



ELECTION OF RECTOR

Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 March 2017

The Rector of the University of Glasgow is elected by the registered students of the University and the main role of the Rector is to represent the interests of the University's students.

The next Rectorial Election will be held on Monday 20 to Tuesday 21 March 2017, and the person elected will hold office for a period of three years.

In the words of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1858, the Rector is the 'ordinary president' of Court, the University's governing body, and has a deliberative and a casting vote. The Rector shares the chairing of Court with the Convener of Court, who is currently Elizabeth Passey. The Convener of Court has responsibility, in terms of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016, for the leadership and effectiveness of the governing body, and for ensuring that there is an appropriate balance of authority between the governing body and the principal of the institution.

The University Court has a membership of 25 persons and is currently composed of the following:

- The Rector
- The Principal and Vice-Chancellor
- A representative of the City of Glasgow Council
- The Chancellor's Representative
- Members of the General Council of the University - two in number
- Members of the Senate - six in number
- The President of the Students' Representative Council of the University
- An Assessor of the Students' Representative Council of the University
- Employee Representatives - two in number
- Co-opted Members - nine in number

The University Court normally meets five times a year, generally on a Wednesday afternoon, and also holds a one-day Strategy Day and two half-day briefings.

The Rector brings to the attention of the University authorities matters of concern to the students of the University, and for that reason he or she has a close working relationship with the Students' Representative Council.

Notes on eligibility for nomination

The Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 states that no person holding an appointment in any of the older universities shall be eligible to be elected as Rector.

Ordinance No. 186 states that no registered student of the University, nor any part-time student or individual registered for examination or graduation purposes only, is eligible to be nominated for election as Rector.