

Edinburgh Napier University

Chair of Court Election

Report in Accordance with Section 3(3) of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016

Edinburgh Napier University undertook a process between 14 October 2019 and 9 March 2020 to appoint a Chair of its Governing Body, the University Court, in accordance with the requirements of the HE Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.

Applications

Four applications were received for the position by the closing date of 1 December 2019.

Gender:	2 Male, 2 Female
Gender Identity:	4 (Same as at birth)
Age:	2 (50-59), 2 (60-64)
Nationality:	4 (British)
Ethnic Group:	2 (White Scottish), 1 (White English), 1 (Asian or Asian British – Indian)
Religion:	2 (None), 1 (Christian – Roman Catholic), 1 (Christian, other denomination)
Sexual Orientation:	3 (Heterosexual), 1 (Gay)
Pregnancy /Maternity:	4 (No)
Disability:	4 (No)

Interview

Following shortlisting, all four applicants were interviewed for the position on 13 January 2020. Characteristics as above.

Election

Following interview, two applicants were declared candidates in an election for the position.

Gender:	2 Female
Gender Identity:	2 (Same as at birth)
Age:	1 (50-59), 1 (60-64)
Nationality:	2 (British)
Ethnic Group:	1 (White English), 1 (White Scottish)
Religion:	1 (None), 1 (Christian, other denomination)
Sexual Orientation:	1 (Gay), 1 (Heterosexual)
Pregnancy /Maternity:	2 (No)
Disability:	2 (No)

An election was held between 27th February and 9th March 2020 with an electorate of the staff, students, sabbatical officers and court members of the University conducted in accordance with Court's election regulations.

June Boyle was elected Chair of the University Court for a four year period, commencing 1st August 2020, having received 407 votes.

A total of 621 votes were cast from an electorate of 20,619, representing a 3.01% turnout.