



WOLFSON COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE

## THE STATUTES

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STATUTE A  
The Constitution and Government of the College

Chapter I  
*The Title of the College*

The College shall be called Wolfson College and its corporate title shall be *The President and Fellows of Wolfson College in the University of Cambridge*.

Chapter II  
*The Visitor*

The Visitor of the College shall be the Chancellor of the University.

Chapter III  
*The Governing Body*

1. The Governing Body of the College shall consist of the President, the Vice-President and all the Fellows under Titles A, B, C and D.
2. The Governing Body shall have ultimate responsibility for the government of the College as a place of education, learning and research.
3. The Governing Body shall exercise the following powers:
  - (a) to consider and if thought fit approve any resolution for the making, alteration, or rescission of any Statute or Ordinance;
  - (b) to elect the President at a Special Meeting called for the purpose under Statute B.I.2;
  - (c) to elect the Vice-President in accordance with Statute C.II.1;
  - (d) to confer Honorary Fellowships and Bredon Fellowships in accordance with Statute D.VII;
  - (e) to elect members of the Council in class (b);
  - (f) to appoint the auditors of the annual accounts;
  - (g) to appoint three Fellows as College Inspectors of Accounts in accordance with Statute F.III.3;
  - (h) to approve the accounts and reports submitted to the Governing Body in accordance with Statute F.III.4 ;
  - (i) to receive reports from the Council; and
  - (j) to take any other action necessary to fulfil the requirements of Statute A.III.2.
4. The Governing Body shall assign to the Council responsibility for the matters set out in Statute A.V.1, including any matter in which the Governing Body deems it appropriate for the Council to exercise responsibility.

Chapter IV  
*Meetings of the Governing Body*

1. The Governing Body shall hold at least one meeting in every Full Term on such days as it shall appoint. A further meeting for the approval of the accounts and reports shall be held in the Michaelmas Term and shall be known as the Audit Meeting. The termly meetings and the Audit Meeting shall be termed Ordinary Meetings of the Governing Body. At least fourteen days' notice of an Ordinary Meeting shall be given to all Fellows. All other meetings of the Governing Body shall be termed Special Meetings.
2. The President may at any time summon a Special Meeting of the Governing Body and shall do so with all convenient speed if requested by the Council or on a written request signed by at least fifteen Fellows who are members of the Governing Body. Such a request for a meeting shall set forth the resolution or resolutions to be brought before the meeting. At least seven days' notice shall be given of any meeting summoned under this section.
3. The Vice-President shall, if requested in writing by at least fifteen Fellows who are members of the Governing Body, summon a meeting for the purpose of Statute ~~H~~, VII B.IV. At least seven days' notice in Full Term shall be given of any meeting summoned under this section.
4. At every meeting of the Governing Body in the absence of the President, the Vice-President, failing whom the senior Fellow present who is a member of the Council, failing whom the senior Fellow present, shall preside.
5. All matters put to the vote at a meeting of the Governing Body shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting except as otherwise provided in these Statutes. In the case of equality of votes, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President's absence, shall be entitled to give a casting vote.
6. In any vote on the election of any member of the Governing Body to the office of President or Vice-President, such member shall not vote and shall not be counted in the reckoning of any necessary majority.
7. No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Governing Body unless at least one-third of the members of the Governing Body are present.

Chapter V  
*The Council*

1. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, the Council shall be responsible for the financial affairs of the College, for the care and management of its property, for its educational work, and for such other matters as may be assigned to it by resolution of the Governing Body.
2. The Council shall have power to draft standing orders, which shall be called Ordinances, and amendments or rescissions of them, provided always that such Ordinances shall not be inconsistent with these Statutes or with the Statutes of the University. All such drafts shall be submitted to the Governing Body for approval.

3. The Council shall consist of the following classes of members:
  - (a) the President, the Vice-President, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor and the Development Director, who shall be members *ex officio*;
  - (b) ten Fellows elected by the Governing Body from among its members; and
  - (c) three students of the College elected by the Association of the Students of the College in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Statute A.VII.
  
