

Court and Senate Office

College Gate

10 November 2025

General Council

In terms of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1966, the following draft Ordinances, promulgated by the University Court of the University of St Andrews on 17 October 2025, are sent herewith to the General Council. The draft Ordinances have been sent to the Senatus Academicus and made available for Public Inspection.

The text of the draft Ordinances accompanied by an explanatory note are attached at Annex A. Copies of the relevant existing Ordinances, supplied for reference, can be found at Annex B.

Any comments on any of the draft Ordinances should be directed to me within eight weeks of the date of this notification, by 6 January 2026 and will, as appropriate, be taken into consideration by the University Court. Subject to any comments received, the Court is expected to give final approval to this draft Ordinance at its meeting on 16 January 2026, following which the approval of the Privy Council will be sought.

Margaret Sinclair

Executive Officer to the University Court & Senate

Annex A

- Draft Ordinance No. [135] – Composition of the University Court (revoking Ordinance No. 132)
- Draft Ordinance No. [136] – Election of the chancellor to the University Court (revoking Ordinance No. 129)
- Draft Ordinance No. [137] – Election of the Rector (revoking Ordinance No. 82)
- Draft Ordinance No. [138] – Amendment of the Ordinance of the University of St Andrews No. 90 (Readers, Senior Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers)
- Draft Ordinance No. [139] – General council Membership Registration and Meetings. Replacing Ordinance No. 96 (and others as listed).

Draft Ordinance No. 135

COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT

This Ordinance revokes the existing Ordinance 132 relating to Court membership. The draft Ordinance retains a prescribed list for Court membership which complies with statutory requirements, and preserves some of the uniqueness of the Institution in titles and Court composition. The changes proposed:

- remove the General Council Assessors, Chancellor's Assessor and Provost of Fife Assessor as separate categories of Court member. The identities and titles of General Council Assessors and Chancellor's Assessor would be retained within the overall category of non-executive co-opted members of Court, and community representation would be represented amongst skills set of Court non-executive members rather than having distinct post reserved for the local authority.
- include the positions currently held by the General Council Assessors and Chancellor's Assessor within an increased overall number (12) of Co-opted members.
- maintain the requirement for a minimum of two alumni amongst the Co-opted members, the two most senior of which would take the title General Council Assessor with the associated responsibilities of that role. Court had previously agreed to remove the current requirement for 2 of the co-opted members to be graduates of the University in addition to the 2 General Council Assessors. Whilst this flexibility was considered important to improve the diversity of the lay membership of Court, it is also important to guarantee alumni representation;
- maintain the designation of one of the co-opted members as Chancellor's Assessor with the associated responsibilities of that role;
- replace the Rector's Assessor with an additional student representative, with confirmation being received that this change would not happen during the current Rector's remaining term of office. This will leave St Andrews with more formal student representatives than any other University in Scotland. Only Worcester and Cambridge across the UK have more than two students on their governing bodies. Glasgow and Aberdeen removed their Rector's Assessor positions many years ago, and the assessor at Edinburgh occupies a very different position and is not a student. This addresses the anomaly of the existing situation and is supported by the Students' Association sabbatical team.
- Makes provision for existing members of Court affected by the proposed changes to remain in office until their current term of office expires

**ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS**

ORDINANCE NO. [135]

COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT

At St Andrews, [date].

WHEREAS the University Court deems it expedient [for the better governance of the University] to amend the composition of the University Court as constituted by section 2 of, and Part I of Schedule 1 to, the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 as amended by University of St Andrews Ordinance No. 132 (Composition of the University Court);

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 3(1) of, and paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, and all other powers enabling it, statutes and ordains as follows: -

PART I

COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

- I. Part I of Ordinance No. 132 of the University Court of St Andrews, shall cease to have effect and the following is substituted therefor: -

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- (a) the Rector;
- (b) the Principal;
- (c) the Deputy Principal;
- (d) the Senior Lay Member, appointed in accordance with sections 3 to 8 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (e) one person appointed by being elected by the professional and support staff of the University from among their own number in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;

- (f) four persons appointed as academic assessors by being elected by the academic staff of the University from among their own number in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (g) one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the academic staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (h) one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the professional and support staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (i) three persons nominated by the Students' Association from among the students of the University, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016; and
- (j) Such persons, not exceeding twelve in number, of whom (a) none may hold an appointment in or be a member of staff of the University or be a student of the University; (b) at least two shall be graduates of the University (and the two most senior such graduates shall be the General Council's assessors); (c) one shall be the Chancellor's assessor, as may be appointed by the University Court; and (d) one shall be designated by the University Court as Deputy Chair of Court and shall deputise for the Senior Lay Member in the latter's absence.

