BPP University General Academic Regulations

Section A - University Academic Governance Principles

1. *Introduction*

1.1. As established by the Articles of Association, BPP University Limited (hereon in for the purpose of these regulations known as "BPP University" or "the University") is a private company limited by shares. The Articles of Association duly indicate that the objects of the University are the advancement of education and training for the benefit of the public in the United Kingdom and/or in Europe or worldwide. The University was the first privately owned company in the UK to obtain ongoing taught degree awarding powers in September 2007, and in September 2020 be awarded indefinite taught degree awarding powers.

1.2. As per the Articles of Association (point 25), in the furtherance of the University's objects, the University's Board of Directors, has established an Academic Council:

> *"…to act as its academic authority which shall take such measures and act in such a manner as shall best promote the academic and professional work of the Company and safeguard the standards of its awards. The Directors shall establish and thereafter maintain regulations governing the powers and responsibilities of the Academic Council."*
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> The regulations governing the powers and responsibilities delegated to the Academic Council are to be found in and enacted through these General Academic Regulations. The General Academic Regulations were originally approved by the Academic Council on 12 July 2007. The Academic Council, and only the Academic Council, is vested with the power to vary these General Academic Regulations from time to time, as required to effectively discharge its responsibilities.

1.3. All students and staff of BPP University are subject to the requirements of these Regulations and their associated sub-regulatory instruments. Detailed rules, policies, and procedures supporting the General Academic Regulations may be set out in associated sub-regulatory instruments.

2. *Interpretation*

2.2. The power to interpret these Regulations, and all sub-regulatory instruments, is vested in the Academic Council. The Academic Council's decision shall be final, and the Council shall not be bound to give reasons for its decisions.

3. *Conflict*

3.1. In the event of conflict between the regulations of an external body and the General Academic Regulations or its sub-regulatory instruments, the General Academic Regulations and sub-regulatory instruments shall take precedence unless the Academic Council has authorised a derogation.

3.2. Regulations for individual programmes of study may be cited as "Programme Regulations" and distinguished by the name of the programme (e.g., BSc (Hons)

Accounting and Finance Programme Regulations). In the event of a conflict between these General Academic Regulations or their sub-regulatory instruments and programme regulations, the General Academic Regulations and sub-regulatory instruments shall take precedence unless the Academic Council has authorised a derogation. Specific derogations approved by the Academic Council can be found in the programme regulations.

4. *Delegation*

4.1. The Academic Council may delegate authority under these Regulations to a person or academic body of the University. Where the Academic Council has formally delegated its authority under this regulation, the delegations shall be recorded clearly in these regulations.

5. *Suspension of Regulations*

5.1. The Academic Council may choose, at its discretion, to suspend, intervene in, or alter, the working of any regulation or sub-regulatory instrument, where it feels that in a specific case the application of the regulation, in either effect or process, contravenes the principles of natural justice, reasonableness, or fairness. The Academic Council may also invoke such changes in the case of an emergency. The Council is not bound to act under this regulation and the Council's decision whether or how to act under this regulation shall be final and it shall not be bound to give reasons for its decision.

6. Academic Governance Structures

6.1. Three separate bodies share responsibility for the character, organisation and function of BPP University: the University Board of Directors, the Academic Council and the University Leadership Team.

a) The University Board of Directors is legally responsible for determining the educational character and mission of the University and for overseeing its activities.