4. The method of election of members in class (b) and in class (c) and the procedure for the conduct of elections, including bye-elections, shall be determined by or under Ordinance.

#### Chapter VI *Meetings of the Council*

1. The Council shall meet at least once a term and as frequently as is necessary to discharge its responsibilities under Statute A.V.1, and subject to such regulations concerning notice of business and mode of procedure as may from time to time be determined by the Council. Extraordinary meetings of the Council shall be held whenever the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President or, in the absence of both, the senior Fellow who is a member of the Council, shall deem it necessary for any purpose.
  
2. At every meeting of the Council in the absence of the President, the Vice-President, failing whom the senior Fellow present, shall preside.
  
3. All questions put to the vote at a meeting of the Council shall be decided by a majority of those present and voting except as otherwise provided in these Statutes. In case of equality of votes, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President's absence, shall be entitled to give a casting vote.
  
4. No business shall be transacted at any meeting of the Council unless at least seven members are present, including at least four members in class (b) and excluding members in class (c)
  
5. No student of the College shall be present, whether as a member or otherwise, at a meeting of the Council, or of any committee appointed by the Council, for the discussion of, or decision on, any item of business which the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President's absence, declares to be reserved.  
Reserved business shall include:
  - (a) the election or removal of any Fellow or any other matter affecting the personal affairs of any Fellow;
  - (b) the appointment, suspension or removal of any College Officer;
  - (c) the appointment, promotion or dismissal of any person employed or to be employed by the College, or any other matter affecting the personal affairs of such a person;
  - (d) the admission of individuals to membership of the College, their removal from the College, except under Statute E.II, or their academic assessment.

In any case of doubt, the President, or the Vice-President or Fellow presiding in the President's absence, shall decide whether an item of business is reserved and such decision shall be final. No student of the College shall receive papers relating to any item of reserved business except that members of the Council in class (c) may, if and to the extent that the Council so determines, receive minutes of the decisions taken on reserved business by the Council or by any committee appointed by the Council.

6. In any vote on the election, re-election, appointment or re-appointment of any member of the Council to a Fellowship, or to any office or other position normally carrying an emolument, or on the removal of a member of the Council from a Fellowship, or from any office or position, such member shall not vote and shall not be counted in the reckoning of any necessary majority.

7. It shall be the duty of the Bursar, or of such other person as the Council may direct, to keep minutes of the proceedings of the Council and to forward such minutes to members of the Governing Body. Such minutes shall be open to inspection by all members of the Governing Body at all reasonable times.

## Chapter VII

### *Association of the Students of the College*

1. There shall be an Association of the Students of the College to promote the interests and welfare of its members by making provision

- (a) for their social, athletic, cultural and other collegiate activities; and
- (b) for their representation in accordance with Section 3(a) of this Chapter.

2. The Association shall have such constitution as the Council shall approve and any amendment of the constitution by the Association shall not be valid without the approval of the Council. If any question arises as to the interpretation of the constitution, it shall, subject to the provisions of Section 4 of this Chapter, be determined by the Council.

3. Subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Chapter, it shall be the duty of the Association:

- (a) to elect, or to make provision for the election of, a Committee which shall organise and administer the affairs of the Association;
- (b) to appoint members of the Council in class (c) who shall be chosen by and from among the elected members of the Committee;
- (c) to elect or appoint, or to make provision for the election or appointment of, persons to serve on any committee or body, within the College or outside it, whose members include a person or persons elected or appointed to represent the students of the College; and
- (d) to receive and administer through its Committee such funds as the Council may provide for the purposes of the Association.

4. If, within twenty days of the doing of any act, including an election, by the Association or by any of its officers or by any committee of the Association, it is represented in writing by not fewer than fifteen members of the College to the President that there has been a

contravention of the constitution in the doing of such act, the Council shall enquire into the matter and declare its decision. The decision of the Council shall be final.

5. If at any time the Council is satisfied, on such evidence as it may deem sufficient, that the conduct of the affairs of the Association generally is in contravention of its constitution, the Council may at its discretion withhold and itself administer any monies received by the College for the purposes of the Association.

