Lancaster University

Council
The governing body, the legal entity and ultimate authority of the University.
Accountable for institutional activities, taking all final decisions on matters of fundamental concern within its remit.

Specific authority delegated to Council sub-committees for governance decision-making, advice and assurance to Council

- Audit & Risk Committee
- Council Safety, Health and Wellbeing Committee
  - Management group: Faculty Council Safety, Health and Wellbeing Committee
- Estates Committee
- Finance and General Purposes Committee
- Nominations and Governance Committee
- Remuneration Committee
- Strategic Reward Committee

Committees that report to both Council and Senate

- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- Student Experience Committee

Specific authority delegated to Senate, in accordance with Charter, Statutes and Ordinances, for the regulation of academic work, governance decision-making and provision of advice and assurance to Council

Senate
The academic authority of the University

Specific authority delegated to Senate sub-committees

- Enterprise and Innovation Committee
- Education Committee
  - Sub-Committees:
    - Academic Standards and Quality Committee
    - Standing Committee of Teaching Excellence
    - Collaborative Partnership Sub-Committee
    - Management Group: Regional Partnerships Teaching Committee / Faculty Teaching Committees
- Honorary Degrees Committee
  - Sub-Committee: Alumni Award Committee
- Research Committee
  - Sub-Committees:
    - Research Ethics and Integrity Committee
    - Health and Social Care Research Sponsorship Committee

The Vice-Chancellor has a general responsibility to the Council and the Senate for maintaining and promoting the effective working and good order of the University

Vice-Chancellor
Responsible for the management of the University and acts as its Chief Executive and Accountable Officer

The Vice-Chancellor is advised by the following groups and committees

- University Executive Board
- Professional Services Executive Group
- University Leadership Group
- Capital Planning Group
- University Planning and Resources Group
- Target and Tuition Fees Group
- Academic Promotions Committee (and sub-groups)
- Emergency Planning and Risk Advisory Group
- Digital Strategy Advisory Group

Statutory requirements

- Joint Negotiation and Consultation Committee
- Health and Safety Consultation Committee

In addition to these standing groups, there are periodic steering and/or working groups for particular areas of work.

The Vice-Chancellor may delegate certain responsibilities in accordance with the management structure of the university, to Senior Officers, Faculty Executive Deans, Heads of Departments, Professional Services Directors, as set out in job descriptions, schedule of delegations, policy and financial regulations.

Where the Vice-Chancellor delegates their authority, they still remain accountable to the Council.

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