PART II

ACADEMIC ASSESSORS ON THE UNIVERSITY COURT

- II. The academic assessors on the University Court, appointed under paragraph I(f), shall be elected, at St Andrews, by the following constituencies as constituted from time to time in accordance with rules made by the University Court:
 - (a) Professorial staff in the constituency of Arts and Divinity;
 - (b) Professorial staff in the constituency of Science and Medicine;
 - (c) Non-professorial academic staff in the constituency of Arts and Divinity;
 - (d) Non-professorial academic staff in the constituency of Science and Medicine.

Each academic assessor shall normally be elected on a four-yearly cycle as the University Court shall determine from time to time. The Alternative Vote system shall apply unless the University Court determines otherwise.

PART III

REVOCATION OF ORDINANCES

- III. Ordinance No. 132 of the University Court of the University of St Andrews is revoked on the date that this Ordinance is approved by His Majesty in Council.

PART IV

DATE OF OPERATION

- IV. This Ordinance shall come into force on [TBC] but without prejudice to any member of Court properly appointed or elected under Ordinance No. 132 of the University Court of the University of St Andrews who shall be entitled to serve the remainder of their term of office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf, as required by Ordinance No. 118 of the said University Court, by [XXX] and [XXX].

Draft Ordinance No. 136

ELECTION OF THE CHANCELLOR TO THE UNIVERSITY COURT

The proposed draft ordinance revokes Ordinance No. 129. The revision of the existing Ordinance has focused on two areas, tenure and election. The first examined whether the term of appointment for the Chancellor should remain for life or could be limited to a fixed term. The second reviewed the appropriateness of the specific responsibilities placed on the General Council Business Committee and its convenor or arranging the election of a Chancellor. This draft ordinance removes the lifetime tenure of the Chancellor and replaces it with the phrase “for a term to be determined by Court”.

The draft ordinance also proposes removing responsibility for organising aspects of the election from the General Council Business Committee (GCBC) and placing it under the auspices of Court. Whilst the General Council must remain as the constituency electing a Chancellor, there is no requirement in statute for responsibility for the conduct of the election to be undertaken by the General Council Business Committee (GCBC). This responsibility was placed on the GCBC relatively recently, in 2012 and they have never run a chancellorian election. The GCBC has recently reformed itself into a forum for representatives of alumni associations which adds weight to the argument for this reform.

**ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS**

ORDINANCE NO. [136]

ELECTION OF THE CHANCELLOR TO THE UNIVERSITY COURT

At St Andrews, [date].

WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 3, empowers the University Court to fulfil the purposes, *inter alia*, of section 14 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1889, and section 14(4) of that Act includes as one of the purposes *inter alia* to regulate the time, place and manner of presenting and electing University officers;

AND WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 1, empowers the University Court to amend the composition, powers and functions *inter alia* of the University Court and the General Council;

AND WHEREAS the University Court, deems it expedient to alter the arrangements for the election of the Chancellor, as presently governed by University of St Andrews Ordinance No. 129 (Election of the Chancellor to the University Court);

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 3 and 4 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, and with particular reference to paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 2 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling it, statutes and ordains as follows: -

PART I

ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR

- I. The Chancellor shall be elected for a term to be determined by Court by members of the General Council whose details are contained within the General Council Register. The election shall be by means of the alternative vote system. The election shall be conducted in accordance with this Ordinance and with arrangements determined from time to time by the University Court and shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable after a vacancy occurs in the office of Chancellor.
- II. No person who is a member of staff of the University of St Andrews or who is a matriculated student of the University of St Andrews shall be eligible for nomination for

election as Chancellor, nor shall any person who is excluded from nomination by virtue of eligibility criteria adopted by the University Court from time to time.

- III. The result of the election shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the University Court by the Returning Officer appointed in terms of the arrangements determined under paragraph I of this Ordinance as soon as that result is established and shall be published by the University.

