

COUNCIL AND FOUNDATION STANDING GROUP

Terms of Reference

1. To provide a close and ongoing link between the Foundation and the Council, and to oversee those aspects of the University's mission and objects relating to its Anglican identity.
2. To ensure that the University continues to work towards the following goal:

"As a University, our goal is to provide an environment which is respectful of faith; a place where debate is fostered and in which people of all faiths and none feel comfortable in expressing their convictions within the law, without fear of discrimination or ridicule; a place which provides opportunities for individuals who so wish to explore, deepen and express their faith; and which promotes awareness of the historical, intellectual and cultural significance of faith (particularly the Christian Faith) for the University and our society. As a University, we are, and should always be, a place that values open and honest debate about fundamental issues, and that sustains the pursuit of knowledge, insight and truth – including in relation to faith and religion.

It is not a corporate objective of the University as an organisation to seek to proselytise, although the Foundation and the Chaplaincy do uphold and promote the Christian faith. As a University, we do not want our Anglican identity to be a cause of division or exclusion but want it to be a source of strength, and a distinctive characteristic and asset for the University."
3. To identify ways for the Foundation Fellows to support the University in achieving its goal as outlined in point 2.
4. To review work undertaken and to suggest other areas of activity to maintain the Anglican identity of the University.
5. To ensure actions and decisions are consistent with the University's Articles of Association.
6. To report annually to Council on the work of the Group.

Specific Policy Responsibilities

No specific policy responsibilities

Specific Responsibility for Review of University Area of Activity

To ensure the continued Anglican identity of the University and to maintain the link between Council and the Foundation.

Mode of Operation

Chair: Member of Council

Vice Chair: President of the Foundation

Officer: University Secretary and Registrar

Quorum

See after membership

Terms of Office:

Staff and Foundation representatives: 3 years in the first instance

Student representatives: 1 year in the first instance

Representatives may be appointed for more than one term.

Frequency of Meetings

Twice per year

Reporting Line

University Council

Current Sub-Committees

None

Submission /

Availability of Minutes

Minutes are held by the University Secretary and Registrar, and published on the University website.

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Membership		Appointment Dates
3 members of Council <i>(to include the Vice-Chancellor)</i>	Stephen Marston Karen Morgan (<i>Chair</i>) Robert Springett	N/A Mar 17 – Jun 20 Jun 16 – Jun 20
3 representatives from the Foundation including the President <i>(usually drawn from the Fellows' Executive Committee)</i>	Dr Carole Baker Ian Davies Dr Philip Giddings (<i>Vice-Chair</i>)	Jun 13 – Jun 19 Jun 13 – Jun 19 May 17 – May 20
3 staff representatives <i>(to include representation from University Executive and Theology)</i>	<i>Steve Bullock</i> Prof Andrew Parker Mark Wagstaff	Nov 18 – Nov 21 Jun 13 – Jun 19 Aug 15 – Aug 21
3 student representatives <i>(usually to include representation from the Christian Union)</i>	Hannah Baldry Phoebe Crook Louis Ndekha	Apr 18 – April 19 Jul 18 – Jul 19 July 18 – Jul 19
Two representatives of Gloucester Diocese	Andrew Braddock Mrs Rachel Howie	Nov 16 – Nov 19 July 18 – July 21
Chaplaincy representative <i>(usually the University Chaplain)</i>	Revd Simon Witcombe	N/A

Quorum

The Committee shall be quorate when at least two members from each of category 1 and 2 listed above, including either the Chair or Vice-Chair, are present.

Where the Committee is, or becomes during the meeting, inquorate, Council will be informed of these circumstances at its next meeting. The Committee Chair shall decide whether:

- a. to adjourn with immediate effect with a Special Meeting being summoned as soon as conveniently it may be or,
- b. to continue to conduct business with decisions only being agreed by correspondence.