by the University.
  - (f) On what the University shall deem to be good cause to deprive any person of any Degree, Diploma, Certificate or other distinction granted to or conferred on him by the University.
  - (g) To provide instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit and to make provision for research and for preservation, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as the University may determine.
  - (h) To accept the periods of study spent and the examinations passed by students of the University at other Universities or places of learning, including therein the University College, as equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the University as the University may determine, and to withdraw such acceptance at any time.
  - (i) To affiliate other institutions or branches or departments thereof and to recognise selected members of the staffs thereof as teachers of the University, and to admit the members thereof to any of the privileges of the University, and to accept attendance at courses of study in such institutions or branches or departments thereof in place of such part of the attendance at courses of study in the University and upon such terms and conditions and subject to such regulations as may, from time to time, be determined by the University.

- (j) To conduct examinations and to examine and inspect schools and other educational institutions and for such purposes to co-operate with other authorities.
- (k) To enter into any agreement for the incorporation in or association with the University of any other institution and for taking over, in whole or part, its rights, property, privileges, liabilities and engagements and for any other purpose not repugnant to this Our Charter.
- (l) To institute Professorships, Readerships, Lectureships and such other academic or administrative offices as may be required by the University and to appoint to such offices.
- (m) To institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Exhibitions, Bursaries, Medals, Prizes and other aids to study and research.
- (n) To erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls and other buildings or things (whether in the Contributing Countries or elsewhere) deemed necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University.
- (o) To establish and maintain and to administer and govern institutions and places for the residence, recreation and study of the officers, staff, students and guests of the University, whether College Halls, Houses or otherwise, and to license and supervise such institutions and other places whether maintained by the University or not so maintained.
- (p) To make provision for research and advisory services and with these objects in view to enter into such arrangements with other institutions or with public bodies as may be thought desirable.
- (q) Consistent with the objects of the University to undertake printing, publishing and book-selling.
- (r) To demand and receive fees, subscriptions and deposits and to impose charges.
- (s) To take such steps as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring legacies, endowments, bequests and other contributions to the funds of the University.
- (t) To act as trustees or managers of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University, and to invest any funds representing such property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift, if not immediately required, on such security as the University may deem fit.
- (u) To mortgage, to lend, to borrow and to enter into engagements and to accept obligations and liabilities and in all respects

without restriction and in the same manner as an individual may manage his own affairs.

- (v) To prescribe rules of discipline to which students of the University shall be subject and to make such arrangements as may be necessary to secure the observance of such rules.
  - (w) To do all such other acts and things whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University.
4. Men and women shall be eligible for admission to and as students of the University and for appointment to any Authority, office or employment of or under the University.
  5. (1) No religious, political or racial test shall be imposed on or required of any person in order to entitle him to be a student or member of the University or to occupy any position in or on the staff of the University.
  - (2) No Fellowship, Scholarship, Studentship, Exhibition, Bursary, Medal, Prize or other academic distinction or award of the University shall be limited to persons of any particular Contributing Country or to persons of any particular race or ethnic group, political or other opinion, religion or class; if the cost of the same is met from the general funds of the University.
  6. We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University and in the exercise of the Visitorial Authority from time to time and in such manner as We or They shall think fit may inspect the University, its buildings, laboratories and general work, equipment, and also the examination, teaching and other activities of the University by such person or persons as may be appointed in that behalf.
  7. The Authorities of the University shall be the Council, the Campus Councils, the Senate, the Guild of Graduates and such other bodies as may be prescribed by Statute.
  8. The Chancellor shall be the Head of the University and President of its Council and Guild of Graduates. He shall be appointed by the Council as prescribed by the Statutes.
  9. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the academic and executive head of the University and in the absence of the Chancellor, or during a vacancy in the office of Chancellor, he shall exercise all the functions of the Chancellor except the hearing of appeals and such functions as may from time to time be specifically allocated in this Our Charter and in the Statutes to the Pro-Chancellor and the Treasurer. He shall confer

Degrees in the absence of the Chancellor, or during a vacancy in the office of Chancellor. He shall be appointed by the Council as prescribed by the Statutes.

10. The University may from time to time appoint a Pro-Chancellor who shall in the absence of the Chancellor, or during a vacancy in the office of Chancellor, act as Chairman of the Council. He shall be appointed by the Council as prescribed by the Statutes.
11. The University may from time to time appoint a Treasurer in such manner and with such powers and duties as may be prescribed pursuant to the Statutes. He shall be appointed by the Council as prescribed by the Statutes.
12. (1) There shall be Pro-Vice-Chancellors in such number as shall be determined by the Council from time to time, one of whom shall, subject to the Statutes, in the absence of the Vice-Chancellor or during a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor exercise all the functions of the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) The Pro-Vice-Chancellors shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Statutes.
13. The Council and the Campus Councils shall be the governing and executive bodies of the University with power to manage all matters not provided otherwise by this Our Charter or the Statutes.
14. The Senate shall be the academic authority of the University and shall, subject to the Statutes and the control and approval of the Council, regulate and superintend the academic work of the University (both in teaching and research) and the discipline of students of the University.
15. The Senate shall have the power to deprive any person on whom the University has conferred any Degree, Diploma or other academic distinction who shall have been convicted of a crime, or in its opinion shall have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct, of any Degree, Diploma or other academic distinction conferred by the University, and of all privileges enjoyed by him in virtue thereof, subject to such right of appeal be provided by Statute. The Senate shall have the power to restore to any person any Degree, Diploma or other academic distinction of which he may have been deprived in any case where it considers it fit to do so.
16. (1) It shall be the duty of the Council and the Campus Councils to refer to the Senate any matter coming before the Council or a Campus Council which the Council or that Campus Council considers to have academic implications and which has not been previously considered by the Senate.

