

STATUTE 7.2-ELECTIONS BY MEMBERS OF BOARDS

1. In this Statute-

"Board" means the Council, Academic Board and every board, committee or other body (however named) established by or under the Act, the Statutes or the Regulations.

"Returning Officer" means the Vice-Chancellor or his or her nominee.
2. Where, in the Act, the Statutes or the Regulations the power to elect a member to a position is solely vested in a Board or its members, the election shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Statute.
3. The provisions of this Statute will not apply to an election of staff or student members to the University Council, in accordance with Regulation 2.1. Such elections are covered by Statute 7.1 and Regulation 7.1.
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 - (1) The Returning Officer may appoint Election Officers within Faculties and Sections as nominated by the relevant Executive Deans and Directors.
 - (2) The Returning Officer may delegate any of his or her powers to an Election Officer appointed under Section 4(1).
5. The Returning Officer shall give at least ten working days notice to all the members of the Board of the holding of an election.
6. A notice of election shall-
 - (a) specify the date and time of the election;
 - (b) specify the date and time of the closing of nominations; and
 - (c) be accompanied by a blank nomination form.
7. A nomination shall-
 - (a) be signed by a proposer and seconder both of whom are members of the Board;
 - (b) have endorsed upon it a signed statement to the effect that the nominee consents to his or her nomination; and
 - (c) be lodged with the Returning Officer at least three working days prior to the date of the election.
8. In an election in which the number of nominations received does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall declare the candidate(s) duly elected and notify the members of the Board of that election.
9. In an election in which the number of nominations received exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, the Returning Officer shall cause an election to be held and give notice to the members of the Board of the names of the persons nominated at least one day prior to the election.

10. Voting at an election shall be by a secret ballot of those members of the Board present at the meeting at which the election is conducted and the result of the election shall be determined by plurality voting known as "first past the post", as follows-
 - (a) a voter shall vote for up to as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled, but not for more candidates than the number of vacancies to be filled;
 - (b) the Returning Officer shall count all valid votes and rank the candidates in descending order of the number of votes received by each candidate; and
 - (c) the Returning Officer shall declare elected the candidate who has received the highest number of votes and such further candidates in descending order as may be required to fill the remaining vacancies, if any.
11. If on any count two or more candidates have received an equal number of votes the Returning Officer shall-
 - (a) write the name of each candidate concerned on separate and similar slips of paper;
 - (b) fold the slips to prevent identification; and
 - (c) draw the slips at random, and for the purposes only of ranking among those candidates, a candidate whose name is drawn before the name of another candidate shall be deemed to have received one more vote than the candidate whose name is drawn next.
12. Unless otherwise specified by the Act, the Statutes or the Regulations, a casual vacancy for an elected member of a Board shall be filled as follows-
 - (a) if the casual vacancy occurs at least three months prior to the expiry of the elected member's term of office then an election shall be held in accordance with this Statute to fill the casual vacancy; or
 - (b) if the casual vacancy occurs less than three months prior to the expiry of the elected member's term of office then the office may be left vacant for the remainder of the term.
13. A member elected under Section 12(a) will assume office at the first meeting following the election, or as soon as practicable after that date.
14. A candidate may at any time before the election is commenced withdraw his or her nomination by giving notice in writing to the Returning Officer.
15.
 - (1) The Council may at any time make Regulations, not inconsistent with this Statute, prescribing all matters which by this Statute are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Statute and by later Regulation revoke or amend any such Regulations.
 - (2) Regulations made under this Statute shall be promulgated by being exhibited on the official notice boards of the University and after being so promulgated shall remain so exhibited for at least fourteen working days.

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