PART II

VALIDITY OF ELECTION

- IV. The validity of any election held in terms of this Ordinance shall not be affected by any defect in the procedure in carrying out such an election unless, on the application of a candidate or an individual designated as a candidate's representative prior to the results of the election being declared and in accordance with arrangements determined under paragraph I of this Ordinance, the Returning Officer declares the election to be invalid.

PART III

RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- V. Any person elected as Chancellor who wishes to resign from office shall give notice in writing of their resignation to the Registrar to the General Council, which resignation shall be effective from the date of receipt of the notice by the said Registrar.

PART IV

REVOCATION OF ORDINANCES

- VI. Ordinance No. 129 of the University Court of the University of St Andrews is revoked on the date that this Ordinance is approved by His Majesty in Council.

PART V

DATE OF OPERATION

- VII. This Ordinance shall come into force on the date on which it is approved by His Majesty in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf as required by Ordinance No. 118 of the said University Court, by [XXX] and [XXX].

Draft Ordinance No. 137

ELECTION OF RECTOR

The proposed draft ordinance revokes Ordinance No. 82.

The proposed revision of Ordinance 82 relates to the role of Senate and Court in relation to the election, and transfers the responsibilities currently allocated to Senate to Court as the University's supreme governing body.

**ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST
ANDREWS**

ORDINANCE NO. [137]

ELECTION OF RECTOR

At St Andrews, [date].

WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 3, empowers the University Court to fulfil the purposes, *inter alia*, of section 14 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1889, and section 14(4) of that Act includes as one of the purposes *inter alia* to regulate the time, place and manner of presenting and electing University officers;

AND WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 1, empowers the University Court to amend the composition, powers and functions *inter alia* of the University Court and the General Council;

AND WHEREAS the University Court deems it expedient to amend the provisions for the election of a Rector made by University of St Andrews Ordinance No. 82 (Election of Rector):

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 3 and 4 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, and with particular reference to paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 2 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling it, statutes and ordains as follows:

PART I

ELECTION OF RECTOR

- I. The election of the Rector by the matriculated students shall be determined by a general poll of such students and, in the case of an equality of votes for two or more candidates, then by choice between such candidates of the Chancellor intimated by letter addressed to the University Court within twenty-one days of the day of polling, and, failing such intimation, then by the choice between such candidates of the Principal of the University.
- II. The election shall be conducted in accordance with this Ordinance and with arrangements determined from time to time by the University Court and shall take place on such day in the month of October or November as may be fixed by the University Court, provided that such date shall not be later than the second Saturday in November in any year.
- III. The provisions of Section II shall apply so often as a vacancy in the office of Rector has

occurred for any cause, or is about to occur through expiration of the statutory term, provided that the person elected shall not in any case enter on office as Rector until a vacancy shall have actually occurred.

- IV. Ordinance No. 82 of the University Court of the University of St Andrews is revoked on the date that this Ordinance is approved by His Majesty in Council.
- V. This Ordinance shall come into force from and after the date of its approval by His Majesty in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf, as required by Ordinance No. 118 of the said University Court, by [XXX] and [XXX].

Draft Ordinance No. 138

AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS NO. 90 (READERS, SENIOR LECTURERS, LECTURERS AND ASSISTANT LECTURERS)

This draft ordinance relates to academic titles. This ordinance removes outdated title of Assistant Lecturer and gives University flexibility to introduce new academic titles.

**ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST
ANDREWS**

ORDINANCE NO. [138]

**AMENDMENT OF THE ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS NO. 90 (READERS, SENIOR LECTURERS,
LECTURERS AND ASSISTANT LECTURERS)**

At St Andrews, [date].

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the regulations relating to Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers in the University:

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 3 and 5(c) of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, as read with Schedule 2 thereto, and of all other powers enabling it, statutes and ordain as follows:

POWER TO INSTITUTE AND CONFER NEW ACADEMIC TITLES

- I. Below Section II of Ordinance No. 90 of the University Court of St Andrews, the following text is inserted: -

“OTHER ACADEMIC TITLES

III.(a) The University Court may institute and confer upon teaching staff other academic titles equivalent to those of [Reader, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer] in any subject or department of study, [provided that the Senatus Academicus shall be consulted before any such title is instituted].

