STATUTES AND ORDINANCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
STATUTES AND ORDINANCES
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

AND

PASSAGES FROM ACTS OF PARLIAMENT
RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY

PUBLISHED BY AUTHORITY

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS

2014
CONTENTS

Historical Note  xiii
Preface  xv

STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Approved by Her Majesty in Council on 11 February 2014 (Reporter, 6338, 2013–14, p. 371)

Statute A
THE CHANCELLOR AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Chapter  I  The Chancellor, the Senate, the High Steward, the Deputy High Steward,
and the Commissary  3
II  Powers of the University  4
III  The Regent House  5
IV  The Council and its Committees  6
V  The General Board, the Schools, Faculties, and Departments  8
VI  Boards, Syndicates, and Committees  10
VII  The Board of Scrutiny  10
VIII  Conduct of Business  11
IX  Review  11
X  Miscellaneous  13

Statute B
MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNIVERSITY AND DEGREES

I  Membership of the University, Admission, and Matriculation  15
II  Degrees  15
III  Courses and Examinations, Allowances  16

Statute C
UNIVERSITY OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY

I  University Offices: General  17
II  Employment in the University  18
III  The Vice-Chancellor and the Pro-Vice-Chancellors  19
IV  The Proctors  20
V  The Orator  21
VI  The Registry  21
VII  The Librarian  21
VIII  The Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum  21
IX  The Esquire Bedells  21
X  The University Advocate, the Deputy University Advocates  22
XI  Professors  22
XII  Readers  22
XIII  University Senior Lecturers and Lecturers  22
SCHEDULE

Academic Staff

I Construction, Application, and Interpretation 23
II Redundancy 24
III Discipline, Dismissal, and Removal from Office 25
IV Removal for Incapacity on Medical Grounds 27
V Appeals 28
VI Grievance 28

Statute D

Discipline and the University Courts

I Discipline 29
II The University Courts 29

Statute E

Trusts

I General Provisions 32
II The Bell, Abbott, and Barnes Funds 33
III The John Stewart of Rannoch Funds 34
IV The Tyson Fund 34
V The Hare Fund 34
VI The Hulsean Fund 34
VII The Craven Fund 35
VIII The Battie, Browne, Davies, Pitt, Porson, and Waddington Funds 35
IX The John Lucas Walker Fund 36
X The Crosse Fund 36
XI The Seatonian Fund 36
XII The Rustat Fund 37
XIII The Worts Fund 37
XIV The Rede Foundation 37
XV The Preacher on the Foundation of the Lady Margaret 38
XVI The Le Bas Fund 38
XVII The Peregrine Maitland Fund 38
XVIII The Burney Fund 38
XIX The Norrisian Fund 38
XX The Whewell Benefaction 39
XXI The Yorke Fund 39
XXII The George Long Fund 39
XXIII The Stanton Fund 39
XXIV The Harding Fund 40
XXV The Isaac Newton Fund 40
XXVI The Arnold Gerstenberg Fund 40
XXVII The Prendergast Fund 40
XXVIII The Smith Fund 41
XXIX The Rayleigh Prizes 41
CONTENTS

XXX The Carus, Scholefield, Kaye, Hebrew, Evans Prize, Jeremie, and George Williams Funds, and the Theological Studies Fund 41
XXXI The Wiltshire Prize 42
XXXII Endowed Professorships and Readerships 42
XXXIII The Professorships of Divinity and Hebrew 42
XXXIV The Dixie Professorship of Ecclesiastical History 42
XXXV The Lowndean Professorship of Astronomy and Geometry 43
XXXVI The Vere Harmsworth Professorship of Imperial and Naval History 43
XXXVII The Crotch Fund 44
XXXVIII The Benn W. Levy Fund 44
XXXIX The Clerk Maxwell Fund 44
XL The Arthur Balfour Fund 44
XLII The Ellen McArthur Fund 45
XLIII The Rebecca Flower Squire Fund 45
XLIV The R. A. Nicholson Fund 45
XLV The F. E. Elmore Fund 46
XLVI The Sandys Fund and Studentship 46
XLVII Medieval Scandinavian History Fund 46

Statute F
Finance, Audit, Planning and Resource Allocation, Property and Buildings

I Finance, the Chest, and Audit 47
II Planning and Resource Allocation, Buildings 47

Statute G
Colleges and Collegiate Foundations

I The Colleges and Collegiate Foundations 48
II College Contributions and the Colleges Fund 49
Schedule to Statute G II 52
III Accounts 52
IV Academic Obligations 53

Statute J
The University Press 54

Passages from Acts of Parliament relating to the University of Cambridge
From the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923 55
From the Education Reform Act 1988 58

Procedure for making a Statute for a College 61

Rules of Procedure made by the Commissary under Statute A IX 7 62
### SPECIAL ORDINANCES UNDER STATUTE A

