

Ordinance 2

The Council: Chair of Council

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1. Appointment of the Chair of Council

Where a vacancy occurs for a Chair of Council, the Council shall instruct the Nominations and Governance Committee – to be chaired by the Pro-Chancellor in place of the outgoing Chair of Council – to undertake a suitable external recruitment process to identify either:

- 1) A new independent member for appointment to the Council, on the understanding that the individual would be elected as Chair of Council; or
- 2) Inviting nominations with a view to elect an individual already serving on Council as an independent member, with a term of office as Chair not exceeding the end date of the original appointment onto Council.

In appointing to the Chair of Council vacancy the Council will consider the ability of the Council to conduct its business in both Welsh and English. The appointment of the Chair of Council will be made with reference to the role description for Chair approved by the Nominations and Governance Committee.

2. Term of Office

The Chair of Council's term of office shall be four years. The Chair shall be eligible for reappointment of one further period of four years, subject always to a maximum period on Council of eight years as Chair.

3. The functions of the Chair of Council

The Chair of Council shall perform such functions as may be determined by Council, which shall include:

- i. Providing leadership of the Council and chairing Council meetings;
- ii. Being an ex-officio Chair of selection committees to appoint the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellors and Vice-Chancellor;
- iii. Line managing the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of the Council, and dealing with human resources matters involving this individual; and
- iv. Undertaking activities on behalf of the University and attending meetings of the Committee of University Chairs and other such bodies.

4. Resignation and removal from office

- i. The Chair of Council may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary to the Council.

- ii. Where such a resignation occurs, the individual in question may continue as an independent member of the Council. However, in such cases a new term of office will not commence.
- iii. If the majority from among the Pro-Chancellor(s) and the Vice-Chancellor believe that in their opinion the Chair of Council should be removed for:
 - a. Substantially, during the preceding 12 months, being unable to perform their office; or
 - b. Substantially failing and neglecting to perform their office; or
 - c. Behaving in a manner unbecoming a Chair of Council.
 - d. Any other good cause defined in Ordinance 1, paragraph 1.4.

Then, a Panel consisting of three independent members of the Council, chaired by a Pro-Chancellor must be established to consider the case and make a recommendation to the Council on whether to uphold it or dismiss it. The Chair shall be removed from office if a resolution to do so is passed by a majority of all Council members.