EXPLANATORY NOTE (NOT PART OF FORMAL ORDINANCE)

The General Council is the body of graduates of the University. Its membership and registration details are currently governed by two Ordinances, which are out of date. A single new draft Ordinance has been produced.

In summary, the changes are:-

1. Simplification and rationalisation, so that the General Council membership relates to all degrees and joint degrees (not to any other awards – e.g. certificates and diplomas).
2. There is now no General Council fee, which makes matters simpler than before, so that references to people paying fees, or electing to pay fees, are no longer relevant.
3. Removal of some administrative matters that are obsolete, and replacement with shorter and simpler text regarding administration.
4. Some modernisation of language.

DRAFT ORDINANCE of the UNIVERSITY COURT of the UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

NO. 211 (GENERAL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION)

WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 1, empowers the University Court to amend the composition, powers and functions inter alia of the General Council;

AND WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 10(1) provides that the University Court shall cause to be maintained a register of members of the General Council in accordance with conditions to be prescribed by Ordinance;

AND WHEREAS the University Court deems it expedient to alter the arrangements relating to General Council Membership and Registration of the University of Glasgow, as presently governed by University Court Ordinances Nos. 183 and 200, and to consolidate the provisions relating to the membership of, and registration relating to, the General Council:

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 3 of, and paragraphs 1 and 5 of Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, and having sent a draft of this Ordinance to the Senatus Academicus and the General Council, displayed notices and taken into consideration any representations, all as required by that Act, hereby statutes and ordains as follows, with reference to the University of Glasgow:
1 The General Council of the University of Glasgow ("the University") shall consist of:

(a) all persons on whom the University has conferred degrees and joint degrees other than Honorary Degrees;

(b) during their tenure of office:
   (i) the Chancellor of the University;
   (ii) the members of the University Court ("the Court");
   (iii) the Professors in the University;
   (iv) all Readers, Senior Lecturers and Lecturers in the University;

(c) those former members of the Court and former Professors who have requested to remain members of the General Council.

2 The Court shall from time to time appoint a Registrar of the General Council ("the Registrar") upon such conditions as the Court may determine and shall provide such assistance for the performance of the Registrar’s duties as it may consider suitable. The office of Registrar may be held with that of the Clerk of the General Council or with any other office in the University.

3 The Registrar shall ensure that a Register of Members ("the Register") is maintained, recording:

(a) the full name and last known address of all surviving persons upon whom the University has conferred a degree or joint degree;

(b) the full name and last known address of all other surviving members of the General Council and the office by virtue of which each qualifies for membership and the year of entry into the Register;

provided that, for the purposes of this section, no member shall be deemed to survive the one hundredth anniversary of his, her or their first graduation unless the contrary is known.

4 The Registrar shall arrange for the Register to be kept up to date and abide by all relevant legislation in maintaining the Register.

5 If any person whose name is not included in the Register shall consider that it should be so included, it shall be competent for that person to appeal to the Court and if the Court judges that the person’s name should be included in the Register in terms of this Ordinance, the Court shall direct the Register to be amended accordingly. The judgment of the Court shall be final.

6 The provisions contained in section 1 of this Ordinance shall be in place of the provisions relating to the composition of the General Council of the University of Glasgow contained in:

(a) section 6 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1858;
(b) section 28 of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act 1868;
(c) section 2 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1922.

7 Ordinances of the Court Nos. 183 (General Council Membership and Registration) and 200 (Additional Regulations as to the Membership of the General Council) are hereby revoked.

8 This Ordinance shall come into force on the date on which it is approved by Her Majesty in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of Glasgow, and subscribed on behalf of the said University Court as required by Ordinance of the University Court No. 177.

Member of the University Court

L.S.

University Secretary