#### The Chancellor and the Government of the University

**Special Ordinance**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ordinance</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A (i)</td>
<td>Submission of Graces (Special Ordinance under Statute A IV 1(d))</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Conduct of business (in the Regent House) (Special Ordinance under Statute A VIII)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A (ii)</td>
<td>Membership of the Council: detailed provisions (Special Ordinance under Statute A IV 3)</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A (iii)</td>
<td>Finance Committee of the Council (Special Ordinance under Statute A IV 8)</td>
<td>68</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A (iv)</td>
<td>Audit Committee of the Council (Special Ordinance under Statute A IV 10)</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A (v)</td>
<td>The General Board, the Schools, and the assignment of Faculties, Departments etc. (Special Ordinance under Statute A V)</td>
<td>69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A (vi)</td>
<td>Boards and Syndicates (Special Ordinance under Statute A VI 1(a))</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A (vii)</td>
<td>University bodies; miscellaneous provisions; delegation (Special Ordinance under Statute A X 8)</td>
<td>70</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SPECIAL ORDINANCES UNDER STATUTE B

#### Membership of the University and Degrees

**Special Ordinance**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ordinance</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>B (i)</td>
<td>Degrees (Special Ordinance under Statute B II)</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### SPECIAL ORDINANCES UNDER STATUTE C

#### University Offices and Employment in the University

**Special Ordinance**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ordinance</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>C (i)</td>
<td>University Teaching Officers: sabbatical leave, dispensation, duty to examine (Special Ordinance under Statute C I 1)</td>
<td>72</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (ii)</td>
<td>University Officers (Special Ordinance under Statute C I 2)</td>
<td>74</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (iii)</td>
<td>The Proctors (Special Ordinance under Statute C IV)</td>
<td>75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (iv)</td>
<td>Administrative Officers (Special Ordinance under Statute C VI 4)</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (v)</td>
<td>The Librarian (Special Ordinance under Statute C VII)</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (vi)</td>
<td>The Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum (Special Ordinance under Statute C VIII)</td>
<td>78</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (vii)</td>
<td>Professors (Special Ordinance under Statute C XI 3)</td>
<td>78</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (viii)</td>
<td>Readers (Special Ordinance under Statute C XII)</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (ix)</td>
<td>Senior Lecturers (Special Ordinance under Statute C XIII 2)</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (x)</td>
<td>Appointments Committees (Special Ordinance under Statute C XIII 3)</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (xi)</td>
<td>Associate Lecturers (Special Ordinance under Statute C XIII 4)</td>
<td>97</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C (xii)</td>
<td>Redress of Grievances (Special Ordinance under Schedule to Statute C Chapter VI 2)</td>
<td>98</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## CONTENTS

### Special Ordinances under Statute D

**Discipline and the University Courts**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Special Ordinance</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>D (i)</td>
<td>Appointment of Chairs and members of University Courts</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D (ii)</td>
<td>Appeal to the Septemviri</td>
<td>101</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D (iii)</td>
<td>The University Advocate; miscellaneous provisions</td>
<td>102</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Special Ordinance to Statute G

**Colleges and Collegiate Foundations**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Special Ordinance</th>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>G (i)</td>
<td>Professorial Fellowships: the obligations of Colleges in respect of Fellowships</td>
<td>103</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## Ordinances of the University of Cambridge

### Chapter I

**The Chancellor and the Government of the University**

*Cambridge University Reporter*  
Nomination and election of the Chancellor  
Roll of the Regent House  
Conduct of business  
The Council  
The Board of Scrutiny  
The General Board  
Single Transferable Vote regulations  
General regulations for Boards, Syndicates, etc.  
Special regulations for Boards  
Special regulations for Syndicates  
Special regulations for Committees and certain other bodies  
Superannuation Schemes  
Latham Pension Fund  
University Marshal  
Equal Opportunities Policy  
Employment by the University  
Contributory Pension Scheme  
Fees  
Payments  
Admission to lectures and laboratories by special leave  
Power to affix the Seals of the University

### Chapter II

**Matriculation, Residence, Admission to Degrees, Discipline**

Matriculation  
Classes of persons qualified to matriculate  
Examination requirements for matriculation  
Resignation of membership of the University  
Affiliated Students  
Status of Bachelor of Arts  
Status of Master of Arts  
Incorporation
Terms and Long Vacation | page 188
Dates of Term and Full Term | 188
Residence and Precincts of the University | 189
Admission to degrees | 191
Order of seniority of graduates | 197
Academical dress | 198
Addresses to the Sovereign and Formal Letters to other universities | 201
Sermons and Commemorations | 202
Cambridge University Students Union | 202
Graduate Union | 203
Discipline | 207
University Courts: initiation of proceedings | 211
University Tribunal | 212
Court of Discipline | 214
Summary Court | 216
Medical Boards | 217
Septemviri | 218
Complaints by students | 220
Procedures to determine fitness to practise of preclinical and clinical medical students | 222
Procedures to determine fitness for veterinary practice of preclinical and clinical veterinary students | 230
Procedures to determine the progress of preclinical and clinical medical students and preclinical and clinical veterinary students | 237