STATUTE B  
The President

Chapter I  
*Election and Duties of the President*

1. The President of the College shall be elected by the Governing Body, which shall choose as President the person who, in its judgement, is best qualified to preside over the College as a place of education, learning and research; provided that if, by the last day of the ninth calendar month after the month in which the vacancy in the office of President occurs, the Governing Body has failed to make an election, the appointment shall devolve upon the Visitor.
2. If a vacancy in the office of President arises by limit of tenure or resignation or some other cause, a Special Meeting of the Governing Body shall be convened to determine the timetable and process for the election of the next President. The arrangements for convening, chairing and producing the agenda of this meeting shall be determined by Ordinance.
3. The method of election of the President shall be determined by Ordinance.
4. The President shall take office immediately upon election if a vacancy in the office of President exists, or otherwise on the day following the day on which the limit of tenure or resignation of the outgoing President takes effect, as the case may be. The President shall be formally admitted to office by the Vice-President or, in the absence of the Vice-President, by the senior Fellow who is a member of the Council, at the next meeting of the Governing Body after taking office, having first read aloud the following declaration:

“I, [full name], elected President of Wolfson College, do solemnly declare that I will observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the College and will endeavour to the utmost of my power, without fear or favour, to promote the interests of the College as a place of education, learning and research.”
5. The President shall superintend the affairs of the College and shall preside, when present, at all meetings of the Governing Body and the Council. The President shall have power in all cases not provided for by the Charter or by these Statutes or by order of the Governing Body or the Council to make such provision for the good government and discipline of the College as he or she shall think fit. In the event of the exercise of this power, the President shall report such exercise thereof to the Council and to the Governing Body at the earliest opportunity thereafter.
6. The President shall reside within the College, or in such other place as the Council may approve as being consistent with the proper performance of the President’s duties, during Term, unless absent on College or University business or by sanction of the Council or prevented by illness or other grave cause which the President shall signify to the Vice-President. The prior sanction of the Council shall be required for any absence of the President for more than fourteen consecutive days in Term. The President shall be entitled to sabbatical leave with the consent of the Council, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, in accordance with arrangements to be determined by Ordinance.

7. The President shall receive from the general resources of the College such stipend and allowance as the Council shall from time to time determine.

8. The President shall not hold any other remunerated post or public service office apart from the office of President except with the permission of the Council.

## Chapter II *Absence of the President*

During any absence or illness of the President, the President's functions shall be performed by the Vice-President or, in the absence or illness of the Vice-President, by the senior Fellow who is a member of the Council.

## Chapter III *Term of Office of the President*

1. The President shall be appointed for a period of seven academical years. If the President is appointed to take office before the end of an academical year, the Governing Body may appoint the President for the remainder of that academical year in addition to seven full academical years. This appointment is not renewable. No previous President may stand for re-election in any circumstances. The President shall give notice in writing to the Vice-President if he or she proposes to retire before the end of the seven-year period. Except with the consent of the Council such notice shall not be less than six months.

2. On completion of the term of office, the President shall be entitled to a Fellowship under Title A, B, C, D or E, as appropriate.

## Chapter IV *Removal of the President from Office*

The President shall not be removed from office except in accordance with the provisions of Ordinances governing such removal from office.

