

REVISED ORDINANCE

Revisions to the Ordinance on the nomination and election of the Chancellor were approved by Grace 1 of the Senate of 17 January 2024 on 26 January 2024. The Ordinance now reads as follows:

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE CHANCELLOR¹

Amended by Grace 1 of the Senate of 17 January 2024

1. The Council² determines the timetable of the election to fill a vacancy in the office of Chancellor, including the days and hours for voting and the nomination period. Following receipt of notice of a vacancy, the Council will publish the timetable for an election in the *Reporter* as soon as practicable, and will include information on the arrangements for registration of voters voting electronically and, after consulting with the returning officer, the accepted methods for submitting nominations.³

2. Elections will normally take place in Full Term and the Council will give at least forty days' notice of voting opening. The deadline for the receipt of nominations will be at least seventeen days after the Council has published the timetable for an election and at least fourteen days before voting opens.

3. For a nomination to be valid it must be:

- (a) made in writing and signed by at least fifty members of the Senate; and
- (b) accompanied by a statement dated and signed by the person nominated consenting to the nomination; and
- (c) received by the Registry by the deadline for nominations.

All valid nominations will be published in the *Reporter* as soon as possible.

4. (a) If at the close of the nomination period there is only one candidate, or if only one candidate remains after any other nominated candidates have withdrawn, the Council will reopen nominations by publishing a new election timetable in accordance with Regulation 2.

(b) If at the close of the nomination period no candidate has been nominated, the Council will nominate a candidate. This candidate is automatically elected as Chancellor.

(c) If at the close of the nomination period there is more than one candidate, an election will take place. The provisions of Special Ordinance A (viii) 5 concerning reserved business apply to nominations by the Council under Regulation 4(b). The Council will consult with its student members before making a nomination.

5. Voting in person will take place on two days, which need not be consecutive. One of the days for in-person voting will be a Saturday. Voting electronically will take place on ten consecutive days, to overlap with at least one of the days appointed for voting in person.

6. The Registry, or a duly appointed deputy, will be the returning officer. The accepted methods for submitting nominations, the form of the voting paper and the method of casting votes will be determined by the returning officer. The Proctors, or those appointed as their deputies for the occasion, will be in attendance on the two days of voting in person.

7. In case of an equality of votes, the Vice-Chancellor will choose between the candidates. The Single Transferable Vote regulations shall apply to voting under these regulations.

8. An election shall not be deemed invalid owing to the misdirection, late arrival, or non-arrival of any material relating to the election.

9. The result of the election will be published in the *Reporter* as soon as possible.

¹ As noted in Statute A I 9, this Ordinance for the election of the Chancellor also applies to the election of the High Steward.

² In the election of a Chancellor, the Council comprises all members excluding the Chancellor.

³ The Council has confirmed, after consulting with the Registry, that the accepted methods for submitting nominations shall be on paper with handwritten signatures delivered to the Old Schools and by electronic means linked to an email account registered with the University for this purpose.