

STANDING ORDER 6: Responsibilities of the Vice-Chancellor and President

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Article 14 of the Articles of Association ('the Articles')¹ specifies that the Court of Governors ('the Court') will appoint a Vice-Chancellor and President ('the Vice-Chancellor').
- 1.2. The Court delegates specific responsibilities to the Vice-Chancellor.

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. This standing order was formally approved by resolution of the Court on 2 October 2024. The purpose of the standing order is to specify the responsibilities, powers and duties of the Vice-Chancellor and confirm arrangements for appointment of Deputy Vice-Chancellors and Pro Vice-Chancellors.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

- 3.1. The Vice-Chancellor and President is:
 - a) the chief academic and administrative officer of the University;
 - b) responsible to the Court for the educational oversight of the University; and
 - c) the accountable officer for the Office for Students.
- 3.2. Without prejudice to any terms or conditions attached to the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor from time to time pursuant to Article 14, the Vice-Chancellor shall have the following powers and duties:
 - a) making proposals to the Court about the educational character and mission of the University and for implementing the decisions of the Court;
 - b) the organisation, direction and management of the University and leadership of colleagues²;
 - c) the appointment, assignment, grading, appraisal, suspension, dismissal, and determination, within the framework set by the Court, of the pay and conditions of service of colleagues other than Holders of Senior Posts³;
 - d) the determination, after consultation with the Academic Council, of the University's academic activities, and for the determination of its other activities;
 - e) preparing annual estimates of income and expenditure, for consideration by the Court, and for the management of budget and resources, within the estimates approved by the Court;

¹ University of Westminster Articles of Association (October 2024)

² Colleagues means all persons for the time being employed by the University.

³ Holders of senior posts means the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor/s, the University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer and the holders of such other senior posts as the Court may from time to time determine. For the avoidance of doubt, interim or acting holders of such posts shall not be holders of senior posts under the Articles.

f) the maintenance of student discipline and, within the rules and procedures provided for within the Articles, for the suspension or expulsion of students on disciplinary grounds and for implementing decisions to expel students for academic reasons; and

g) nominating one of the Deputy or Pro Vice-Chancellors to join the membership of the Court.

3.3. The Vice-Chancellor may delegate the exercise of any or all their powers or duties except where the Articles, a standing order or other Rules specifically prohibit such delegation.

4. APPOINT OF DEPUTY AND PRO VICE-CHANCELLORS

4.1. The Court may appoint Deputy Vice-Chancellors of the University.

4.2. The Vice-Chancellor may appoint Pro Vice-Chancellors of the University.

4.3. The Deputy and Pro Vice-Chancellor(s) are responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for such aspects of the organisation, management and conduct of the University as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Vice-Chancellor.

5. MONITORING AND REVIEW

5.1. The Court will monitor this standing order and review its effectiveness annually. The Court may amend this standing order from time to time.