

## REGULATION 7: OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

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### 1. The Chancellor

- a. The Chancellor shall preside over meetings of its Court. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Chair of Council shall preside except for the conferment of degrees.
- b. The Chancellor shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of a specially constituted Appointments Committee comprising the Chairs' Committee and two members elected by and from Court.
- c. The Chancellor shall hold office for five years in the first instance, and may be re-appointed on one further occasion, as set out in Paragraph 1(b) up to a maximum of ten years.
- d. The Chancellor may resign by writing, addressed to the Secretary of the Court.
- e. The Chancellor shall confer degrees at a Congregation held for that purpose. The Chancellor may also confer Degrees in absentia.

### 2. The Pro-Chancellor

The Chairman of the Council for the time being shall be ex officio the Pro-Chancellor during his or her tenure of office as Chairman of the Council. In the absence of the Chancellor, or during a vacancy in that office, all the functions of the Chancellor (except the conferring of Degrees), shall be performed by the Pro-Chancellor.

### 3. The Vice-Chancellor

- a. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chief Academic and Administrative Officer of the University and shall preside over meetings of Senate and shall, in the absence of the Chancellor or during a vacancy in that office, confer Degrees.
- b. The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by Council at a meeting specially called for the purpose, and shall hold office for such period, and on such conditions, as may be determined by Council. The appointment will ensure a representative group from Senate is part of a meaningful Engagement Process.
- c. During a vacancy in the office of Vice-Chancellor, Council may appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor (normally the Deputy Vice-Chancellor), who shall exercise and perform such of the functions of the Vice-Chancellor, and shall have such of his or her powers, privileges and duties as Council may specify.
- d. The Vice-Chancellor shall, subject to such policy and other rules as may be framed by Council, exercise management supervision of the University and shall be generally responsible for maintaining and promoting the efficiency, and good order of the University.

- e. The Vice-Chancellor's power to suspend or exclude a student is set out in Section regulations 3 and 8 of Regulation 2 (Student Discipline).

**4 The Deputy Vice-Chancellor**

- a. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall be an academic member of staff and shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor; and shall hold office for a period to be determined by Council, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, not exceeding five years in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The appointment will ensure a representative group from Senate is part of a meaningful Engagement Process.
- b. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall deputise for the Vice-Chancellor as necessary, and act as the Vice-Chancellor in their absence (noting pt. 3 above).
- c. The Deputy Vice-Chancellor may resign in writing, addressed to the Secretary of Council.

**5. The Pro-Vice-Chancellors**

- a. There shall be such number of Pro-Vice-Chancellors with such responsibilities as shall be determined by Council.
- b. The Pro-Vice-Chancellors, who shall be members of the academic staff, shall be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, and shall hold office for a period to be determined by Council on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, not exceeding five years in the first instance, and shall be eligible for re-appointment. The appointment will ensure a representative group from Senate is part of a meaningful Engagement Process.
- c. A Pro-Vice-Chancellor may resign in writing, addressed to the Secretary of Council.

**6. Chief Operating Officer**

- a. Council shall appoint a Chief Operating Officer who shall:
  - i. be the Secretary of the Court, Council, Senate and of any committees of these bodies and shall keep minutes of their proceedings; and
  - ii. under the direction of the Vice-Chancellor, be responsible to Council and, where appropriate, to Senate, for whatever matters may be assigned by Regulation.
  - iii. for the purposes of these Regulations be known throughout as Chief Operating Officer, which should be taken to include the role of the Secretary as set out above.

**7. Removal of certain Officers**

- a. The Chancellor may be removed from office for good cause by the Council.

- b. For the purposes of this Regulation “good cause” means:
- i. conviction for an offence which may be deemed by the Council to be such as to render the person convicted unfit for the execution of the duties of the office; or
  - ii. conduct of an immoral, scandalous, or disgraceful nature, incompatible with the duties of the office; or
  - iii. conduct constituting failure or persistent refusal, or neglect, or inability to perform the duties, or comply with the conditions of office, whether such failure results from physical or mental incapacity, or otherwise.