Hartpury University is a Higher Education Corporation, an exempt charity regulated by the OfS and consists of 13 members from all walks of life and a cross section of the community which it serves including staff and students from the University. In business terms it equates to a board of directors in a company, and is called the Corporation.

Under the Instrument and Articles the Corporation is responsible for:

- the determination of the educational character and mission of the institution and for the oversight of its activities;
- the effective and efficient use of resources, the solvency of the institution and the Corporation and for safeguarding their assets;
- approving the quality strategy of the institution;
- approving annual estimates of income and expenditure;
- the appointment, grading, suspension, dismissal and determination of the pay and conditions of service of the holders of senior posts and the clerk (including, where the clerk is, or is to be appointed as, a member of staff, his appointment, grading, suspension, dismissal and determination of pay in his capacity as a member of staff);
- setting a framework for the pay and conditions of service of all other staff.

The Hartpury Corporation membership is comprised of:-

- 10 Non-executive Members
- 1 Staff member
- 1 Student member
- The Executive Principal

Attendance at Corporation Meetings

The Corporation is required to meet at least once per academic term and is quorate only when at least 40% of its Members are present.

The Clerk to the Board attends and minutes all Corporation and Committee meetings. The Senior Team are normally 'in attendance' for all or part of each Corporation meeting.

The Clerk to the Corporation

The Clerk to the Board is responsible for organising the proper conduct of the Corporation's business. The Clerk is appointed by the Board, works directly for the Board and is answerable directly to the Board for the proper discharge of his duties as Clerk. The Clerk must provide independent advice to the Board and work closely with both the Chair and the Executive Principal in managing and supporting Board business.