

CHARTER

ELIZABETH THE SECOND

by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS the People's Palace Technical Schools were founded in 1887 and became the East London Technical College in 1896 which was, as East London College, first admitted as a School of the University of London in 1907:

AND WHEREAS the persons constituting the governing body of East London College were incorporated by the name of Queen Mary College under a Charter granted by His late Majesty King George the Fifth on the 30th day of November 1934 (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1934"):

AND WHEREAS Westfield College, University of London, was founded in 1882 to provide residence and instruction in a Christian context for women students preparing for the examinations of the University of London, and was admitted as a School of the University of London in 1902:

AND WHEREAS the governors of Westfield College were incorporated by a Charter granted by His late Majesty King George the Fifth on the 19th day of July 1933 (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1933"), subsequently amended in 1964 to allow the admission of male students, and a Supplemental Charter was granted to Westfield College by Us on the 15th day of September 1976 (hereinafter referred to as "the Charter of 1976"), which Charter redesignated the governing body as a Council, and which enjoined that the work of the College be carried on in accordance with Christian principles in a spirit of tolerance, freedom of opinion, mutual concern and community service and that facilities be provided for regular Christian worship in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that Queen Mary College and Westfield College (hereinafter called "the former Colleges") should be merged by their incorporation in a new College to be known as Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, and that the rights, properties, assets and obligations of the former Colleges should, on the incorporation of Queen Mary and Westfield College, be transferred to that College by means of the Queen Mary and Westfield College Act 1989:

AND WHEREAS the Westfield Trust was established on the 1st day of November 1988 for charitable purposes connected with Westfield College and the College to be known as Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London:

AND WHEREAS upon the grant of this Our Charter, on the condition that the new institution complies with the requirements of Statute 112 of the University of London, the University of London has agreed to its admission as a School of the University:

AND WHEREAS an humble Petition has been presented to Us by Our most dearly beloved Daughter the Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, Dame Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order, the Chancellor of Our University of London, Our right trusty and well-beloved Brian Hilton, Lord Flowers, Vice-Chancellor of Our University of London and by the governing bodies of the former Colleges praying that We should be graciously

pleased to grant a Charter incorporating Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, without which the said Act will not come into operation:

AND WHEREAS We have taken the said Petition into Our Royal Consideration and are minded to accede thereto:

AND WHEREAS upon the grant of the said Charter, the passing of the said Act and the transfer of assets and liabilities thereunder, the former Colleges have proposed that We should be graciously pleased to accept the surrenders of the Charter of 1934, the Charter of 1933 and the Charter of 1976:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have been pleased to will and ordain and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and ordain as follows:

1. At the date of the grant of this Our Charter, there shall be a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "Queen Mary University of London" (hereinafter referred to as "QMUL" and previously named "Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London" from 1989 to 2013) with perpetual succession and a Common Seal and power to sue and be sued and to do all such other things as are ancillary to a body corporate.
2. The Objects of QMUL shall be to promote, for the public benefit, education, research and scholarship and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, for that purpose to provide courses and instruction leading to degrees and other academic awards of the University of London (hereinafter referred to as "the University") and/or QMUL and to promote and undertake research, and to disseminate the results of such research.
3. QMUL, subject to this Our Charter and to the Statutes and Regulations of the University, shall have all the powers of a natural person and thus power to do any lawful thing in furtherance of its Objects and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, shall have power: to award all forms of degrees, diplomas and certificates to persons who have met the requirements for award as approved by QMUL and to award all forms of degrees, diplomas and certificates in conjunction with other institutions to persons who have met the requirements for award as approved by QMUL, including dual and joint awards.
4. Academic staff shall have freedom within the law to question and test accepted ideas, and to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges.
5. QMUL shall be committed to the fair and equal treatment of every person and shall only discriminate on grounds permitted or required by law.
6. We reserve unto Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors to be the Visitor of QMUL, acting through the Lord President of Our Privy Council, or, on representation of the Council, to appoint by Order in Council, a Visitor for such period as We, Our Heirs or Successors shall see fit, and the Visitor's decision on matters within his or her jurisdiction shall be final.
7. There shall be a Council of QMUL. The Council shall be the supreme governing body of QMUL and shall act in a way that promotes QMUL's interests. Subject to the Charter, and in furtherance of its role as the governing body, the Council shall exercise all the powers of QMUL; and without limiting the above, the Council has the specific powers set out in the Ordinances.
8. The Council shall:

