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UNIVERSITY OF
CAMBRIDGE

NOTICES

Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II: Bank holiday arrangements*12 September 2022*¹

The Council gives notice of the following arrangements for the additional bank holiday announced for Monday, 19 September 2022, the date of the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The University Offices will be closed and there will be no University Messenger Service on that day. The University Library and the Fitzwilliam Museum will also be closed.

All staff will be entitled to an additional day of leave to be taken on the same basis as other public holidays.

¹ This Notice was originally published on the *Reporter* website and is reproduced here in accordance with Regulation 2 of the Ordinance for the *Cambridge University Reporter (Statutes and Ordinances, p. 109)*.

Office of Vice-Chancellor: Nomination of candidate

In its Notice dated 26 October 2021 (*Reporter, 6634, 2021–22, p. 77*) the Council announced that it had commenced the process for the appointment of a successor to Professor Stephen Toope, *CLH*, who will complete his term in office on 30 September 2022, by appointing an Advisory Committee in accordance with Regulation 1 of the Special Regulations for the Vice-Chancellor (*Statutes and Ordinances, p. 709*). The Council now gives notice that it is today submitting a Grace (Grace 1, p. 3) for the appointment of **Professor Deborah Prentice**, as Vice-Chancellor for seven years from 1 July 2023.

An eminent psychologist, Professor Prentice has been Provost at Princeton since 2017 with primary responsibility for all academic, budgetary and long-term planning issues.

Professor Prentice joined Princeton as a lecturer in psychology in 1988 and was appointed Assistant Professor of psychology the following year, after completing a Ph.D. at Yale. She was appointed Associate Professor in 1995 and Professor of psychology in 2000. She became the Alexander Stewart 1886 Professor of Psychology and Public Affairs in 2012 and chaired the Department of Psychology for twelve years until her appointment as Dean of Faculty in 2014.

Professor Prentice's academic expertise is the study of social norms which govern human behaviour – the impact and development of unwritten rules and conventions and how people respond to breaches of those rules. She has edited three academic volumes and authored more than fifty articles and chapters and specialised in the study of domestic violence, alcohol abuse and gender stereotypes

In submitting this Grace the Council wishes to record how, with the advice of its Advisory Committee, it has undertaken the nomination process. The Advisory Committee was initially co-chaired by Dr Anthony Freeling, President of Hughes Hall, and Professor Pippa Rogerson, Professor of Private International Law and Master of Gonville and Caius College. Dr Freeling stepped down as co-chair of the Committee on the announcement of his appointment as Acting Vice-Chancellor in May 2022. Professor Rogerson acted as sole Chair of the Committee from that point (*Reporter, 6659, 2021–22, p. 508*). In Lent Term 2022, the Advisory Committee undertook a two-stage consultation across the collegiate University (*Reporter, 6644, 2021–22, p. 224*). The aim of the consultation was to enable the Committee to understand the views of members of the University and the Colleges on the next Vice-Chancellor's priorities and the attributes they would wish to see in the individual appointed to the office. The findings of the consultation informed the role and person specification in the advert and further particulars. The Advisory Committee appointed Perrett Laver to assist the Committee in the search.

The office was advertised in March 2022, inviting nominations and applications (*Reporter, 6652, 2021–22, p. 325*). The selection process was in three stages: detailed consideration of an initial pool of credible candidates (8F, 18M) in May 2022,¹ and – dividing the shortlisting into two parts – meetings with twelve candidates (5F, 7M) in June 2022² and visits to Cambridge by eight candidates (5F, 3M) in July 2022. During the visits to Cambridge in July, shortlisted candidates met a wide range of members of the collegiate University and had discussions around six topics: research, teaching, finance and fundraising, institutional relationships, strategy and change management, and external relationships. The Council and the Advisory Committee are grateful to all those who took part in these discussions.

The Advisory Committee proposed a list of three candidates (3F, 0M) for consideration by the Council. The Council held formal interviews with these three candidates on 20 September 2022. The Council believes that as a result of the procedure that it and the Advisory Committee have followed, the University can have full confidence in the thorough and inclusive way in which the nomination to the Regent House has been determined.

The Council took the view that on this occasion the office of Vice-Chancellor should be held for a single term of seven years rather than for a shorter initial period with the possibility of renewal as permitted by Statute. Accordingly, it nominates Professor Deborah Prentice for appointment as Vice-Chancellor for a period of seven years under the provisions of Statute C III 2.

¹ One further candidate (1M) was considered after the initial shortlist had been determined. The candidate was not taken forward to the shortlisting stage.

² Eleven of the twelve candidates were interviewed by the full Committee by videoconference. One candidate was not available for a meeting with the Advisory Committee by videoconference. Instead, the candidate met the Chair of the Advisory Committee. Following the report of the Chair to the Advisory Committee, the Committee agreed to take forward this candidate to the third-stage shortlisting meeting.

GRACES

Grace submitted to the Regent House on 26 September 2022

The Council submits the following Grace to the Regent House. This Grace, unless it is withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, p. 111), will be deemed to have been approved at **4 p.m. on Friday, 7 October 2022**. Further information on requests for a ballot or the amendment of Graces is available to members of the Regent House on the Regent House Petitions site.[§]

1. That Professor DEBORAH ANNE PRENTICE be appointed as Vice-Chancellor, to hold office for seven years from 1 July 2023.¹

¹ See the Council's Notice on p. 2 above.

[§] See <https://www.governance.cam.ac.uk/governance/key-bodies/RH-Senate/Pages/RH-Petitions.aspx> for details.

ACTA

Approval of Grace submitted to the Regent House on 10 August 2022

The Grace submitted to the Regent House on 10 August 2022 (*Reporter*, 6667, 2021–22, p. 710) was approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 19 August 2022.

E. M. C. RAMPTON, *Registrar*

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