STATUTE C  
The College Officers

Chapter I  
*General Provisions*

1. The College Officers shall be the President and the separate persons holding the offices of Vice-President, Bursar, Senior Tutor, Development Director, Praelector, Tutor, College Teaching Officer and such other offices as may be established by Ordinance.
2. The arrangements for the election or appointment of the College Officers, for their tenure and for the vacation of their offices, shall be determined by these Statutes or by Ordinance.
3. The College Officers shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by these Statutes or by Ordinance.
4. The College Officers shall receive such stipends and allowances as the Council shall from time to time determine.
5. The Council shall determine the conditions upon which a College Officer may be allowed leave of absence.
6. If any College Officer, other than the President or the Vice-President, is unable owing to leave of absence, illness or other sufficient cause to discharge the duties of the office, the Council may if it thinks fit appoint a deputy. A deputy so appointed shall receive such remuneration as the Council may determine.
7. The President shall have power to suspend a College Officer from the performance of the office's duties until the next meeting of the Council and the Council shall have power to renew such suspension until such time as the Council shall have decided, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of this Chapter, whether or not to remove the Officer from office.
8. The Council shall have power, by a vote in which no fewer than two-thirds of the members of the Council other than the members in class (c) concur, to remove a College Officer from office if, after due enquiry, it is satisfied that such Officer has failed satisfactorily to perform the duties of the office; provided that
  - (a) before the Council decides to remove an Officer from office, it shall inform the Officer of the complaint against him or her and shall provide the Officer with an opportunity to be heard by a committee of Council members appointed by the Council, to call witnesses, and to cross-examine witnesses called against him or her, and shall allow the Officer to be accompanied by a Fellow of the College or a qualified solicitor or barrister of his or her choice, who may advise the Officer and speak on his or her behalf;
  - (b) a person so removed from office shall have a right of appeal as specified by Ordinance;
  - (c) subject to Statute H, nothing in this section shall apply to members of the academic staff to whom Statute H applies.

Chapter II  
*The Vice-President*

1. The Vice-President shall be a member of the Governing Body, and shall be elected from among its members by a vote of the Governing Body. The Vice-President shall hold office for four years from the date of assuming office. A Vice-President can continue in office beyond the retiring age prescribed for a Fellow under Statute D.V.3. A Vice-President who has not reached the retiring age prescribed for a Fellow under Statute D.V.3 by the end of the term of office shall be eligible for re-election for a further period of up to four years but shall not serve for more than eight years continuously. The method of election of the Vice-President shall be determined by Ordinance.
2. The Vice-President shall vacate the office of Vice-President if he or she becomes President.
3. The Vice-President shall perform the functions of the President during any absence or illness of the President or any vacancy in the office of President. If required to act for the President during any period exceeding one month, the Vice-President shall receive such additional allowance as the Council may determine.
4. The Vice-President shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to the office of Vice-President by these Statutes or by Ordinance.
5. During the absence of the Vice-President on leave, through illness or for other sufficient cause, the functions of the Vice-President shall be performed by the senior Fellow who is a member of the Council.

STATUTE D  
The Fellows

Chapter I  
*Fellowships*

1. Fellowships shall be held under the following Titles:

Title A: University Official Fellowships

Title B: Research Fellowships

Title C: College Official Fellowships

Title D: Extraordinary Fellowships

Title E: Emeritus Fellowships

Title F: Visiting Fellowships

Holders of Fellowships under Title E and Title F shall not be members of the Governing Body.

2. Any stipends, allowances and privileges of holders of Fellowships under each Title shall be determined under Ordinance.

Chapter II  
*Election of Fellows*

1. The Fellows shall be elected or re-elected by the Council.
2. Subject to the provisions of these Statutes, no person shall be elected to a Fellowship without the concurrence of the majority of those members of the Council present and voting excluding the members in class (c).
3. Under Title A the Council may elect any person who holds a University office. A Fellow under Title A shall be elected in the first instance for a period not exceeding five years, and shall be eligible for re-election for periods not exceeding five years at a time, provided that during any five-year period the said Fellow continues to hold the University office with which the tenure of that Fellowship is associated, otherwise the Fellowship is ended.
4. Under Title B the Council may elect any person whom it considers worthy to conduct research in any subject. There shall be two classes of Fellow under Title B: those in B.I who are elected by competition held annually in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by Ordinance; and those in B.II elected otherwise by the Council. In making elections under Title B in either class, the Council shall have regard to the experience and promise of the person or persons under consideration and shall elect to the one or the other of these two classes accordingly. A Fellow elected by competition under Title B.I shall be elected for a period not exceeding three years. A Fellow elected otherwise under Title B.II shall be elected in the first instance for a period not exceeding five years and shall be eligible for re-election for periods not exceeding five years at a time, subject to the provisions of D.V.3. Tenure of any Fellowship under Title B shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed by Ordinance.

