



**THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
ST. AUGUSTINE CAMPUS
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Appendix 2.1

**THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE WEST INDIES
1948 ROYAL CHARTER**

Abstract: The Royal Charter is the legal basis for the operation of the University. In 1948 the first Charter was granted by George VI, incorporating the University College of the West Indies. The document specified the rights of the University and included the articles of incorporation and the certificate of incorporation. It defined the objects, powers, officers and statutory bodies of the University. The fundamental power to grant degrees and to do teaching and research as well as act as an examining body were conveyed by this legal instrument. This Charter was revoked by the Charter issued by Queen Elizabeth II in 1962.

CHARTER AND STATUTES

Charter

George the Sixth, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas it is desired with the approval and support of the Legislatures of Our several Colonies in the British West Indies and the Legislatures of Our Colonies of British Guiana and British Honduras to establish a University College for the advancement of knowledge and the diffusion and extension of Arts, Sciences and Learning and provision of Liberal and Professional Education throughout the several Colonies aforesaid.

And whereas Our Secretary of State for the Colonies has represented to Us that it is expedient that a Charter of Incorporation should be granted by Us for the purpose of establishing such a University College and providing for its governance in manner hereinafter appearing.

Now therefore Know Ye That We by virtue of our Royal Prerogative of Our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors will and ordain as follows:

Incorporation

1. There shall be and there is hereby constituted and founded in Our Island of Jamaica University College by the name and style of "The University College of the West Indies" by which name the Chancellor, Principal, Vice-Principal and Council for the time being shall be and are hereby constituted and incorporated into one body politic and corporate with perpetual succession and a common Seal with the power to assume Armorial Bearings which shall be duly enrolled in Our College of Arms and in that name to sue and be sued with power (under and without any further licence in mortmain) to take purchase hold and also to grant demise or otherwise

dispose of real and personal property. Provided that the value of such real property in Great Britain and Northern Ireland shall not exceed in the whole in annual value £10,000 such annual value to be calculated and ascertained at the respective periods of taking or purchasing the same and which University College shall have the constitution and powers and be subject to the regulations in this Our Charter prescribed or contained.

2. The University College of the West Indies hereby incorporated is hereinafter referred to as "the University College". Name

3. The objects of the University College are:—

- (a) To provide to the full extent which its resources from time to time permit for research and instruction in the humanities and sciences and other spheres of learning and knowledge of a standard and thoroughness required and expected of a University of the highest standing and to secure the advancement of knowledge and diffusion and extension of Arts, Sciences and Learning and provision of Liberal and Professional Education throughout Our several Colonies in the West Indies and Our Colonies of British Guiana and British Honduras. Objects
- (b) To hold examinations and grant Diplomas, Licentiateships, Certificates, or other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University College under conditions laid down by the University College.

4. Men and women shall be eligible for admission to and as students of the University College and for appointment to any authority office or employment of or under the University College. Eligibility of Men and Women

5. No religious test shall be imposed on or required of any person in order to entitle him to be a student or member of the University College or to occupy any position in or on the staff of the University College. No Religious Test

6. We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be and remain the Visitor and Visitors of the University College and in the exercise of the Visitorial Authority from time to time and in such manner as We or They shall think fit may inspect the University College, its buildings, laboratories and general work, equipment, and also the examination, teaching and other activities of the Visitors

University College by such person or persons as may be appointed in that behalf.

Authorities

7. The Authorities of the University College shall be the Council, the Senate, the Faculties, the Guild of Graduates, and such other bodies as may be prescribed by Statute.

Chancellor

8. (1) The Chancellor shall be the Head and Chief Officer of the University College and President of its Council, Senate and Guild of Graduates.

(2) The first Chancellor shall be Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, G.C.V.O., G.B.E., and she shall hold office until her death or resignation. Future Chancellors shall be appointed by Us.

Principal

9. (1) The Principal shall be the executive and academic head of the University College and shall be *ex-officio* Chairman of the Senate. He shall, in the absence of the Chancellor, act as Chairman of the Council.

First Principal

(2) The first Principal shall be Thomas Weston Johns Taylor, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., and he shall hold office on terms approved by the Secretary of State. Future Principals shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Statutes.

Vice-Principal

10. (1) There shall be a Vice-Principal who shall act as Principal in the absence of the Principal.

(2) The Vice-Principal shall be appointed by the Council in accordance with the Statutes.

Council

11. The Council shall be the governing body of the University College with power to manage all matters not provided otherwise by this Our Charter or by the Statutes of the University College and shall be able to delegate any of its functions and powers to Committees.