- (2) It shall be the duty of the Senate to refer to the Council or to a Campus Council any matter coming before the Senate which the Senate considers to have financial implications.
17. There shall be a Guild of Graduates which shall be represented on the Council and on the Campus Councils. The qualifications for and obligations and privileges of membership of the Guild of Graduates shall be such as may be prescribed by the Ordinances.
18. (1) There shall be a Students' Society on each Campus.
- (2) The constitution of each Society, its powers and functions and all other matters which it may be thought fit to regulate shall, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, be as prescribed by the Ordinances.
- (3) The constitution of each Society shall provide for the election of a President of that Society.
19. The Authorities of the University shall be competent to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their respective membership, or amongst the officers of which they are comprised, or any irregularities subsequently discovered in the election or appointment of any of their respective members.
20. (1) The Statutes shall (inter alia):
- prescribe or regulate as the case may be the composition, constitution, functions, powers and duties of the Authorities of the University and all other matters relative to the Authorities which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed or regulated; and
  - provide for the appointment, continuance in office, power and duties of the Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Chairmen of the Campus Councils, Treasurer, Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Campus Principals, Deputy Campus Principals, Deans of the Faculties, University Registrar, University Bursar, University Librarian and other officers of the University.
- (2) The Statutes shall be those set forth in the Schedule to this Our Charter and shall remain in force until they have been added to amended or revoked in manner hereinafter prescribed.
- (3) The Council may from time to time on the recommendation of, or after consultation with the Senate, make Statutes as hereinafter provided, adding to, amending or revoking the Statutes.
- (4) Any proposal to make such Statutes, if initiated by the Council, shall be communicated by the Council to the Senate, which shall, not sooner than one month and not later than three months after the receipt of a communication, consider the same and report thereon to

- the Council. The Council, having considered the Report from the Senate, may proceed to make the proposed Statute, with or without amendment.
- (5) The Senate shall have the power in a Report to the Council to recommend the making of a new or additional Statutes or the alteration, amendment or revocation of existing Statutes, and it shall be the duty of the Council to consider the same.
- (6) Statutes made by the Council shall require approval at a meeting of the Council by the votes of at least three quarters of the number of members present and voting, which number shall not be less than one-half of the total membership of the Council, of which notice setting out the general nature of the business to be transacted has been given not less than twenty-one days before the meeting. Provided that Statutes made by the Council shall not be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter and they shall not have effect until assented to by the Chancellor.
- (7) The fact that Statutes have been made, added to amended or revoked together with the text of any new or additional Statutes and of any amendments of any Statutes in force and a statement of the extent and effect of any revocation of any Statute shall be notified to the Clerk of Our Privy Council.
- (8) The Power of the Council to make Statutes shall not be limited by or with reference to, the Statutes at any time in force or to the several matters therein dealt with.
- (9) The Council by Statute may, in respect of the title of any office or officer of the University or in respect of the name or designation of any country referred to in or any authority established by or by virtue of this Our Charter, substitute a new title, name or designation, as the case may be, and thereafter any reference to the former title, name or designation, whether in this Our Charter, the Statutes, Ordinances, Regulations or otherwise, shall be construed as a reference to the substituted title, name or designation.
- (10) In this Our Charter "Statutes" means the Statutes set forth in the Schedule hereto and any Statutes altering, amending, adding to or revoking the same or any of them which may hereafter be made in manner aforesaid.
21. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes the Council and the Senate respectively may from time to time make Ordinances and Regulations respectively to direct and regulate the University and its Authorities and members. The power to make Ordinances and Regulations shall include the power to add to,

amend, alter or revoke any Ordinances and regulations heretofore made.

- (2) Subject to the provision of this Our Charter and the Statutes, the Authorities of the University shall have power to control and regulate their proceedings by Standing Orders or in whatever other manner they may each think fit and that power shall include the power to alter, amend, add to or revoke any Standing Order or other arrangements theretofore made by them.
22. (1) The Council may at any time alter, amend, add to or revoke any of the provisions of this Our Charter by a Special Resolution in that behalf, and such alteration, amendment, addition or revocation shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council become effectual, so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted, and made as so altered, amended, added to or revoked in manner aforesaid.
- (2) This Article shall apply to this Our Charter, as altered, amended, added to or revoked in manner aforesaid.
23. In the case of conflict the provisions of this Our Charter shall prevail over those of the Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations; the provisions of the Statutes shall prevail over those of the Ordinances and Regulations; and the provisions of the Ordinances shall prevail over those of the Regulations.
24. (1) In this Our Charter the expression "Special Resolution" shall have the meaning assigned thereto in the Statutes, and the expression "Contributing Countries" shall mean Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and such other countries as may hereafter undertake to contribute to the revenues of the University on a continuing basis.
- (2) The Council in any case of doubt shall determine which countries are Contributing Countries for the purpose of this Our Charter and the Statutes made thereunder.
25. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that these Presents shall ever be construed benevolently, and in every case most favourably to the University and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent  
WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the Twenty-fifth day of August 1972 in  
the Twenty-first year of Our Reign.