

Draft Resolution  
UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN  
University Court

## Proposed Changes to Resolution: Reform of Academic Structures

Notice is today, Thursday 30 April 2026, hereby given under the terms of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 that at its meeting of 29 April 2026, the University Court, resolved to send to the Senatus Academicus and the General Council and make available to any other body or person having an interest, the enclosed Draft Resolution.

### Proposed Changes

The Court has agreed to formally consult, as required by statute, on changes to Resolution No 287 of 2017 [Reform of Academic Structure].

This Resolution enacts changes to the Academic Structures of the University of Aberdeen.

The revisions to the academic structures are required to provide a clear, coherent, and future-focused academic structure that strengthens leadership, supports financial and academic sustainability, and enables the University to deliver on its strategic ambitions. It will also bring together cognate disciplines in ways that diminish organisational barriers, while driving educational and research excellence through increased interdisciplinary activity, and better dissemination of best practice.

The four proposed faculties will exist with substructures including Schools and/or Departments and/or Disciplines, as determined operationally.

### Comments to the University Court

Any other body or person having an interest who wishes to comment on the proposals should lodge such representations (in writing) by **12 noon on Monday, 1 June 2026** to the Clerk to the Court at [gest@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:gest@abdn.ac.uk), Directorate of Planning and Governance, Regent Walk, Old Aberdeen, AB24 3FX.

## **RESOLUTION NO xxx OF 2026**

### **[REFORM OF ACADEMIC STRUCTURE]**

After consultation with the Senatus Academicus, the University Court of the University of Aberdeen, at its meeting on 24 June 2026 passed the following Resolution:

1. Resolution No 287 of 2017 [Reform of Academic Structure] of the University Court is hereby revoked.
2. There shall be 4 academic Faculties; and such other Faculties as may subsequently be created by Resolution.
3. Each Faculty shall comprise the Schools, and such other academic units as may be assigned to it from time to time by the University Court on the recommendation of the Senatus Academicus.
4. For electoral purposes each Faculty shall consist of the Executives Deans, Professors, Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and the holders of research and academic-related posts of equivalent status in those Schools and units assigned to that Faculty.
5. There shall be a head of each Faculty, an Executive Dean, who shall be appointed by the University Court for such period as may be determined by the Court and will be responsible to the Provost.
6. The internal governance of each Faculty shall be as determined by Court after consultation with the Senatus Academicus.
7. The holders of Chairs assigned to specific Schools by the University Court under the terms of previous Ordinances or Resolutions shall be Professors in the Faculties to which they have been assigned.
8. This Resolution shall come into force on 1 August 2026.

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