

ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF COURT 2019

Two candidates stood for election to role of Chair of Court. The result of the ballot to select the Chair (Senior Lay Member in terms of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016) was as follows:

Mr Grant Innes – 542 votes
Mr Graham Watson – 495 votes

Total votes cast 1,037 (turnout 4.05%)

Mr Grant Innes has therefore been elected as the Chair of Court to succeed Dame Frances Cairncross from 1 August 2020.

OVERVIEW REPORT

The following report provides an overview on applicants for the role of Chair of Court. It is made available in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 (3) of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 (The Act).

In accordance with the Act, the report must not disclose individual identities or confidential information. Where the number is <5 we consider that the release of this type of personal data is exempt from disclosure as it risks the potential identification of individuals involved in the process. As such, the disclosure of this personal data would breach their privacy and causing them substantial damage and distress. We therefore consider this information exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002: Personal data”.

Number of applications received for the role – 16, of which

- 25% of applications were from female candidates and 75% of applications were received from male candidates.
- 56% of applications were received from white candidates 44% of applications were received from BME candidates.

Number of applicants who reached the interview stage – 6

Number of candidates who satisfied the selection committee that they met the criteria and were therefore eligible to stand for election – 2

A Diversity Monitoring Form was used to collect personal information from applicants. Submission of a completed Diversity Monitoring Form was not compulsory. Eight forms were received from applicants however, the release of this type of personal data is exempt from disclosure as it risks the potential identification of individuals involved in the process.