

## University of Suffolk

### DUTIES OF SENATE MEMBERS

Members of Senate are regarded as members in their own right, and are not delegates of the constituencies from which they are drawn. They are expected to take a university-wide perspective on issues before them.

Although members do not represent any specific constituency, they may choose to canvas the views of colleagues outside of Senate regarding non-reserved items of business in order to inform their contribution to Senate discussions.

The responsibilities of Senate members include the following:

- (a) playing an active role in ensuring the business of Senate is carried out efficiently and effectively, in accordance with the terms of reference of Senate
- (b) making constructive contributions to discussion and debate, respecting the views of others and applying balanced judgement to their deliberations
- (c) demonstrating a willingness to accept decisions made in the broader interests of the university
- (d) reading the papers circulated for each meeting of Senate and attending meetings regularly
- (e) assisting in the dissemination of Senate's discussions and decisions within the constituencies from which they are drawn
- (f) participating in induction and training events in relation to their role on Senate
- (g) contributing to reviews of the effectiveness of Senate
- (h) observing the [seven principles of public life](#) drawn up by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (the Nolan Committee): selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.