

ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

University of London

SCHEME

Pursuant to Section 15 of the National Health Service Act 1946 and approved by the Council of the University of London pursuant to that Act, constituting the Governing Body of St George's Hospital Medical School and defining the powers and duties of that Body and providing for the management and control of St George's Hospital Medical School.

I. DEFINITIONS

Words defined in this Scheme or the Statutes shall have the same meaning in the Ordinances, Regulations and Standing Orders unless they are inconsistent with the subject or context.

Unless otherwise indicated:

"University" refers to the University of London.

"School" refers to St George's Hospital Medical School.

"Council" is the School Council, the governing body of the School established under the provisions of Article VI.

"Senate" is the academic authority of the School established under the provisions of Article XIII.

"Academic Forum" is the forum for discussion of the academic policy of the School and for dissemination of information established under the provisions of Article XIV.

"Special Resolution" shall be as defined in Article XVII(ii).

"Statutes" refers to Statutes of the School made as prescribed by Article XVII.

"Ordinances" refers to Ordinances of the School made as prescribed by Article XVIII.

"Regulations" refers to Regulations of the School made as prescribed by Article XIX.

"Standing Orders" refers to Standing Orders of the School made as prescribed by Article XX.

II. NAME AND STATUS

St George's Hospital Medical School is a body corporate having a perpetual succession and Common Seal. It is a constituent college of the University of London and is subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of that University.

III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL

Membership of the School shall be defined in the Statutes.

IV. OBJECTS OF THE SCHOOL

The objects of the School are to advance learning and knowledge by teaching and research in medicine, nursing, midwifery, the allied health professions, in biological sciences and any other sciences, and in social work, in healthcare management and in all matters connected with the practice of medicine and allied subjects in all their branches and in any other subject or area as the School should determine; and insofar as it is necessary or desirable in any way for the achievement of the foregoing objects to contribute directly or indirectly to the treatment and care of patients. In furtherance of its objects, the School shall have the powers set out in the Statutes.

V. TOLERANCE AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

The work of the School shall be carried out in a spirit of tolerance, freedom of opinion, mutual concern and community service. In pursuing its objects the School shall comply fully with all applicable laws relating to discrimination on the grounds of colour, race, religion, nationality, ethnic or national origins, gender or marital status, age, disability, sexuality, politics, trade union membership or trade union activities.

VI. THE COUNCIL

- (i) There shall be a Council of the School which, subject to the provisions of this Scheme shall be the governing and executive authority of the School and as such shall have custody and use of the Common Seal. The Council shall conduct the general business of the School consistently with the provisions of this Scheme and the Statutes and of the Statutes and Ordinances of the University. Provided that the Council shall not make any decision on any question of educational policy or make Statutes, Ordinances or Regulations on any matters having academic implications until the Senate has been invited to express an opinion on such questions or matters and until the Council has considered any opinion so expressed.
- (ii) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme, the constitution of the Council, its powers and duties, the manner of appointment or election and period of office of its members, the manner of filling vacancies in its membership, the conduct of its meetings and affairs and all other matters relating to the Council shall be as prescribed by the Statutes, Ordinances and Standing Orders.
- (iii) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme and the Statutes, the Council may delegate or otherwise arrange for the discharge of any of its functions as it may think fit.

VII. CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

There shall be a Chair of the Council, not being a member of the School's or University's staff nor a student of the School or University, who shall be appointed by the Council from among its members. The procedure for appointment, period of office and powers and duties of the Chair shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

VIII. VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

There shall be a Vice-Chair of the Council, not being a member of the School's or University's staff nor a student of the School or University, who shall be appointed by the Council from among its members. The procedure for appointment, period of office and powers and duties of the Vice-Chair shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

IX. TREASURER

There shall be a Treasurer of the School, not being a member of the School's or University's staff nor a student of the School or University, who shall be appointed by the Council from among its members. The procedure for appointment, period of office and powers and duties of the Treasurer shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

X. PRINCIPAL

There shall be a Principal who shall be the academic and administrative head of the School and shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for the appointment and the powers and duties of the Principal shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

