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Clause 2

LORD LUCAS

Page 1, line 12, at end insert—
“( ) the need to consider whether or to what extent the system of higher education as a whole is serving the public interest,”

Page 1, line 20, at end insert—
“( ) the need to encourage more innovative provision, including accelerated and online degrees,”

LORD ADDINGTON

Page 2, line 6, at end insert—
“( ) the need to promote effective steps to guarantee access to all those with disabilities”

LORD KERSLAKE

Page 2, line 28, at end insert—
“( ) The Secretary of State, in issuing guidance and directions, and the OfS, in performing its functions, have a duty to uphold the principle of institutional autonomy for English higher education institutions.

“( ) “institutional autonomy” includes—
(a) the autonomy of English higher education institutions—
(i) to determine which courses to teach, the contents of particular courses and the manner in which they are taught, supervised and assessed,
(ii) to determine the criteria for the selection, appointment, promotion, remuneration, and dismissal of academic staff and apply those criteria in particular cases,
(iii) to determine the criteria for the admission of students and apply those criteria in particular cases, and
Clause 2 - continued

(iv) to constitute and govern themselves in a manner which they deem appropriate for their purpose, subject to legal requirements relating to the corporate form and purposes that they may adopt; and

(b) the freedom of academic staff within the law—
   (i) to question and test received wisdom, and
   (ii) to put forward new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions,

without placing themselves in jeopardy of losing jobs or privileges they may have at an institution.”
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