

**I. CHARTER**

*At the Court at Buckingham Palace*

THE 16th DAY OF JULY 2002

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS the Council of the University of Lancaster has duly made amendments to its Charter:

AND WHEREAS the amendments have been submitted for the allowance of Her Majesty in Council:

NOW, THEREFORE, Her Majesty, having taken the amendments into consideration, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to allow them, as set out in the Schedule to this Order, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2002.

*A. K. Galloway*

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*SCHEDULE*

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** a humble Petition has been presented unto Us by the Executive Council for the Establishment of a University at Lancaster praying that We should constitute and found a University within Our City and County Palatine and Duchy of Lancaster for the advancement and diffusion of learning and knowledge and to grant a Charter with such provisions in that behalf as shall seem to Us right and suitable:

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

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

1. There shall be and there is hereby constituted and founded in Our said City and County Palatine and Duchy of Lancaster a University with the name and style of "The University of Lancaster" (hereinafter called "the University").

2. The Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, and all other persons who are for the time being members of the University pursuant to this Our Charter and the Statutes of the University are hereby constituted and henceforth for ever shall be one Body Politic and Corporate with perpetual succession and a Common Seal by the name and style of “The University of Lancaster” with power to obtain through Our College of Arms a grant of armorial bearings (which shall be duly recorded in Our said College) and in that name to sue and be sued and to take and hold land and to do all other lawful acts whatsoever.
3. The objects of the University shall be to advance knowledge, wisdom and understanding by teaching and research and by the example and influence of its corporate life.
4. The University shall be both a teaching and an examining body and shall, subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and the Statutes of the University, have the following powers:
  - (a) To provide instruction in such branches of learning as the University may think fit, whether for members of the University or for others, and to make provision for research and for the preservation, advancement and dissemination of knowledge in such manner as the University may determine.
  - (b) To prescribe in its Ordinances the conditions under which persons may be admitted as students of the University or of any particular course of study provided by the University.
  - (c) To grant, under conditions laid down in its Statutes or Ordinances, [in its own right and/or jointly with another body with the power to do so](#), Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and other academic distinctions to persons who shall have pursued a course of study approved by the University and shall have passed the examinations or other tests prescribed by the University.
  - (d) To admit graduates of other Universities to Degrees of equal or similar rank in the University.
  - (e) To grant, under conditions laid down in its Statutes or Ordinances, Degrees to any persons who hold office in the University or who shall have carried on research therein.
  - (f) To grant Diplomas, Certificates or other academic distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University under conditions laid down by the University in its Statutes or Ordinances.
  - (g) To grant to approved persons, under conditions laid down in its Statutes or Ordinances, Honorary Degrees or other academic distinctions.
  - (h) On what the Council and the Senate of the University shall deem to be good cause, to deprive persons of any Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates or other academic distinctions granted to them by the University.
  - (i) To accept the examinations and periods of study passed by students of the University at other Universities or places of learning as equivalent to such examinations and periods of study in the University as the Senate of the University may determine, and to withdraw such acceptance at any time.
  - (j) To admit to any of the privileges of the University or to recognise for any purpose, and either in whole or in part, any College or Institution or the members or staff or students thereof, on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes or Ordinances of the University.
  - (k) To enter into an agreement or agreements with the Executive Council for the Establishment of a University at Lancaster for taking over the rights, property, liabilities and engagements and for the winding up or dissolution of the said Executive Council.