XI. VICE-PRINCIPAL

There shall be a Vice-Principal who, in the absence of the Principal or during a vacancy in the office of Principal, shall, subject to the Statutes and Ordinances, perform all the functions and duties of the Principal and who shall be appointed by the Council. The procedure for appointment and period of office of the Vice-Principal shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

XII. SCHOOL SECRETARY

There shall be a School Secretary who shall be appointed by the Council in such manner and with such duties as shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

XIII. SENATE

There shall be a Senate which (subject to the powers of the Council) shall be the academic authority of the School and the body responsible for the academic work of the School in teaching and examining and in research, with powers, duties and membership as prescribed by the Statutes. Subject to the provisions of this Scheme and Statutes, the Senate may delegate or otherwise arrange for the discharge of any of its functions as it may think fit.

XIV. ACADEMIC FORUM

There shall be an Academic Forum which shall be a wide forum for the discussion of the academic policy of the School and for the dissemination of information. The Academic Forum may provide advice or make recommendations to the Senate on academic matters and may also advise the Council or make recommendations to the Council on the general management of the School. The powers, duties and membership of the Academic Forum shall be prescribed by the Statutes.

XV. SCHOOL CLUB

There shall be a students' union known as the "School Club" for the benefit of the students of the School. Membership shall be open to all persons registered to receive instruction or supervision in the School and to such other persons as under its constitution it may determine.

It shall conduct its affairs, administer its finances and elect its officers in accordance with the terms of its constitution. Its constitution and any amendments thereto shall require the approval of the Council and the Council shall in any case review the provisions of the constitution at intervals of not more than five years. The procedure for the review and approval of the constitution of the School Club shall be prescribed by the Statutes and Ordinances.

XVI. COMMON SEAL

The Council shall have the custody and sole use of the Common Seal of the School and arrangements for its safe keeping and manner of authentication shall be as prescribed in the Ordinances.

XVII. THE STATUTES

- (i) The Council may by Special Resolution make, and when made amend or revoke, Statutes for the promotion and fulfillment of the objects of the School and for its governance and management, provided that no Statute which affects academic policy shall be made until the Senate has been consulted. No statutes made by the council shall be effect if they conflict with the provisions of this scheme or the Statutes and Ordinances of the University or until they have been approved by the Council of the University.
- (ii) For the purposes of this Article a "Special Resolution" means a resolution passed at a meeting of the Council of which at least twenty-one clear days' notice has been given before the date fixed for the date of the meeting, at which not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council attend and which is passed by a majority of not less than three-quarters of those present at the meeting.

XVIII. THE ORDINANCES

- (i) Subject to the provisions of this Scheme and the Statutes, the Council may make by Special Resolution Such Ordinances as it considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the School and shall stipulate when such Ordinances come into effect. Such Ordinances may add to, amend or repeal Ordinances from time to time in force.
- (ii) The Statutes may direct that any of the matters authorised or directed in this Scheme to be prescribed or regulated by Statute shall be prescribed or regulated by Ordinance or by decision made by the Council provided that any such further prescription or Ordinance shall not conflict with the provisions of this Scheme or of the Statutes.

XIX. THE REGULATIONS

Subject to the provisions of this Scheme and the Statutes, the Council may make such Regulations as it considers necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the School and shall stipulate when such Regulations come into effect. Such Regulations may add to, amend or repeal Regulations from time to time in force.

XX. THE STANDING ORDERS

Subject to the provisions of this Scheme and the Statutes, the Council, the Senate and the Academic Forum respectively shall have power to make Standing Orders to govern their respective proceedings, and this shall include the power to add to, amend or repeal any such Standing Orders.

XXI.ALTERATIONS TO SCHEME

The Council may at any time add to, amend or revoke any provision of this Scheme and Statutes by Special Resolution subject to approval by the Council of the University and subject to the provisions of section 15 of the National Health Service Act 1946. Any such revocation or variation shall, if approved by the University, have effect so that this Scheme shall thereafter continue and operate as if it had been originally granted and made as so revoked or varied, and this provision shall apply to this Scheme as so revoked or varied.

XXII. APPOINTED DAY

This revised Scheme shall come into force and effect on 23 March 2004.

29th September 2008