Chapter III
Examinations

Honours Examinations | 241
Allowances to candidates for examinations | 241
Entries and lists of candidates for examinations | 243
Dates of examinations and publication of class-lists | 246
Form and conduct of examinations | 248
Publication of lists of successful candidates in examinations | 249
Disclosure of examination marks | 250
Review procedure for examinations for undergraduate and certain other qualifications | 251
General regulations for Examiners and Assessors | 254
Payments to Examiners and Assessors | 255

Chapter IV
Preliminary Examinations and Tripos Examinations

Preliminary Examinations | 258
Tripos Examinations | 266

Chapter V
Bachelor of Arts | 444
Master of Arts | 445

Chapter VI
Graduate Students

General regulations for admission as a Graduate Student | 446
Review of the results of examinations for postgraduate qualifications | 451
CHAPTER VII
DEGREES, DIPLOMAS, AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Master of Advanced Study
Master of Business Administration
Degrees in Divinity
Degrees in Education
Degrees in Engineering
Master of Finance
Degrees in Law
Master of Mathematics
Degrees in Medicine and Surgery
Degrees in Music
Master of Natural Sciences (M.Sci.)
Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science, and Master of Letters
Master of Philosophy
Master of Research
Doctor of Science and Doctor of Letters
Master of Studies
Degrees in Veterinary Medicine
Diplomas
Certificates
Diplomas and Certificates open to non-members of the University

CHAPTER VIII
SCHOOLS AND COUNCILS OF THE SCHOOLS

CHAPTER IX
FACULTIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE GENERAL BOARD

General regulations for Faculties
Faculty membership
Constitution of the Faculty Boards
Degree Committees
Departments and Heads of Departments
Special regulations for Faculties and Departments
Sub-departments
Other institutions under the supervision of the General Board

CHAPTER X
INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE COUNCIL

CHAPTER XI
UNIVERSITY OFFICES AND GRANTS OF TITLE

General regulations for University officers
Stipends
Special regulations for University officers
Officers specified in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (i) 1
Officers other than those specified in the Schedule to Special Ordinance C (i) 1
Grant of Title
Chapter XII
Trusts

Endowed University Lectureships  

Funds, Studentships, Prizes, Lectureships, etc.: General regulations

Funds, Studentships, Prizes, Lectureships, etc.: Special regulations

Chapter XIII
Finance and Property

Financial Matters
Audit Committee
Intellectual Property Rights
University Funds

Chapter XIV
Colleges

Fellowship of a College
College Accounts
Colleges: Matriculation and presentation of candidates for certain degrees

Chapter XV
Institutions recognized under Statute G

Appendix I: Procedures and guidelines

Transfer of stewardship of human remains

Index to the Statutes and Ordinances
HISTORICAL NOTE

The University of Cambridge is thought to have originated in the early thirteenth century, and there is no doubt that by about 1250 it was a recognized centre of study. It was not, however, until 1318 that Cambridge received from Pope John XXII formal recognition as a Studium Generale or Universitas.

The University is a common law corporation, being a corporation by prescription consisting of a Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars who from time out of mind have had the government of their members and enjoyed the privileges of such a corporation. By Act of Parliament 13 Elizabeth Cap. 29 passed in the year 1571 the incorporation of the University and all privileges then held under charter or by prescription were duly confirmed. The University is now authorized by the Lord Chancellor to act in relation to charitable, ecclesiastical, and public trusts as a trust corporation.

The corporate title of the University is The Chancellor, Masters, and Scholars of the University of Cambridge.
ARMS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The arms now borne by the University of Cambridge, gules a cross ermine and four gold leopards with a book gules upon the cross, were granted by Robert Cooke, Clarencieux King of Arms, on 9 June 1573.

REDUCED DRAWING OF
THE COMMON SEAL

The Common Seal now in use was made in 1580 and on the reverse bears the inscription Matthaeus Stokis Bedellus dedit formam 1580
Guilielmus Farrand Procurator dedit materiam.
PREFACE

Following the enactment of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923, a body of Commissioners styled the University of Cambridge Commissioners was appointed to make new Statutes for the University, superseding the Statutes of 1882. Statutes were made by the Commissioners and approved by His Majesty in Council during 1926–28. For particulars of these new Statutes, see the Preface to the edition of 1928; and for amending Statutes approved since that date, see the prefaces to subsequent editions. For the final form of the Statutes which were in force immediately before 1 October 1926, see p. 136 of the edition of 1928.

During 2012–13, new Statutes were approved by the Regent House. The new Statutes were not incorporated into the 2013 edition but are included in the present edition, following their approval by Her Majesty in Council as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grace</th>
<th>Approved by Order in Council</th>
<th>Published in Reporter, 2013–14</th>
<th>Statutes affected</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

During 2013–14, further amending Statutes have been made as shown below; these have been incorporated into the present edition, although they had not received the approval of Her Majesty in Council at the time when the volume was passed for press.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grace</th>
<th>Passages affected</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 of 30 April</td>
<td>A IV 2, A V 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1 of 4 June</td>
<td>C III 16</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE