

## IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON

### ORDINANCE A7

#### POWERS, FUNCTIONS, MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS OF THE COURT

##### POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COURT

1. Imperial College London's Court brings together alumni and neighbourhood organisations as key stakeholders, to help the College further the implementation of the College Strategy. The powers and functions of the Court are:

- a. To receive an annual report on the working of the College from the President;
- b. To discuss the College Strategy and its implementation and other matters relating to the College;
- c. To approve amendments to the Charter on the recommendation of the Council, prior to submission to the Privy Council;
- d. To make representations for the appointment of a Visitor, as provided for in the Charter.

##### MEMBERSHIP OF THE COURT

2. The Court shall consist of the following persons:

a. **The Chairman**

The Chairman of the Council *ex officio*

b. **Council Members**

One non-executive Member of the Council, appointed by the Council

c. **Ex officio Members**

The President, *ex officio*

The Provost, *ex officio*

The Chief Financial Officer, *ex officio*

The College Secretary and Registrar, *ex officio*

The Vice-President (Advancement), *ex officio*

Vice-President (Development and Innovation), *ex officio*

The President of the Imperial College Union, *ex officio*

d. **Alumni Members**

Up to 8 Members of the alumni who have recently graduated from the College, appointed by the President's Board

Up to 8 Members of the alumni who graduated from the College more than 20 years ago, appointed by the President's Board

e. **Local Members**

Up to 8 Members nominated by significant organisations in the neighbourhood of the College's campuses ("the Nominating Bodies"). The list of Nominating Bodies shall be approved by Council and updated from time to time.

f. **Clerk to the Court**

The Clerk to the Court shall be the Head of Central Secretariat and Assistant Clerk to the Council.

### **NOMINATION, APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT**

3. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following shall be the meaning of the terms used and procedures to be adopted for the appointment, election and co-option of members of the Court.

4. **Nominated Members**

a. Nominated members of the Court shall be those nominated by the Nominating Bodies whose appointment is approved by the Council. Nominees should normally be a senior member of the staff or of the governing body of the nominating body with an understanding of the College's relationship with that body.

b. In the event of a vacancy occurring among members appointed on the nomination of one of the Nominating Bodies, that body shall be invited by the Clerk to the Court to nominate another senior person for appointment to the Court. The nomination shall be drawn to the attention of the Council at its next ordinary meeting and, if it is acceptable to the Council, the appointment shall be confirmed.

### **PERIOD OF OFFICE OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE COURT**

5. *Ex officio* members shall be members of the Court for the period for which they hold the position designated; other nominated and appointed members shall be appointed for a term of four years, and be eligible for re-appointment except that members shall not normally be appointed for more than two consecutive terms of four years.

6. Periods of office of nominated and appointed members shall commence on 1 October, save that any member appointed to fill a casual vacancy shall commence his period of office immediately, but that his appointment shall be deemed to have commenced on the following 1 October for the purposes of determining that member's eligibility for further appointment.

**CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE COURT**

7. *Ex officio* members shall cease to be members on vacation of the relevant office.
8. Nominated members shall cease to be members of the Court if they cease to hold a senior position at the Nominating Body, or if the Nominating Body withdraws its support for its nominee.
9. Where a member of the Court becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, the Court may resolve that such person's membership be terminated.
10. The Court may require any member against whom a bankruptcy order has been made, or who makes a voluntary arrangement or any form of composition with his creditors, or a similar or equivalent order or arrangement in any jurisdiction or who is convicted on indictment of a criminal offence, to resign from membership.
11. Any member of the Court may resign by sending notice of resignation in writing to the Clerk to the Court.

**MEETINGS OF THE COURT**

12. There shall be a meeting of the Court at least once a year at such day and hour as determined by the Council to discharge the powers and functions prescribed by Paragraph 1 of this Ordinance.

**QUORUM OF THE COURT**

13. The Court shall be deemed to be quorate when at least 10 members are present.

**TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS (2016)**

14. The Council shall determine the effective day on which the new membership provisions set out in the 2016 revisions to this Ordinance shall take effect.
15. Save for ex-officio members of the Court and for other members as provided for in paragraphs 17 and 18 below, the members of the Court immediately before the effective date shall cease to be the members of the Court on the effective date.
16. Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs 1 to 13 of this Ordinance, and save for the members as provided for in paragraphs 17 and 18 below, the first appointments of members of the Court shall be made so as to take effect on the effective day in accordance with procedures set out in this Ordinance.
17. Those persons who immediately before the effective day were members of the Court nominated by the bodies mentioned in paragraph 18 of this Ordinance shall be deemed for the purposes of this Ordinance to have become members of the Court in accordance with this Ordinance on the effective day.
18. The bodies referred to in paragraph 17 above are:

the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851  
the Royal College of Art  
the Royal College of Music  
the Science Museum  
the Natural History Museum  
the Victoria and Albert Museum  
the Corporation of the Hall of Arts & Sciences (Royal Albert Hall)

19. Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs 1 to 13 of this Ordinance any person who immediately before the effective day was an appointed or nominated member of the Court and who becomes a member of the Court on that day shall be deemed for the purposes of this Ordinance to have begun his term of office as a member of the Court on 1<sup>st</sup> October immediately following the date on which he originally became a member of the Court.

20. Notwithstanding anything in paragraphs 1 to 13 of this Ordinance, the first appointments of members of the Court shall be made so that the first term of office each of one third of the first members appointed to the Court on the effective day shall last for two years, three years, and four years respectively.

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