

University of Aberdeen

Rules for the Nomination by AUSA of Student Members of the University Court

The composition of Court, in accordance with the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 provides for:

“2 persons appointed by being nominated by a students’ association of the institution from among the students of the institution”

As required by S 12 (2) of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016, the Court has agreed that the following process should be observed by AUSA when nominating its two members of Court.

- 1) The nominees of AUSA shall be the President of the Students’ Association and a further student or sabbatical officer.
- 2) Nominees must be matriculated students or sabbatical officers of the University of Aberdeen. ‘Alternate members’ are not permitted at Court.
- 3) The period of office on Court of the President of the Students’ Association will be the same as the period of office he or she is elected to the role of President of the Students’ Association for. The period of office of the second AUSA nominee will be one year with re-nomination permissible for a further year. Where either nominee ceases to be either a student or sabbatical officer, their appointment as a member of Court shall also cease.
- 3) It will be the responsibility of AUSA to determine the procedure it wishes to use for the appointment of its second nominated member of Court.
- 4) The Court requests that wherever possible AUSA seeks to ensure a gender balance across its two nominations and that consideration is also given to the need more generally for diversity on Court.
- 5) In the event of a casual vacancy arising, for whatever reason, it will be the responsibility of AUSA to make a new nomination as soon as possible, who will hold office for the remaining period of office of the preceding nominee.
- 6) Members of Court nominated by AUSA shall be subject to the Court’s terms and conditions of appointment, and regulate their conduct in accordance with the highest standards of governance, as set out in the University Court’s Code of Conduct, adherence to which is part of the terms of the appointment of all members of Court. In addition, members are subject to the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 which provides for circumstances under which an individual is disqualified from serving as a charity trustee and AUSA nominated members will be required to confirm that they are not so disqualified as part of their terms and conditions of appointment. In accordance with the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 and the Scottish Code of Good HE Governance, a Policy and Procedure for the Removal of Members Court is in place to address circumstances where a member has materially breached their conditions of appointment.
- 8) These rules may be amended by the Court subject to the consultation required under S12 (4) of the Higher Education Governance Act 2016 being undertaken.

Ends

Approved by Court on 27 June 2017