

University Regulations: Regulation 15

Elections to the Council, to the Senate, and to the Faculty Boards

1 Notice of an election together with an invitation to submit a nomination shall be sent by the University Secretary to each member of the electorate (as defined in the Statutes of the University) not less than 21 days before the date fixed for the issue of voting instructions for the election. The notice of the election shall state which class or classes of persons are eligible for election.

2 The standard term of office for all elected positions is three years. Terms of office normally begin on the 01 August and finish on 31 July. There will be no automatic renewal after the initial three-year term. Members, if still from the eligible constituency, can be nominated should they wish to re-apply for a further term of office. No individual may serve for more than three successive terms of three years each in the same elected position (i.e. a total of nine years).

3 Each nomination for election shall be submitted under the signature of two members of the electorate and shall be counter-signed by the nominee signifying his or her willingness to be so nominated, to reach the University Secretary by a date and time to be shown in the notice of election.

4 Where more than one valid nomination is received by the University Secretary voting instructions shall be issued, listing those nominated and by whom, for return to the University Secretary.

5 Voting for a period of 21 days shall be by the single transferable vote system under which the person, or persons, where more than one vacancy exists, receiving the most votes on a single transferable ballot basis shall be declared elected.

6 Where two or more persons receive the same number of valid votes and the number of vacancies remaining to be filled is less than the number of those candidates, a further election shall be held for the vacancies remaining to be filled, with those tying as the only candidates. If a further tie then results, or if a tie results in an election to fill one vacancy only where only two candidates have been validly nominated, the election shall be decided by spinning a coin.

7 The result of the election stating the number of votes cast for each candidate shall be declared by the University Secretary not later than 5 working days after the last date for closure of voting by issuing a notice.

8 The University Secretary shall from time to time issue guidance for elections by single transferable vote, including use of electronic voting or paper voting for all or some bodies.