- (l) To enter into any agreement for the incorporation within the University of any other institution and for taking over its rights, property and liabilities and for any other purpose not repugnant to this Our Charter.
  - (m) To join with any other University or with any other public or private Body, Institution, Authority or Association having in view or promoting any purpose the same as or similar or related to any purpose of the University, or to appoint one or more representatives to act upon any such Body, Institution, Authority or Association, in either case for such purposes as may be agreed upon or as may be provided for or permitted by law, on such terms and conditions as may from time to time be prescribed by the Statutes or Ordinances of the University.
  - (n) To institute such offices as the purposes of the University may require, to appoint persons to and remove them from such offices, and to prescribe their conditions of service.
  - (o) To prescribe rules for the discipline of the students of the University.
  - (p) To establish, maintain, administer, govern, license and supervise places of residence for officers and for students of the University.
  - (q) To institute and award Fellowships, Scholarships, Studentships, Prizes and other aids to study and research.
  - (r) To make provision for research, design, development, testing and advisory services and with these objects to enter into such arrangements with other institutions or with public or private bodies as may be thought desirable and to charge to the users of such services such fees as may be thought desirable.
  - (s) To print, reproduce and publish or to provide for the printing, reproduction and publication of research and other works to be issued by the University.
  - (t) To sell or provide for reward or otherwise such books, stationery and other goods and services as may be deemed expedient and consistent with the objects of the University as a place of education, learning and research.
  - (u) To demand and receive fees, to procure contributions to the funds of the University and to raise money in such other manner as the University may deem fit.
  - (v) To act as trustees or managers of any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research or otherwise in furtherance of the work and welfare of the University, and to invest any funds representing the same in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes annexed to this Our Charter.
  - (w) To do all such other acts and things (including the promotion of a Bill or Bills in Parliament) whether incidental to the powers aforesaid or not as may be requisite in order to further the objects of the University.
5. We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens of the Kingdom, Realms and Territories aforesaid shall be in person and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University and in exercise of the Visitorial Authority We and Our Heirs and Successors shall have the right from time to time and in such manner as We or They shall think fit to direct an inspection of the University, its buildings and equipment, and also an enquiry into the teaching, research, examinations and other work done by the University.
6. (1) There shall be a Chancellor of the University who shall be the Head of the University and who may preside over meetings of its Court and Council and who shall be entitled to confer Degrees which have been granted by the University.

- (2) The first Chancellor shall be Our most dear and entirely beloved Cousin Princess Alexandra Helen Elizabeth Olga Christabel, the Honourable Mrs. Angus Ogilvy, Dame Grand Cross of Our Royal Victorian Order.
7.
  - (1) There shall be a Pro-Chancellor of the University who shall, exercise and perform all the functions of the Chancellor except that of presiding over the Court of the University. He/she shall chair the meetings of the Council.
  - (2) The first Pro-Chancellor shall be Our right trusty and right well beloved Cousin Edward John Earl of Derby.
8. There shall be one or more Deputy Pro-Chancellors, none of whom shall be an employee or student of the University, and in the absence of the Chancellor, or during a vacancy in that office, preside over the Court of the University. In the absence of the Pro-Chancellor, or during a vacancy in that office, one of the Deputy Pro-Chancellors shall preside over the Council of the University, and may confer degrees which have been granted by the University.
9.
  - (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be the chief Academic and Administrative Officer of the University and shall be entitled to preside over meetings of the Senate of the University and to confer degrees which have been granted by the University.
  - (2) During the absence or incapacity of the Vice-Chancellor or during a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor, the Council of the University may appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor, who during such absence, incapacity or vacancy (as the case may be) shall exercise and perform all the functions of the Vice-Chancellor.
  - (3) The first Vice-Chancellor of the University shall be Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Frederick Carter, Esquire, Master of Arts.
10. There shall be [a Deputy Vice-Chancellor and](#) one or more Pro-Vice-Chancellors who shall subject to the Statutes of the University act for the Vice-Chancellor at his or her request, including the conferment of degrees which have been awarded by the University.
11. There shall be a Court of the University (hereinafter called “the Court”) which shall have the right to receive reports on the working of the University, to discuss any matters relating to the University, and to convey its opinions thereon to the Council or to the Senate of the University.
12.
  - (1) There shall be a Council of the University (hereinafter called “the Council”) which, subject to this Our Charter and the Statutes of the University (including the rights of the Senate of the University defined therein) shall be the Governing Body of the University.
  - (2) The Council shall have custody and use of the Common Seal of the University, and shall control, manage and administer all the revenue and property of the University.
  - (3) It shall be the duty of the Council to take into consideration any comments or representations on the affairs of the University made to it by the Court or by the Senate of the University.
13.
  - (1) There shall be a Senate of the University (hereinafter called “the Senate”) which, subject to this Our Charter and the Statutes of the University, shall be responsible for the academic work of the University, both in teaching and in research, and for the regulation and superintendence of the education and discipline of the students of the University.
  - (2) The Senate may discuss any matters relating to the University, and may convey its opinions thereon to the Council.

