

Part 3: AUB Board: Statement of primary responsibilities

- 3.1 To approve the mission and strategic vision of the University's long-term academic and business plans and key performance indicators, and to ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders.
- 3.2 To ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the University against the plans and approved key performance indicators, which should be – where possible and appropriate – benchmarked against other comparable institutions.
- 3.3 To ensure that an effective framework is in place to manage the quality of the student academic experience and for the maintenance of standards.
- 3.4 To ensure that the University complies with the Conditions of Registration set by the Office for Students, and with any terms set by relevant funding or regulatory bodies
- 3.5 To delegate authority to the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University as Chief Executive, for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and human resource management of the institution, and to establish and keep under regular review the policies, procedures and limits within such management functions as shall be undertaken by and under the authority of the head of the institution.
- 3.6 To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment, and procedures for handling internal grievances and for managing conflicts of interest.
- 3.7 To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the governing body itself.
- 3.8 To conduct its business in accordance with best practice in HE corporate governance and with the principles of public life drawn up by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
- 3.9 To safeguard the good name and values of the institution.
- 3.10 To appoint the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University as Chief Executive, and to put in place suitable arrangements for monitoring his/her performance.
- 3.11 To appoint a University Secretary to act as Clerk to the governing body and to ensure that, if the person appointed has managerial responsibilities in the University, there is an appropriate separation in the lines of accountability.

- 3.12 To be the employing authority for all staff in the University and to be responsible for establishing a human resources strategy.
- 3.13 To be the principal financial and business authority of the University, to ensure that proper books of account are kept, to approve the annual budget and financial statements, and to have overall responsibility for the University's assets, property and estate.
- 3.14 To be the University's legal authority and, as such, to ensure that systems are in place for meeting all the University's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in the institution's name.
- 3.15 To receive assurance that adequate provision has been made for the general welfare of students.
- 3.16 To act as trustee for any property, legacy, endowment, bequest or gift in support of the work and welfare of the University.
- 3.17 To ensure that the University's constitution is followed at all times and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.
- 3.18 To ensure that good sustainability practices and equality, diversity and inclusivity practices are observed and promoted throughout the University, informing strategic and operational decisions as appropriate; and that good health and safety practices and procedures are observed throughout the University.