

## **University Court**

### **Election of a Professional Services Staff Member of Court**

#### Election Guidance - Candidate Statements

1. All candidates shall be invited to supply a supporting statement outlining why voters should choose them as the professional services staff member to serve on University Court. Additionally, candidates will be invited to provide a photograph, which will be placed on the balloting site.
2. If they wish to supply a supporting statement, candidates must submit their statement by the closing date and time specified by the Returning Officer. For the May / June 2024 election, this is Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
3. The Returning Officer is under no obligation to accept late submissions.
4. Supporting statements should be a maximum of around 1500 words, so that voters do not have to devote excessive time to reading all candidates' statements.
5. Candidates' supporting statements should be relevant to the role and responsibilities of the professional services staff member of University Court and should be in accordance with the requirements of the Election Regulations.
6. The Returning Officer shall be entitled, at his discretion, to ask a candidate to revise her or his supporting statement before distributed, so that it conforms to the requirements stated above.
7. Governance Services make candidates' supporting statements available to voters as a PDF document on the voting site. Candidates are free to further share their statement or otherwise campaign if they wish, but in doing so should not seek to use any centrally provided official University communication channels or request university services to provide assistance in sending any communications.

**Mark Mackay**  
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