

The Rector

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

(S)he is expected to attend meetings of Court (5 per year, in October, December, February, April and June) together with a one-day Strategy Day and two half-day briefings, to develop a close working relationship with the Students Representative Council, and to bring matters of student concern to the attention of the University's managers. Court is the University's governing body, responsible for overseeing the management of the University. It has 25 members, drawn from the University's students and staff, from its graduates and from the wider community.

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.

Aside from meetings of Court, other University events to which the Rector is invited are:

Commemoration Day in June
Open Day in September
Freshers' Week in September (the Rector may wish to address new students)
The Court Dinner in December

There are also numerous invitations from Colleges, Schools, groups, clubs and societies to attend functions and events, but in all aspects other than attending meetings of Court the Rector's participation is voluntary. Clerical support and office accommodation is provided on Gilmorehill campus for the Rector, as is an expenses budget to meet costs associated with University duties.

Further information on the role can be obtained from David Newall, Secretary of Court, on 0141-330-4246, or david.newall@glasgow.ac.uk

Notes on eligibility for nomination

1. *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.*
2. *University of Glasgow Ordinance 186 states that no matriculated student of the University, nor any part-time student or individual matriculated for examination or graduation purposes only, is eligible to be nominated for election as Rector.*