(b) Any member of the teaching staff upon whom the University Court confers an academic title instituted under this Section shall for all purposes be recognised as a Reader, Senior Lecturer, Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer as defined in Sections I and II, depending upon which of these titles is equivalent to their own, and in all circumstances shall be recognised as “academic staff” within the meaning of Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.”

- II. Section III of the said Ordinance is to be renamed Section IV; the word “and” between “*lecturers and assistant lecturers*” is deleted; and the following text is inserted after the words “*Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, Assistant Lecturers*”: “*and those holding other equivalent academic titles instituted pursuant to Section III of this Ordinance*”.

- III. Section IV of the said Ordinance is to be renamed Section V; the word “*and*” between “*lecturers and assistant lecturers*” is deleted; and the following text is inserted after the words “*Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, Assistant Lecturers*”: “*and those holding other equivalent academic titles instituted pursuant to Section III of this Ordinance*”.
- IV. Section V of the said Ordinance is to be renamed Section VI; the word “*and*” between “*lecturers and assistant lecturers*” is deleted; and the following text is inserted after the words “*Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, Assistant Lecturers*”: “*and those holding other equivalent academic titles instituted pursuant to Section III of this Ordinance*”.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf as required by Ordinance No. 118 of the said University Court, by [XXX] and [XXX].

Draft Ordinance No. 139

GENERAL COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS

This proposes extension of membership of General Council to professional services staff of equivalent grade to academic members. It is prospective, not retrospective, consideration will be given to including a fixed date, eg 1 January 2026 as the date at which the changes in membership take effect.

**ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST
ANDREWS**

ORDINANCE NO. [139]

GENERAL COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS

At St Andrews, [date].

WHEREAS the University Court deem it expedient to amend and consolidate the provisions relating to the composition of the General Council and to meetings of the said Council;

AND WHEREAS it is provided in Section 10(1) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1966, that the University Court shall cause to be maintained a register of members of the General Council in accordance with conditions to be prescribed by Ordinance:

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3, 5(a) and 5(c) of the said Act, as read with Schedule 2 thereto, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and in implementation of the provisions of Section 10 of the said Act, statutes and ordains as follows with regard to the University of St Andrews: –

MEMBERSHIP

- I. The General Council shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chancellor of the University;
 - (b) all persons on whom the University has conferred an academic degree or licentiate in dental surgery;
 - (c) the members and former members of the University Court;
 - (d) the professors and former professors of the University;
 - (e) those readers, senior lecturers, lecturers, other academic staff bearing titles under Section III of Ordinance [●] of equivalent rank, and any professional services staff holding positions at Grade 7 or above in the University, who have held any such office in the University for a period of one continuous year; and
 - (f) former readers, senior lecturers, lecturers, other academic staff bearing titles under Section III of Ordinance [●] of equivalent rank, and any professional services staff holding positions at Grade 7 or above in the University, who were members of the Council during their tenure of office as such and who continued to be employed as readers, senior lecturers, lecturers, other academic staff bearing equivalent academic titles, or as professional services staff holding positions at Grade 7 or above in the University until retirement.

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR

- II. The University Court shall, after consultation with the General Council, from time to time appoint a Registrar of the General Council upon such terms and conditions as the Court may determine and shall provide the Registrar with such assistance for the performance of his duties as it may consider suitable. The office of Registrar may be held with the office of Clerk to the General Council or with any other office in the University.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- III. The Registrar shall maintain a Register of Members of the General Council, recording:
 - (a) the full names in alphabetical order of all persons upon whom the University has conferred an academic degree or the licentiate in dental surgery and who are not known to be dead, the academic degree or degrees or the licentiate in dental surgery conferred upon each by the University, and the year of conferment of the first said degree or licentiate;
 - (b) the full names in alphabetical order of all other members of the Council not known to be dead, the office on which qualification for membership rests and the year in which they entered thereon.
- IV. The Registrar shall revise the Register annually. They shall close the Register at 1st December of each year or such other date as the University Court may determine. Not later than 31 December each year he shall authenticate, by his signature on the final page, one copy of the Register as revised up to date of closing the Register in that year; and this copy shall, subject to such alteration as may be directed by the Court in terms of Section VI hereof, be conclusive, during the ensuing calendar year, of the right of any member of the General Council to vote in any election of a Chancellor or of an assessor to the Court or in any other business on which a vote may be required at meetings of the Council: Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall confer upon any member of the Senatus Academicus the right to vote or to take part in the election of any assessor of the Council.
- V. (1) The authenticated copy of the Register shall be open to inspection at reasonable times in the office of the Registrar.
 - (2) The Registrar shall each year, as soon as may be practicable after the date of closing the Register, have copies printed of the register, as revised up to that date, and any member of the General Council shall be entitled to obtain such a copy on application to the registrar, on payment of such fee as the University Court may direct, or at the discretion of the Registrar without payment.
- VI. If any person whose name is not included in the Register shall consider that it ought to be so included, it shall be competent to him to appeal to the University Court and if the Court judge that his name ought to be included in terms of this Ordinance they shall direct the Registrar to amend the Register accordingly. The judgement of the Court shall be final.