5. Under Title C the Council may elect any person who holds a College office. A Fellow under Title C shall hold a Fellowship so long as he or she holds the College office with which the tenure of that Fellowship is associated.
6. Under Title D the Council may elect any person if it considers that it will be in the interest of the College to elect the said person. A Fellow under Title D shall be elected in the first instance for a period not exceeding five years and shall be eligible for re-election for periods not exceeding five years at a time, subject to the provisions of D.V.3 and subject to such conditions as the Council shall in each case determine.
7. In the case of a Fellow under Title A, B, C or D elected before the date of commencement of these Statutes whose period of election differs from that set out in these revised Statutes, such Fellow shall hold his or her Fellowship for the period set out on election. Fellows elected as Professorial Fellows may continue to use the term Professorial Fellow while holding a Fellowship under Title A.
8. Under Title E the Council may confer an Emeritus Fellowship on any former President or former Fellow, in accordance with Ordinances made to that effect.
9. Under Title F the Council may confer a Visiting Fellowship on any person not normally resident in Cambridge if it considers that it will be in the interest of the College to do so. A Visiting Fellowship shall be held on such conditions and for such periods as the Council shall determine; provided that no person shall hold a Visiting Fellowship continuously for more than two years.
10. The Council may, for grave cause, remove an Emeritus Fellowship or Visiting Fellowship from any person on whom it has previously conferred such a Fellowship. Such removal shall be subject to the same procedures as for Fellows as set out in D.VI.

### Chapter III *Admission of Fellows*

1. At the next meeting of the Governing Body after an election of a Fellow under Title A, B, C or D has been made by the Council, the President or, in the President's absence, the Vice-President or the presiding Fellow shall call upon the Fellow-elect or Fellows-elect to make the following declaration in the presence of the Fellows:

“I, [*full name*], elected a Fellow of Wolfson College, do solemnly declare that I will, so far as in me lies, loyally observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the College and will endeavour to promote the interests of the College as a place of education, learning and research.”

2. Having made this declaration, the Fellow-elect shall be admitted to the Fellowship by the President or, in the absence of the President, by the Vice-President or the presiding Fellow.
3. After the President, the Vice-President and any former President who is a Fellow, the order of seniority of all Fellows shall be determined by the date on which their tenure as a Fellow commenced. A Fellow who by re-election under one or more Titles or by change of Title has been continuously a Fellow shall take seniority according to the commencement

date of his or her first tenure. The commencement date for a Fellow who returns to the Fellowship after a period of absence is determined by the said Fellow's current tenure rather than any previous tenure before such period of absence. In the case of two Fellows having the same commencement date, seniority shall be determined by alphabetical order of surname.

#### Chapter IV *Intermission of Fellows*

1. The Council may allow a Fellow under Title B whose study or research is interrupted by a cause of which it approves to intermit the said Fellowship for a single period to be determined by the Council. The period of intermission shall not exceed two years and shall not be counted as part of the tenure of the Fellowship.
2. A Fellow under Title B who has been allowed to intermit the said Fellowship shall not during the period of intermission be a member of the Governing Body.

#### Chapter V *Resignation and Retirement of a Fellow*

1. A Fellow who has communicated the resignation of a Fellowship in writing to the President shall vacate the said Fellowship on the acceptance of the resignation by the Council.
2. A Fellow shall resign a Fellowship on election to the Headship or to a Fellowship (other than an Honorary Fellowship) of any other College of the University.
3. Every Fellow shall vacate his or her Fellowship at the end of the academical year in which he or she attains the retiring age specified by Ordinance.

#### Chapter VI *Removal of a Fellow*

If, after due enquiry, the Council is satisfied that a Fellow has been guilty of grave misconduct or has failed to fulfil the conditions attached to the tenure of the Fellowship, the Council shall have power, by a vote in which no fewer than two-thirds of the members of the Council other than the members in class (c) concur, to deprive the said Fellow of his or her Fellowship; provided that

- (a) before the Council decides to deprive a Fellow of a Fellowship, it shall inform the said Fellow of the complaint against him or her and shall provide the said Fellow with an opportunity to be heard by a committee of Council members appointed by the Council, to call witnesses, and to cross-examine witnesses called against him or her, and shall allow the said Fellow to be accompanied by a Fellow of the College or a qualified solicitor or barrister of his or her choice, who may advise the said Fellow and speak on his or her behalf;

- (b) a Fellow so deprived of a Fellowship shall have the right of appeal to the Visitor, and the Visitor, or a deputy appointed by the Visitor, shall have the power to confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Council.

