



## SENATE CHARTER

**T**he University Act gives Senate, as the governing authority of the University, responsibility for the “entire control and management of the affairs and concerns of the University.” As such, the Senate is responsible to the public for the stewardship of the University as an institution of excellence and integrity, and for the custodianship of its future prosperity. It ensures that the University’s policies and procedures are consistent with legal requirements and community expectations.

**B**y harnessing the individual and collective experience and wisdom of its members, and by ensuring that it is well informed on all substantive issues affecting the University, the Senate seeks to help the University identify, resource and meet its goals in the context of a rapidly changing external environment. It exercises a broad overview of the University's directions, facilitates and assists with the promotion, positioning and resourcing of the University, and regularly monitors its performance. As an integral part of its role it exercises broad control over the University’s mission, strategic directions, and finances; and it ensures proper systems of control, accountability and risk management of all University activities (including commercial activities).

**T**he Senate is also the ultimate legislative authority of the University, with power to enact regulations and by-laws and to recommend changes to the Statutes and the University Act to facilitate the educational and research mission of the University.

**T**o fulfil its responsibilities effectively, the Senate appoints the Vice-Chancellor as its Chief Executive Officer, and works in partnership with the Vice-Chancellor to maximise the University’s capacity and performance, and to ensure its fiscal viability. The Senate delegates operational responsibility for the management of the University to the Vice-Chancellor, and monitors, guides and supports the work of the Vice-Chancellor and Executive.

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