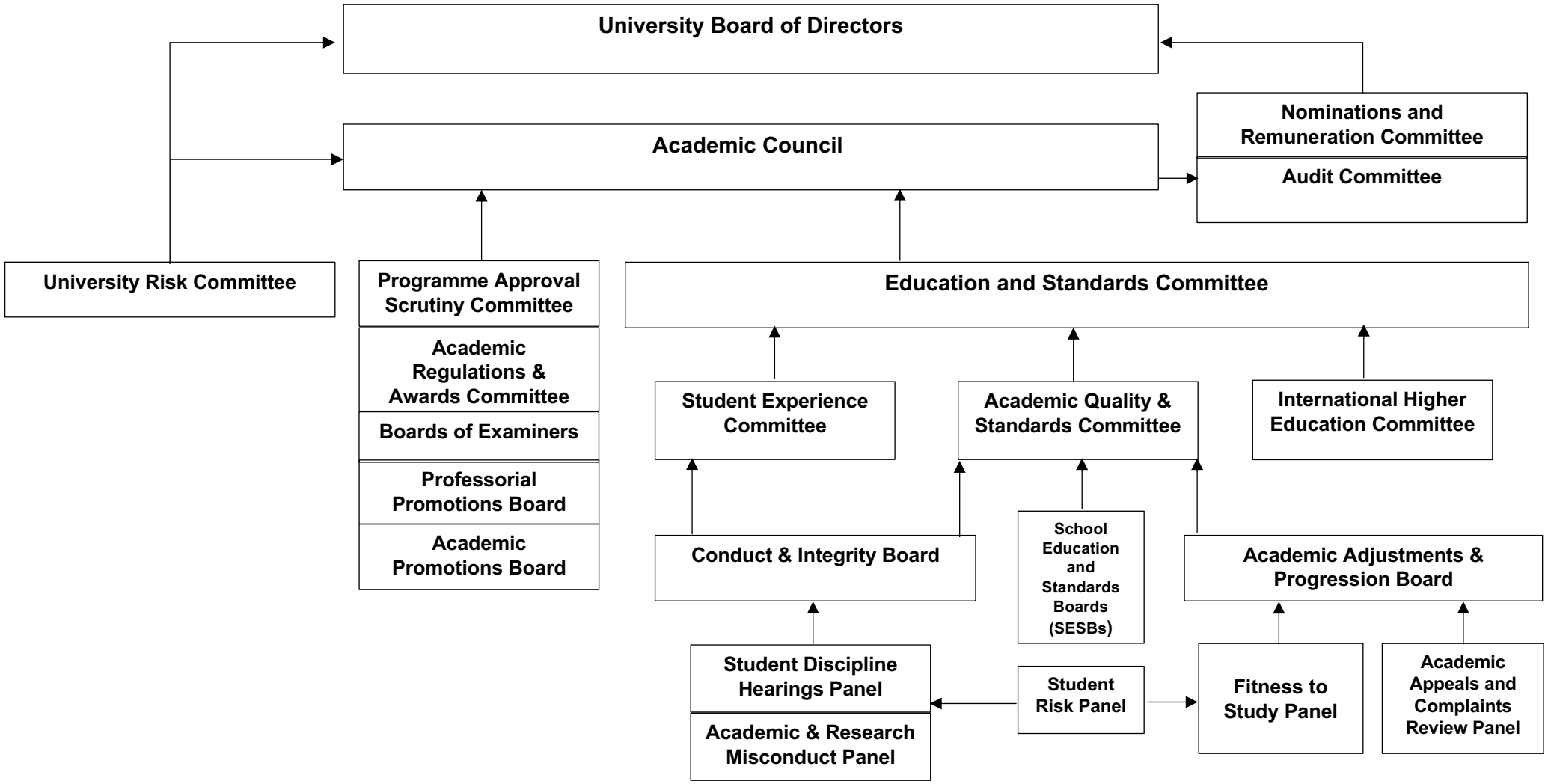
b) The Academic Council is the primary academic authority within BPP University. In particular, it considers and advises the Vice-Chancellor on matters relating to awarding taught degrees. To help it carry out its duties, the Council delegates responsibility for some matters relating to quality management to its committees, as well as to School Education and Standards Boards, Boards of Examiners and Programme Committees.

c) The University Leadership Team, under the leadership of the Vice-Chancellor, is the University's senior management team with responsibility for organising, directing and managing the academic and academic-related functions of BPP University.

6.2. The way in which these three strands operate and interact with each other is fundamental to maintaining and continuously improving quality and standards within BPP University. To support the governance of these three strands academic governance structures have been established as expressed in the below diagram and outlined in Schedule A providing an overview of the University's academic governance structures and the relationships between committees, boards, and panels. The two most senior committees/boards of the University are the Academic Council and the University Board of Directors, each of which is supported by various committees, boards, and panels that have responsibilities delegated by these two senior

governance mechanisms. The University's governance structures undergo regular cyclical review to ensure their effective operation.

BPP University Governance Structure



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