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REPORT TITLE	PRO-CHANCELLOR RE-APPOINTMENTS	
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<p>The University Court is asked to: APPROVE the re-appointment of: Jackie Cornish as a Pro-Chancellor from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026.</p>		
<p>Executive Summary The Board of Trustees hereby NOMINATES TO COURT the appointment of Jackie Cornish as a Pro-Chancellor from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2026.</p> <p>Pro-Chancellor Appointments Section 13 of the Charter and section 8 of the Statutes provides that there shall be Pro-Chancellors of the University who shall be elected by Court, on the nomination of the Board of Trustees. Court also has the power to approve extensions to prescribed terms of office for the Pro-Chancellors. Pro-Chancellors shall hold office for three-year terms, subject to a maximum of two such terms, unless Court determines otherwise by a resolution considered as a separate agenda item at a properly constituted meeting of Court and passed by a majority of those present and voting.</p> <p>The role description states that as well as exercising the functions of the Chancellor (except conferring degrees) in the absence of the Chancellor, the Pro-Chancellor serves as a link to important communities with which the University seeks to engage. Therefore, typically, Pro-Chancellors will be individuals with backgrounds in the following sectors: Academia and/or Professional Bodies; Civil Society, and/or; the wider business community.</p> <p>Jackie has served one term in office, and has contributed to the University in many ways, despite the challenges of the pandemic, including engagement with Graduation, the Alumni Association, international travel and events. Her re-appointment is for one final term of office.</p>		
Report/Supporting Information		
<p>Supporting Information Pro-Chancellor Role Description</p>		



PRO-CHANCELLOR

ROLE DESCRIPTION & APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Pro-Chancellor has a significant ceremonial role within the University. This document describes the nature of the role, the attributes sought in a Pro-Chancellor, as well as the time commitment associated with the role. The appointment process is also described below.

Purpose of the role of Pro-Chancellor and current core responsibilities

The current core responsibilities of a Pro-Chancellor are as follows:

- In the absence of the Chancellor, to exercise all functions of the Chancellor such as presiding at meetings of Court and the Alumni Association.
- The Pro-Chancellors play a key role in the institution but do not become involved in day-to-day executive management, which is the responsibility of the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Chancellors form part of the senior lay/ceremonial structure of the University.
- To act as an ambassador for the University, promoting its activities in the wider community and to assist with the philanthropic activity and fundraising projects of the University.
- To attend a number of the University's degree ceremonies every year.
- To attend other formal and informal meetings, both at the University and externally, as necessary, for example Pro-Chancellors are members of the University Honorary Degrees Committee and are required to prepare for and attend these meetings, which take place up to two times per year.

Sectors

The Pro-Chancellor can also serve as a link to important communities with which the University seeks to engage. Therefore, typically, Pro-Chancellors will be individuals with backgrounds in the following sectors:

1. Academia and/or Professional Bodies;
2. Civil Society, and/or;
3. The wider business community.

Personal experience and attributes

The qualities sought in Pro-Chancellors are as follows:

- A strong personal commitment to higher education and the values, aims and objectives of the University.
- An empathy with the interests and ambitions of the staff, students, and alumni for the success of the University.
- Networking, influencing and advocacy skills.
- A demonstrable understanding of the importance of, and a commitment to, equality and diversity
- Respect for confidentiality.

The University is committed to diversity and will seek to demonstrate that commitment in the appointment of Pro-Chancellors.