Nothing in this Chapter shall apply to members of the academic staff to whom Statute H applies.

#### Chapter VII

##### *Honorary Fellowships and Bredon Fellowships*

1. The Governing Body may confer an Honorary Fellowship on any person of distinction or who has done good service to the College, such person being a member of the College or considered by the Governing Body to have a close connection to the College.
2. The Governing Body may confer a Bredon Fellowship on any person who is a benefactor of the College. A Bredon Fellowship shall be held on such conditions and for such period as determined by Ordinance.
3. The Governing Body may, for grave cause, remove an Honorary Fellowship or Bredon Fellowship from any person on whom it has previously conferred such a Fellowship.

#### Chapter VIII

##### *Notification of Fellows*

All Fellows shall register with the Bursar a place of address to which all notices intended for them are to be sent. In all cases in which by these Statutes notice is required to be given to any Fellow, it shall be sufficient that the notice be sent by post or otherwise to his or her registered address. If any Fellow fails to register an address it shall be sufficient that such notice be addressed to him or her at the College.

STATUTE E  
Membership and Discipline

Chapter I  
*Membership*

1. Subject to the provisions of this Statute, the Governing Body shall have power to make Ordinances under which persons may be admitted and may remain as members of the College.
2. The students of the College shall be the members of the College who are *in statu pupillari* and also those who are pursuing a course of study or research as a candidate for a Degree or other qualification of the University. The status of a Fellow who is also *in statu pupillari* shall be governed by Ordinance.
3. No person shall become a student of the College until he or she has satisfied such conditions of admission to the University as are prescribed by the University and such conditions as the Council may impose.
4. If any student of the College fails, in the opinion of the Senior Tutor, to make satisfactory academic progress, or fails to pay fees or other College dues by such date as the Council may stipulate, the Council may suspend or terminate the said student's membership of the College and may in addition or alternatively order temporary or permanent deprivation of any Studentship or other College award which the student may hold, or of the emolument thereof; provided that in any vacation the powers of the Council under this section shall be delegated to the President or, in the President's absence, to the Vice-President, or, in the Vice-President's absence, to the senior Fellow who is a member of the Council.

Chapter II  
*Discipline*

1. Students of the College shall observe the Statutes and Ordinances of the College and shall conform to such orders and regulations for the good government of the College as may be made from time to time by the President, the Tutors and other College Officers, in the proper discharge of their duties, or by the Council.
2. There shall be a Disciplinary Committee of the Council whose composition and method of appointment shall be determined by Ordinance; provided that no member of the Council shall be a member of the Committee.
3. If, after due enquiry into a complaint referred to it by the Council, the Disciplinary Committee is satisfied that a student of the College has failed to observe any Statute or Ordinance of the College, or to conform to any order or regulation as prescribed in Section 1 of this Chapter, or is guilty of any conduct prejudicial to the discipline or good order of the College, the Disciplinary Committee shall have power to take such action or impose such penalty as it thinks appropriate; provided that it shall report such decisions to the Council and that there shall be a right of appeal to the Council whose decision shall be final.

4. The Disciplinary Committee shall have power to regulate its own proceedings except in so far as rules of procedure may be determined by Ordinance; provided that any student who is charged with an offence shall:

- (a) be fully apprised of the nature and circumstances of the offence with which he or she is charged;
- (b) be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard;
- (c) have the right to call witnesses and to question witnesses upon whose evidence the case against him or her is based; and
- (d) have the right to be accompanied by a member of the College or a qualified solicitor or barrister of his or her choice, who may advise the said student and speak on his or her behalf.

