

Ordinance 3

The Council: Independent Members

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1. Independent Members

- i. Up to twelve members, not being members of the staff or students, shall be appointed to the Council in accordance with this Ordinance, for the term of office of normally up to four years. The position of Chair of Council and Pro-Chancellor(s) / Deputy Chair shall be considered in accordance with the separate provisions of the relevant ordinance; however, they do contribute to the total number of appointments permissible under this Ordinance.
- ii. The Secretary to the Council shall ensure that vacancies are advertised externally. Additionally, the Secretary shall notify members of the council of vacancies and invite nominations giving such notice of vacancies and of the closing date for nominations as is reasonable in order to enable their consideration by the Nominations and Governance Committee.
- iii. The Council shall appoint a Selection Committee to consider the appointment of independent members which shall consist of at least three members of the Nominations and Governance Committee. The Secretary to the Council shall be Secretary to the selection committee.
- iv. The appointment of an independent member shall be made under the role description approved by the Nominations and Governance Committee.
- v. The Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to the next meeting of the Nominations and Governance Committee usually by the last meeting before the vacancies occur.
- vi. If an independent member vacates their place the casual vacancy shall be filled as soon as possible, as described in 1. ii and 1. iii above.

2. Eligibility for reappointment

- i. An independent member shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of normally four years as outlined in paragraph 10 of the Charter. In addition, the appointment of the Chair shall be, subject to paragraph 12 of the Charter
- ii. When a person has served the maximum permitted period as an independent member, they shall normally be ineligible for further appointment in the same category of membership until a period of four years has elapsed.
- iii. An independent member who is removed from office under 1.4 of Ordinance 1 shall be eligible for re-election after a period of two years.