- [a] have ultimate responsibility for the affairs of QMUL;
 - [b] determine the strategic direction of QMUL;
 - [c] ensure the effective management and control of QMUL's affairs, property and finances;
 - [d] set the framework for determining the structure, staffing and overall composition of QMUL;
 - [e] set the framework for determining the pay and conditions of service of staff;
 - [f] appoint the Principal of QMUL.
9. The Council shall comprise not more than 23 members such that there is a majority of members who are not staff or students of QMUL, and consist of at least:
- [a] ten external members, of whom two are nominated by the Drapers' Company, appointed by the Council;
 - [b] the Principal (ex-officio);
 - [c] two Vice Principals nominated by the Principal in a way that may be prescribed by Ordinance, appointed by the Council;
 - [d] the President of the Students' Union (ex-officio);
 - [e] four academic staff members, elected by the staff of QMUL in a way prescribed by Ordinance;
 - [f] one staff member from staff other than those that apply in [e] above, elected by the staff of QMUL in a way prescribed by Ordinance.
10. The terms of office for members of Council, unless there are special circumstances, shall be:
- [a] Four years for an external member of Council, commencing from the date of his/her appointment and extendable by one further period of four years.
 - [b] Four years for elected members, commencing from the date of his/her appointment, following the election, and extendable by one further period of four years, subject to re-election.
 - [c] Four years for a Vice Principal, commencing from the date of his/her appointment to Council, and extendable by one further period of four years. Where the member in this category ceases to be a Vice Principal before the completion of his/her term of office, he/she shall cease to be a member of Council.
 - [d] A former external member or elected member shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election, as applicable and for the terms of office specified above, following a period of two years from the end of his/her second consecutive period of office.
11. A member who does not attend for twelve consecutive calendar months shall be deemed to have resigned his/her membership unless the Council decides otherwise.
12. The quorum for Council shall be seven such that there is a majority of members who are not staff or students of QMUL. Ordinary meetings of Council shall take place as determined by Ordinance.
13. The Council shall elect a Chairman from amongst its external members. The period of office of Chairman shall be four years from the date of appointment to the role, following the election, or the remainder of that member's term of membership of the Council, whichever is shorter. The same member shall be eligible for re-election as Chairman for one further period of office. There may be other officers of Council as prescribed by Ordinance.
14. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Ordinances, the Council may delegate such of its functions, powers and duties to such bodies or individuals as it may think fit. In accordance with the relevant Ordinances, the Council may appoint standing and temporary committees, formed from its own number or otherwise, which shall have the power to establish sub-committees unless the Council has provided to the contrary.

15. The Council may not delegate its powers:

- [a] to appoint the Principal and to approve the Principal's terms and conditions of appointment;
- [b] to approve the annual budget;
- [c] to amend the Charter under the provisions set out;
- [d] to make Ordinances;
- [e] to adopt QMUL's Annual Accounts;
- [f] to appoint QMUL's Auditors.

16. The Council shall appoint an Auditor or Auditors. Every such Auditor shall be a member of a recognised supervisory body who is eligible for appointment under the rules of that body. There shall be an Audit Committee.

17. There shall be a Senate of QMUL (hereinafter called "the Senate") whose constitution and membership shall be as prescribed by Ordinance and it shall, subject to the general superintendence and control of the Council, be the body responsible for the academic activity of QMUL.

18. There shall be a Principal of QMUL (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal") who shall be appointed by the Council and who shall be the chief academic and accounting officer of QMUL and whose powers and duties shall, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, be as prescribed by Ordinance. There may be other Officers of QMUL as prescribed by Ordinance.

19. There shall be a Students' Union of QMUL whose constitution, membership, powers and functions shall be prescribed by Ordinance.

20. The Council may at any time add to, amend or revoke any of the provisions of this Our Charter by Special Resolution, and any such addition, amendment or revocation shall, have effect so that this Our Charter shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, thereafter continue and operate as if it had been originally granted and made as so added to, amended or revoked, and this provision shall apply to this Our Charter as so revoked or varied. Where an addition, amendment or revocation sought affects academic policy the Senate shall be consulted.

21. A "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed at a meeting, of which at least twenty-one days' notice has been given, of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council by a majority of not less than three-quarters of those present and voting at the meeting.

22. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, the Council may make such Ordinances and Regulations as it considers appropriate for the purpose of fulfilling the objects of QMUL, provided that no Ordinance shall have effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter, or to the Statutes and Regulations of the University, and that no Ordinance which affects academic policy shall be made until the Senate has been consulted.

23. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently and in every case most favourably to QMUL and to 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 2nd day of August in the 38th year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL

This version incorporates amendments approved by order of the Privy Council to:

Articles 6 and 16, allowed 18 October 1995

Article 3(a) to provide for the award of degrees, allowed 12 February 2008

*All Articles, following substantial revision and the deletion of the Statutes,
allowed 21 July 2010.*

*Amendment to Article 1 to amend the name to Queen Mary University of London and make
reference to 'QMUL' in place of 'the College' throughout.*

*Amendments to Articles 3 and 10(a) to address errors from the 2010 version, allowed 13th June
2013*
