

Election of a Member of the Senate to the Court

Autumn 2019 – Notice from the Secretary of the University

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| <p><i>Nominations are open until 29 October 2019</i></p> | <p>Members of the Senate are invited to stand for election as a member of the University Court elected from the Senate.</p> <p>You can download a Nomination form from the election website: https://www.hw.ac.uk/services/docs/secretariat/Nomination-Form-Senate-Election-to-Court-2019.docx</p> <p>Completed forms need to be returned by 29 October.</p> |
| <p><i>A vacancy has arisen for a member of the Court elected from the Senate</i></p> | <p>Dr James Richards, who had been elected to serve until 31 July 2021, has resigned from the Court and the Senate with immediate effect. The vacancy is to be filled at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>In accordance with Statute 4, the Senate can elect up to two of its members to become members of the Court</p> <p>(NB we currently are in a transition from the previous arrangement of the Court having up to three Senate members. This is in order to help accommodate a change to the composition of the Court following the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016).</p> |
| <p><i>Senators can contribute their knowledge, perspective and expertise to the Court as well as one or more Court Committees</i></p> | <p>Among other responsibilities, the Court agrees the strategic vision and mission for the University and agrees the appointment of the most senior colleagues.</p> <p>If you are thinking of standing for election or nominating a colleague, please read the information, including the Court Statement of Responsibilities and the role and responsibilities of members of the Court, which can be found on the Court webpages.</p> |
| <p><i>Any current member of the Senate can stand for election</i></p> | <p>In accordance with Ordinance B3: Appointment of Members of the Senate to the Court, the persons eligible to stand for election and to vote in the election are those members of the Senate who are in post as at 1 October 2019.</p> <p>The current membership of the Senate is on the Senate website.</p> |
| <p><i>Dates of Service</i></p> | <p>If you are the successful candidate, you will take office from the date of the close of election and will serve until 31 July 2021 (i.e. the remainder of the term of office to which Dr Richards had been elected). In 2021, you would be eligible to stand for election again.</p> <p>(NB if you stopped being a member of the Senate, you would have to stand down from this position on the Court).</p> |
| <p><i>The Court recognises there is strength in diversity</i></p> | <p>The University is committed to diversity, not least across the membership of the Court, where we have recently made a positive commitment and taken tangible steps to address the diversity of the membership. As the Court has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring the University meets its objective of recognising and valuing the contributions of our diverse population, we especially encourage Senate members from currently under-represented groups to consider putting themselves forward for election</p> <p>The current membership of the Court is on the Court website.</p> <p>It is important to emphasise that all members of the Court share equal responsibilities as governors for the University as a whole and not as representatives of any particular constituency.</p> |
| <p><i>If more than one candidate comes forward there will be an election contest</i></p> | <p>Every member of the Senate is entitled to vote in this election.</p> <p>The Single Transferable Voting System shall be used.</p> |

Key dates to note:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing date for receipt of nominations by the Clerk to the Senate: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuesday 29 October 2019 (4.00 pm UK time) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deadline for short supporting statements from candidates standing for election: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 1 November 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballot papers issued (in the event that more than one nomination is received for the vacant position): | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wednesday 6 November 2019 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Close of Election: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thursday 21 November 2019 (4.00 pm UK time) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results announced: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday 22 November 2019 |

Please send your completed nomination form (electronically is best) to arrive not later than 4 pm (UK time) on **Tuesday 29 October 2019** to **the Clerk to the Senate:**

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George Heriot Wing,
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Thank you and kind regards,

Ms Ann Marie Dalton-Pillay
Secretary of the University and Returning Officer
15 October 2019