



**ANNUAL MEETING OF COURT
7 DECEMBER 2017**

**CHANGES TO THE UNIVERSITY CHARTER, STATUTES AND ORDINANCES IN THE
PRECEDING ACADEMIC YEAR**

AGENDA ITEM 5

Court is asked to: NOTE the changes made to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances in the preceding academic year, from 1 January 2018 until 30 November 2018.

Background: Statute 13 (Powers of Court) requires that such changes be reported annually to Court.¹

In summary, the changes made this year are as follows:

Changes to the Charter and Statutes in relation to the Alumni Association

At its meeting of 10 November 2017, the Board agreed in principle changes to the name, membership and powers of Convocation. The Proposed Amendments (ie, the amendments to the University's Charter and Statutes that were required to give effect to those changes) were submitted to Court, for the consent of Court, on 8 December 2017. After debate, Court consented to the Proposed Amendments. The Proposed Charter and Statute Amendments were presented to the Board at its meeting on the 24 January 2018, and the Board unanimously approved them. The Proposed Charter and Statute Amendments were therefore presented to the Board on the 16 March 2018 for the second time, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter. The proposed amendments were approved by special resolution and are attached at **Appendix 1**.

Ordinance 19 'Summary of Academic Awards'

In July 2018 and October 2018 respectively, Board and Senate APPROVED a **change to Ordinance 19** such that award certificates clearly identify the MSc by Research as a research degree (prior to this change Ordinance 19, and therefore award certificates for the MSc by Research, specified it was a 'Master of Science' and denoted by 'MSc', which did not allow for a clear distinction from a taught MSc). From 1 August 2018 the name of the degree in Ordinance 19 and therefore on award certificates has been changed to 'Master of Science by Research' and denoted by MScR. The University Education Committee also agreed the proposal.

¹ "At each Annual Meeting of Court, Court shall receive a report from the Board of Trustees of its proceedings during the preceding academic year, including a report on changes to the Charter, Statutes and Ordinances..."