- VI. The meetings prescribed by Section 6 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, shall, subject to alteration from time to time hereafter by resolution of the General Council with the approval of the University Court, be held on the last Saturday of January and the last Saturday of June in each year.

REPLACEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF ENACTMENTS

- VII. (1) The provisions contained in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be in place of the provisions relating to the composition of the General Council of the University of St Andrews contained in –
- (i) Section 6 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858
 - (ii) Section 28 of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868
 - (iii) Section 2 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1922.

REVOCATION OF ORDINANCES

- VIII. The following Ordinances are hereby revoked: –
- (i) Ordinance of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, No. 4 (St Andrews No. 1);
 - (ii) Ordinance of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, No. 9 (General No. 4) in so far as it relates to the University of St Andrews.
 - (iii) Section II of Ordinance of the University Court under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, No. 278 (General No. 9) in so far as that section relates to the University of St Andrews.
 - (iv) St Andrews Ordinance No. 96.

DATE OF OPERATION

- IX. This Ordinance shall come into effect on the date on which it is approved by His Majesty in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf, as required by Ordinance No. 118 of the said University Court, by [XXX] and [XXX].

Annex B

ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

ORDINANCE NO.132

COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT

At St Andrews, the fifth day of April, two thousand and nineteen.

WHEREAS the University Court deems it expedient in order that it complies with the requirements of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 to amend the composition of the University Court as constituted by section 2 of, and Part I of Schedule 1 to, the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966 as amended by University of St Andrews Ordinance No. 121 (Composition of the University Court);

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of its powers conferred by section 3(1) of, and paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 2 to, the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, and all other powers enabling it, statutes and ordains as follows: -

PART I

COMPOSITION OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS

- I. Part I of Schedule 1 to the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, as amended by Ordinance No. 121 of the University Court of St Andrews, shall cease to have effect and the following is substituted therefor: -

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- (a) the Rector;
- (b) the Principal;
- (c) the Deputy Principal (whether holder of the position of Master of the United College of St Salvator and St Leonard or otherwise);
- (d) the Senior Lay Member, appointed in accordance with section 8 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (e) one person appointed by being elected by the non-academic staff of the University from among their own number in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;

- (f) four persons appointed as academic assessors by being elected by the academic staff of the University from among their own number in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (g) one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the academic staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (h) one person appointed by being nominated by a trade union from among the support staff of the University who are members of a branch of a trade union that has a connection with the University, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (i) two persons nominated by the Students' Association from among the students of the University, in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016;
- (j) two assessors nominated by the General Council;
- (k) one assessor nominated by the Chancellor, such person may not hold an appointment in the University or be a student of the University;
- (l) one assessor nominated by the Rector;
- (m) eight persons, of whom none may either hold an appointment in the University or be a student of the University, but at least two of whom shall be graduates of the University, as may be co-opted by the University Court;
- (n) the leader for the time being of the Fife Council, or an assessor nominated by the said leader to serve throughout the said leader's term of office provided that the said leader or assessor is neither a member of the staff nor a student of the University."

PART II

ACADEMIC ASSESSORS ON THE UNIVERSITY COURT

- II. The academic assessors on the University Court, appointed under paragraph I(f), shall be elected, at St Andrews, by the following constituencies as constituted from time to time in accordance with rules made by the University Court:
 - (a) Professorial staff in the constituency of Arts and Divinity;
 - (b) Professorial staff in the constituency of Science and Medicine;
 - (c) Non-professorial academic staff in the constituency of Arts and Divinity;
 - (d) Non-professorial academic staff in the constituency of Science and

Medicine.

