

Statement of Primary Responsibilities

The principal responsibilities of Wrexham University's Board of Governors are set out in its Statement of Primary Responsibilities. These responsibilities are consistent with Wrexham University's Instrument and Articles of Government.

1. To set and agree the mission, strategic vision, and values of the institution having regard to the recommendations of the Executive.
2. To agree long-term academic and business plans and key performance indicators and ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders, especially staff, students and alumni.
3. To ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the institution against the strategy, plans and approved key performance indicators, which should be, where possible and appropriate, benchmarked against other comparable institutions
4. To delegate authority to the Vice-Chancellor 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 Vice Chancellor.
5. To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls, risk assessment, value for money arrangements and procedures for handling internal grievances and managing conflicts of interest.
6. To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the governing body itself.
7. 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.
8. To safeguard the good name and values of the institution.
9. To appoint the Vice-Chancellor as Chief Executive and to put in place suitable arrangements for monitoring their performance.
10. To appoint a Secretary to the governing body and to ensure that, if the person appointed has managerial responsibilities in the institution, there is an appropriate separation in the lines of accountability.
11. To be the employing authority for all staff in the institution and to be accountable for ensuring that an appropriate human resources strategy is established.
12. To be the principal financial and business authority of the institution, to ensure that proper books of account are kept, to approve the annual budget and financial statements, and to have overall accountability for the institution's assets, property, and estate.
13. To be the institution's legal authority and, as such, to ensure systems are in place for meeting all the institution's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other

legal commitments made in the institution's name. This includes accountability for health, safety, and security and for equality, diversity, and inclusion.

14. To receive assurance that adequate provision has been made for the general welfare of students.

15. To act as trustee for any property, legacy, endowment, bequest, or gift in support of the work and welfare of the institution.

16. To ensure that the institution's constitution is always followed, and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.

17. To promote a culture which supports inclusivity and diversity across the institution.

18. To maintain and protect the principles of academic freedom and freedom of speech legislation.

19. To ensure that all students and staff have opportunities to engage with the governance and management of the institution.

20. To ensure that there are arrangements in place for effective academic governance and the quality and standards of educational programmes.

21. To be responsible for the appointment, assignment, grading, suspension, dismissal and determination of the pay and conditions of service of the Vice Chancellor, the Clerk to the Board and holders of senior posts as the Board may determine after consultation, where appropriate, with the Vice-Chancellor.

22. To take such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure that the Students' Union operates in a fair and democratic way and is accountable for its finances.

Key Individuals September 2024

Chair of the Board	Dr Leigh Griffin
Vice-Chair	Paul Barlow
Chair of Audit and Risk Committee	Jayne Owen
Chair of Strategy and Finance Committee	Paul Barlow
Chair of People and Culture Committee	Diane McCarthy
Chair of Nominations and Governance Committee	Claire Homard
Chair of Remuneration Committee	Diane McCarthy
Chair of Academic Quality and Standards Committee	Will Naylor