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15.
  - (1) There shall be Colleges of the University, which shall be established by the Council on the recommendation of the Senate, each with such name and style as the Council shall determine.
  - (2) Each student of the University, each officer of the University with teaching duties, the Librarian, and such other officers of the University as the Council may determine, shall be a member of a College.
  - (3) For each College there shall be a Syndicate which shall be a Committee of the Senate.
16. There may be Faculties, which shall be established or dis-established by the Council, on the recommendation of the Senate.
17. Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter, Statutes may prescribe or regulate as the case may be-
  - (a) The powers, duties, appointment and continuance in office of the Pro-Chancellor, Deputy Pro-Chancellors, Vice-Chancellor, [Deputy Vice-Chancellor](#), Pro-Vice-Chancellors, and other officers of the University.
  - (b) The constitution, powers and business of the Court, the Council, the Senate, the Syndicates of Colleges, and the Faculties: the appointment and continuance in office of the members of those bodies, and all other matters relative to those bodies.
  - (c) Such other provisions or matters as the Council may deem fit and meet with respect of or for the governing of the University, its Members and constituent parts, or otherwise for the convenience, effective attainment, execution or promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.
18.
  - (1) The Statutes scheduled to this Our Charter shall be the Statutes of the University until they shall have been amended, added to or repealed in the manner hereinafter prescribed.
  - (2) The Council may, from time to time, by Special Resolution, with the concurrence of the Senate, make Statutes for the University amending, adding to or repealing the Statutes for the time being in force. Provided that no such amendment, addition or repeal shall have effect until approved by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, of which approval a Certificate under the hand of the Clerk of Our said Privy Council shall be conclusive evidence.
19.
  - (1) The Ordinances of the University shall be made by the Council with the concurrence of the Senate.
  - (2) Ordinances may add to, amend or repeal the Ordinances from time to time in force.
- 19(A). The Council and the Senate may make Regulations in relation to any matter within the powers of each respective body. The power to make such Regulations shall include the power to add to, amend or repeal any such Regulation.
20. No test related to sex, race, colour or religious, moral or political belief, shall be imposed on any person in order to entitle him or her to be admitted as a member, teacher or student of the University or to hold office therein or to graduate thereat or to hold any advantage or privilege thereof.
21. The University shall not make any dividend, gift, division or bonus in money unto or between any of its members except by way of prize, reward or special grant.

22. The Council may at any time by Special Resolution amend, add to or repeal this Our Charter, and such amendment, addition or repeal shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors in Council, have effect so that this Our Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made as so amended, added to or repealed. This Article shall apply to this Our Charter as amended, added to or repealed in manner aforesaid.
23. For the purposes of this Our Charter, a “Special Resolution” means a resolution passed at one meeting of the Council and confirmed at a subsequent meeting held not less than one calendar month nor more than three calendar months after the former: provided that notice of each meeting shall be given to each member of the Council not less than fourteen days before the meeting be held, and that the resolution be passed at each meeting by a majority of not less than three-fourths of those present and voting.
24. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that this Our Charter shall ever be construed benevolently, and in every case most favourable to the University and the promotion of the objects of this Our Charter.

**IN WITNESS** whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

**WITNESS** Ourself at Westminster the fourteenth day of September in the thirteenth year of Our Reign.