STATUTE F  
Finance

Chapter I

The Management of Property and the Administration of Trusts

1. The Council shall have power to purchase, sell or transfer property, real or personal, and securities (which term includes stocks, funds and shares) of any description on behalf of the College.
2. In relation to the management, development, improvement, sale, lease, mortgage or other disposition of any land or any estate or interest therein held by the College, or to the acquisition of any land, or any estate or interest therein, the Council may exercise any power and may carry out any transaction which an individual holding or acquiring such land, estate or interest for his or her own benefit could exercise or carry out.
3. In order to facilitate the management of investments under the control of the College the Council may at any time and from time to time resolve that all or any part of the property to which this Statute applies be treated as one amalgamated fund invested for the rateable benefit of the property comprised in it (hereinafter called the constituent funds) and to and upon any such resolution the following provisions shall apply:
  - (a) No investment shall be brought into an amalgamated fund upon its first constitution or upon any change of investment which is expressly disallowed as an authorised investment for any of the constituent funds.
  - (b) An amalgamated fund shall be held on behalf of the constituent funds in shares as nearly as may conveniently be proportionate to their respective capital values upon the first constitution of the amalgamated fund; such shares shall be fixed by resolution of the Council.
  - (c) The Council may at any time increase any amalgamated fund by adding thereto new constituent funds and upon any such increase shall fix the share of such new constituent funds in the resulting amalgamated fund.
  - (d) The Council may at any time wind up any amalgamated fund and divide the investments thereof between the constituent funds in proportion to their respective shares therein or may bring all or any of the shares into a new or other amalgamated fund in accordance with the provisions of this section.
4. The powers conferred by this Chapter shall apply to all endowments, land, securities, property and funds of the College and of any specific trust for purposes connected with the College of which the College is trustee which existed on the date of approval of these Statutes by Her Majesty in Council; and, to the extent that the law permits, they shall also apply to any such fund created after that date.

Chapter II  
*Superannuation*

The Council shall have power to administer the superannuation arrangements of the College in accordance with Ordinances made in that behalf.

Chapter III  
*Annual Statements of Accounts and Audit*

1. Subject to the University Statutes, the accounts shall be kept in such form as the Governing Body may from time to time determine and shall indicate liability for such sums as may, in accordance with the University Statutes, be levied on the College.
2. The accounts shall be closed each year not earlier than 30 June and not later than 30 September at such date as the Council may determine and shall be audited forthwith.
3. The College accounts shall be audited annually by one or more qualified accountants appointed by the Governing Body. The Governing Body shall appoint three Fellows as College Inspectors of Accounts, who shall examine these accounts, confer with the auditor or auditors, and report to the Governing Body at the Audit Meeting.
4. At least a week before the Audit Meeting of the Governing Body, the Bursar shall send to all members of the Governing Body:
  - (a) a copy of the College accounts;
  - (b) any reports by the auditors;
  - (c) any other reports submitted by the Council; and
  - (d) a report by the College Inspectors of Accounts on the general state of the College accounts.
5. Copies of the accounts shall be made accessible to members of the Governing Body at all reasonable times and they shall be entitled to inspect the full accounts of the receipts and payments in any of the College accounts.
6. On or before 31 December next following the closing of the accounts, a statement of the accounts, in the general form prescribed by the University, shall be sent, together with the auditors' certificates, to the appropriate authority in the University.

Chapter IV  
*The College Seal and Muniments of the College*

1. The Bursar shall be responsible for the safe custody of the College Seal and of the muniments of the College.
2. The College Seal shall not be affixed to any document without the authority of the Council, which shall be granted by means specified under Ordinance. Details of any document sealed under the general authority of the Council shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting by the Bursar, who shall keep a record of documents sealed.
3. The College Seal shall not be affixed to any document except in the presence of any two of the President, the Vice-President or the Bursar, one of whom shall sign the document and the other of whom shall countersign it.