First Council

12. The First Council shall be a temporary Council and the members shall hold office until a council has been constituted as provided in the Statutes. The members of the First Council shall be eligible for service on any subsequent Council. The following persons shall constitute the First Council:—

Grantley Herbert Adams, *B.A.*
Sydney Theophilus Christian, *O.B.E., B.A., LL.M.*
Woldrich Harrison Courtenay, *O.B.E.*
Garnet Hamilton Gordon, *O.B.E.*
Leonard Courtenay Hannays, *K.C.*

Sir James Colquhoun Irvine, *K.B.E., Sc.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.*
Joseph Alexander Luckoo, *K.C.*

Ludlow Murcott Moody, *M.D., B.S., M.R.C.P.*

Raymond Edward Priestley, *M.C., M.A., D.Sc.*

Philip Manderson Sherlock, *B.A.*

Thomas Weston Johns Taylor, *C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc.*

Bernard Warren Williams, *B.A., B.Ch., F.R.C.S.*

13. The Senate shall, subject to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University College and subject also to review by the Council have the control and general regulation of the instruction, education and research within the University College and shall confer Diplomas, Licentiatehips, Certificates and other distinctions. They shall have power to discuss and pronounce an opinion on any matter whatsoever relating to the University College and to recommend statutes and ordinances as and when they see fit and to submit the same to the Council for consideration and enactment, and such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by Statute or Ordinance and shall exercise the disciplinary powers as defined in this Charter and the Statutes.

Senate

14. The Senate shall have the power to deprive any person on whom the University College has conferred any Diploma of the University College who shall have been convicted of a crime, or in their opinion has been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct, of any Diploma or Diplomas conferred by the University College and of all privileges enjoyed by him in virtue of such Diploma subject, however, to such right of appeal to the Council and from the decision of the Council to the Chancellor as may be provided for by Statute. The Senate shall have the power to restore to any person any Diploma or privilege of which he may have been deprived in any case where they consider it fit to do so.

Disciplinary Powers of Senate.

15. The Council and the Senate shall be competent to act notwithstanding any vacancy in their respective membership, or amongst the officers of which they are comprised.

Vacancies in Council or Senate not to affect competence.

16. There shall be a Guild of Graduates who shall be represented on the Council. The Council shall prescribe from time to time the qualifications, obligations and privileges of membership of the Guild of Graduates.

Guild of Graduates.

17. (1) The Statutes of the University College shall prescribe or regulate as the case may be the composition, constitution, powers and duties of the authorities of the University College and all other matters relative to the

Statutes.

authorities which it may be thought are proper to be so prescribed or regulated.

(2) The first Statutes shall be those scheduled to these Presents.

(3) The Council may from time to time by special resolution make new or additional Statutes or alter or amend existing Statutes to give effect to this Charter and its provisions.

(4) The power of the Council to make Statutes shall not be limited by or with reference to the first or any subsequent Statutes or to the several matters therein dealt with.

(5) All Statutes which are not repugnant to the provisions of this Charter shall be operative and have effect when allowed by Us in Council, and not before. Such allowance shall be conclusive evidence of the Statutes so allowed being authorised by the provisions of this Charter.

(6) In this Our Charter "Statutes" means the first Statutes set forth in the Schedule hereto, and any Statutes altering, amending, adding to or repealing the same or any of them which may hereafter be made and may be allowed by Us in Council.

Ordinances and Regulations.

18. The Council and the Senate respectively may from time to time make Ordinances and Regulations respectively to direct and regulate (subject to these Presents and to the Statutes) the University College and its authorities and members. The power to make Ordinances and Regulations shall include the power to add to, amend, alter or repeal any Ordinances and Regulations theretofore made.

Alteration of Charter.

19. (1) The Council may at any time alter, amend or add to these presents and the provisions thereof by a Special Resolution in that behalf, and such alteration, amendment, or addition shall, when allowed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council become effectual, so that these Presents shall henceforward continue and operate as though they had been originally granted, and made as so altered, amended, or added to in manner aforesaid.

(2) This Article shall apply to this Charter, as altered, amended, or added to in manner aforesaid.

Special Resolution.

20. A Special Resolution means a Resolution passed at one Meeting of the Council and confirmed at a sub-

sequent Meeting held not less than one calendar month nor more than twelve calendar months after the former, provided that the Resolution be passed at each meeting by a majority which shall be (a) not less than three-fourths of those present and voting (b) not less than half of the whole membership of the Council.

21. Our Royal Will and Pleasure is that these Presents shall ever be construed benevolently, and in every case most favourable to the University College and the promotion of these objects of this Our Charter.

In witness whereof We have caused these Our Letter to be made Patent

Witness Ourself at Westminster, the
day of _____ in the _____ year of
Our Reign.

By Warrant under the King's Sign Manual.