

Process for Appointment of the Vice Chair to the Board of Governors

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1. Background

- 1.1 GSA is in the process of revising its Order of Council and Articles of Association in order to secure compliance with the terms of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.
- 1.2 The new Order of Council and Articles of Association provide at Articles 5 and 10.3 respectively for the appointment of a Vice Chair(s) who may be appointed by the Board of Governors from among the independent governors on the Board.
- 1.3 It is noted that before appointing a Vice Chair, the Board of Governors requires to make rules for the appointment and the rules set out below shall apply in addition to the provisions of the Articles and the Order of Council.

2. Rules/Process

- 2.1 The Board of Governors may appoint up to two Vice Chairs of the Board from among the Independent Governors.
- 2.2 A Vice Chair shall be empowered to exercise all of the functions and powers of the Chair (including but not limited to those specified in section 1 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016) in the absence of the Chair or during any period when the office of Chair is vacant. In the event of any period of extended or interim absence of the Chair (as determined by the Board of Governors according to circumstances from time to time), the Board of Governors may designate one of the Vice Chairs to perform the functions of the Chair on an interim basis.
- 2.3 A Vice Chair shall be appointed by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee.
- 2.4 Subject to paragraphs 2.5 and 2.6, a Vice Chair shall be appointed for a period of three years, but shall be eligible for reappointment for a single further period of up to three years on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, which shall be mindful of the potential value in rotating the role of Vice Chair in considering any reappointment.
- 2.5 A Vice Chair shall cease to hold office upon ceasing to hold office as a Governor, however arising. A Vice Chair shall also cease to hold office upon reaching the end of any term of office as a Vice Chair.
- 2.6 A Vice Chair may be removed from their role as Vice Chair by a majority resolution of the Board of Governors. In such circumstances the former Vice Chair would remain a member of the Board of Governors.
- 2.7 A Vice Chair shall be entitled to resign from the role of Vice Chair and remain a member of the Board of Governors.