STATUTE G  
The Statutes

Chapter I  
*Interpretation and Invalid Proceedings*

1. In any Statute or Ordinance
  - (a) the term “the College” shall mean Wolfson College;
  - (b) the term “the Council” shall mean the Council of the College;
  - (c) the term “the University” shall mean the University of Cambridge;
  - (d) the term “*in statu pupillari*” shall have such meaning as shall be determined by or under the Statutes and Ordinances of the University;
  - (e) the term “Degree” shall mean a Degree of the University unless in any Statute or Ordinance that meaning is expressly or by necessary implication excluded;
  - (f) the terms “Term” and “Full Term” shall have the meanings assigned to them by or under the Statutes and Ordinances of the University.
  
2. If any question arises as to the interpretation of any of these Statutes, it shall be decided by the Governing Body; provided that any person affected by such decision shall be entitled within thirty days of its promulgation to appeal to the Visitor. Upon such appeal, the Visitor may confirm, vary or reverse the decision of the Governing Body and the Visitor’s decision shall be final.
  
3. If within thirty days of the doing of any act, including an election, by any person or body having power to act under these Statutes, representation is made in writing by any member of the Governing Body to the President that there has been a contravention of these Statutes or of the Ordinances, the President shall declare his or her decision on the matter. If the President has not declared his or her decision within twenty days after receipt of the representation, any fifteen members of the Governing Body may within one week request the Visitor in writing to make a decision on the matter, and such decision of the Visitor shall be final. If any fifteen members of the Governing Body are dissatisfied with the President's decision, they may within one week of the declaration of that decision appeal in writing to the Visitor, whose decision shall be final. If there is no such appeal, the decision of the President shall be final.
 

No act shall become invalid by reason of the fact that there has been a contravention of these Statutes or of the Ordinances, unless there has been a representation in writing as aforesaid.

No act shall be invalid by reason of the fact that any person taking part in the act and chosen in the manner prescribed or authorised by these Statutes to be the person or a member of the body authorised to act, was not qualified to be so chosen.
  
4. Except as may otherwise be expressly provided by Statute or Ordinance, all elections and other matters put to the vote at a meeting of any body constituted in the College by or under Statute shall be decided by the votes of a majority of the members present and voting and, in the event of an equal division of votes, the person chairing the meeting shall have power either to give a casting vote or to adjourn the question.

Chapter II  
*Alteration of the Statutes*

These Statutes shall be subject to alteration by a Statute made by the College in accordance with Section 7 of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Act 1923 and passed by the votes of no fewer than two-thirds of those present and voting at a Special Meeting of the Governing Body, as defined for the purposes of that Act, held in Term and called for the purpose; provided that

- (a) at least fourteen days' notice in Term shall be given in writing to all members of the Governing Body of any resolution for the alteration of the Statutes to be proposed thereat;
- (b) notice of any proposed Statute shall be given to the University before the Statute is submitted to Her Majesty in Council;
- (c) a Statute which affects the University shall not be altered except with the consent of the University.

Chapter III  
*Commencement*

These Statutes shall take effect on the 13th day of July 2016.

STATUTE H  
Academic Staff

1. The academic staff of the College shall comprise all persons holding a College Office designated by Ordinance made under this Statute.

2. The Governing Body shall specify by Ordinance the manner in which:

(a) consideration is to be given to the removal or suspension from any position in the College held by a member of the academic staff, or to any disciplinary sanction or any grievance relating to it; and

(b) such matters are to be determined.

The term “position in the College” includes any College Office or employment.

3. Ordinances made under this Statute may make different provision for different positions in the College and for different circumstances.

4. Any Ordinance made under this Statute shall be construed in every case to give effect to the following guiding principles, that is to say:

(a) to ensure that members of the academic staff have freedom within the law to question and test received wisdom, and to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions, without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing their jobs or privileges;

(b) to enable the College to provide education, to promote learning, and to engage in research efficiently and economically; and

(c) to apply the principles of justice and fairness.

5. The original Academic Staff Statute which this revised Statute replaces shall apply in place of this revised Statute to any person who was a member of the academic staff before the date of commencement of this Statute, unless that person has either:

(a) confirmed in writing that this revised Statute will apply; or

(b) ceased to hold all positions in the College held at the date of commencement.