Statute J

PRESS AND ASSESSMENT

1. There shall be in the University a Press and Assessment Department concerned with publishing, assessment and the provision of associated services. Such Department shall be devoted to printing and publishing in the furtherance of the acquisition, advancement, conservation, and dissemination of knowledge in all subjects; to the advancement of education, religion, learning, and research; and to the advancement of literature and good letters.

2. There shall be in the University a Press and Assessment Syndicate. The management of the finance, property, and affairs generally of the Press and Assessment Department shall be the responsibility of the Press and Assessment Syndicate which shall exercise in relation thereto all the powers of the University except in so far as the Statutes and Ordinances expressly or by necessary implication provide otherwise. The Press and Assessment Syndicate shall consist of the Vice-Chancellor or a duly appointed deputy as Chair and such members appointed in such manner as shall be determined from time to time by Ordinance. Other arrangements for the operation of the Press and Assessment Syndicate or the Press and Assessment Department may be prescribed by Ordinance provided they are not inconsistent with this Statute.

3. The Press and Assessment Syndicate shall have power in the name of the University and for the purposes of the Press and Assessment Department to exercise the powers in Statute A II 3–8. These powers shall apply to investment as well as to any other activity or function of the Press and Assessment Department. Save only insofar as the Statutes, Ordinances or regulations enacted under Statute J 5 expressly or by necessary implication provide otherwise, these powers may be exercised at the absolute discretion of the Press and Assessment Syndicate.

4. All income accruing to the Press and Assessment Department shall be credited to the accounts of the Press and Assessment Syndicate and all Press and Assessment capital and income shall be controlled by the Press and Assessment Syndicate and applied by them at its sole discretion for the purposes of the Press and Assessment Department, save that in any year in which the audited accounts show a sufficient balance the Press and Assessment Syndicate shall pay over to the University Chest such a proportion of the balance as shall be agreed upon between the Syndicate and the Council.

5. The Council shall have authority to impose limitations on the power of the Press and Assessment Syndicate to enter into any financial commitments or to grant security on the property of the Press and Assessment Department.

6. The Press and Assessment Syndicate shall have power in the name of the University to engage persons for employment in the service of the Press and Assessment Department, determine their salaries and pensions, prescribe the conditions of their service and dismiss them.

7. Persons in the Press and Assessment Department approved under this section by the Council on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Press and Assessment Syndicate shall be treated as University officers for the purposes of Statute B I 1, Statute B II 2, and Statute A X 2(*b*) and as University employees in Grade 9 and above as set out in Schedule I to the Ordinance on Stipends for the purposes of Special Ordinance A (i) (*b*).[1]

8. The accounts of the Press and Assessment Department shall be audited annually by one or more qualified accountants appointed by the Council.

9. There shall be a Press and Assessment Seal, as a seal of the University to be used on the directions of the Press and Assessment Syndicate in matters relating to the affairs of the Press and Assessment Department; but the existence of the Press and Assessment Seal shall not invalidate the use in connection with such matters of any other seal of the University. The University shall have power to make Ordinances concerning the custody and affixing of the Press and Assessment Seal.

10. The Press and Assessment Syndicate shall have power to delegate any of its powers under this Statute subject to any limitations imposed by Ordinance.

11. The term 'property of the Press and Assessment Department' here and elsewhere in Statutes and Ordinances shall refer to property of the University, both real and personal, held or used for the purposes of the Press and Assessment Department. In favour of any person having dealings with the Press and Assessment Department a certificate signed by the Registrary that any particular property is

[1] The following have been specially designated under this section: the Secretary of the Press and Assessment Syndicate and members of the Global Leadership Team of the Press and Assessment Department (approved by the Council on 21 July 2022).

the property of the Press and Assessment Department, or that any limitations imposed under Statute J 5 have been complied with, shall be conclusive.

12. The Press and Assessment Syndicate shall make an Annual Report to the Council, which shall be published to the University either as a whole or in summary.

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing sections, the Council shall have power in circumstances which the Council deems to be exceptional, on the advice of its Finance Committee, to discharge the Press and Assessment Syndicate, and to assume full responsibility itself for the management of the Press and Assessment Department for the time being. If the Council has occasion to exercise the powers available under this section, the Council shall make a full report to the University on the circumstances necessitating such action.