Each academic assessor shall normally be elected on a four-yearly cycle as the University Court shall determine from time to time. The Alternative Vote system shall apply unless the University Court determines otherwise.

PART III

REVOCATION OF ORDINANCES

- III. Ordinance No. 121 of the University Court of the University of St Andrews is revoked on the date that this Ordinance is approved by Her Majesty in Council.

PART IV

DATE OF OPERATION

- IV. Paragraphs I(a), I(b), I(c), I(j), I(k), I(l), I(m), I(n), II, III, IV and V of this Ordinance shall come into force on the date this Ordinance is approved by Her Majesty in Council.
- V. Each of paragraphs I(d), I(e), I(f), I(g), I(h) and I(i) shall come into force on 30 December 2020 or on the following dates, whichever is earlier: -
- a. in the case of paragraph I(d), the date on which the first Senior Lay Member appointed in accordance with section 8 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 takes office;
 - b. in the case of paragraphs I(e) and I(f), the date on which the first person appointed under each of these paragraphs in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 takes office;
 - c. in the case of paragraphs I(g), I(h) and I(i), the date on which the first person appointed under each of these paragraphs in accordance with sections 10 and 12 of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 takes office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf, as required by Ordinance No. 118 of the said University Court, by Sally Mapstone, Member of the University Court, and Alastair Merrill Secretary of the University Court.

Sally Mapstone,
Member of the University Court

Alastair Merrill,
Secretary of the University Court

At St Andrews, the fifth day of April, two thousand and nineteen.

Approved by order in Council dated 10 July 2019

ORDINANCE No.129

ELECTION OF THE CHANCELLOR ¹TO THE UNIVERSITY COURT

At St Andrews, the fifteenth day of December, two thousand and eleven.

WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 3, empowers the University Court to fulfil the purposes, *inter alia*, of section 14 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1889, and section 14(4) of that Act includes as one of the purposes *inter alia* to regulate the time, place and manner of presenting and electing University officers;

AND WHEREAS the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, section 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part I, paragraph 1, empowers the University Court to amend the composition, powers and functions *inter alia* of the University Court and the General Council;

AND WHEREAS the University Court, on the recommendation of the General Council, deems it expedient to alter the arrangements for the election of the Chancellor, as presently governed by University of St Andrews Ordinance No. 114 (General Council: Regulations for Election of Chancellor), and to alter the arrangements for the election of Assessors nominated by the General Council to serve on the University Court, as presently governed by University of St Andrews Ordinance No.122 (General Council: Regulations for Election of Assessors to the University Court);

THEREFORE the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 3 and 4 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, and with particular reference to paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 2 to that Act, and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby statutes and ordains:

PART I

ELECTION OF CHANCELLOR

1. The Chancellor shall be elected for life by members of the General Council whose details are contained within the General Council Register. The election shall be by means of an alternative vote system. The election shall be conducted in accordance with this Ordinance and with arrangements determined from time to time by the Business Committee of the General Council.
2. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Chancellor, the Business Committee of the General Council shall fix the date by which nominations for a successor shall be received, hereinafter called the nomination day, such date to be no fewer than 90 days from the date of the vacancy occurring. The Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council shall intimate the nomination day and the conditions for the nomination of candidates in accordance with arrangements determined from time to time by the Business Committee of the General Council. No person who is a member of staff of the University of St Andrews or who is a matriculated student of the University of St Andrews shall be eligible for nomination for election as Chancellor.
3. The result of the election shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the University Court by the Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council as soon as that result is

¹Title amended by Ordinance No.134

established and the University shall publish the said result.

(PART II

ELECTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL ASSESSORS TO THE UNIVERSITY COURT revoked)²

PART III

VALIDITY OF ELECTION

9. The validity of any election held in terms of this Ordinance shall not be affected by any defect in the procedure in carrying out such an election unless, on the application of a candidate or an individual designated as a candidate's representative prior to the results of the election being declared, the Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council, after due enquiry, declares the election to be invalid.

PART IV

RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

10. Any person elected as Chancellor ³who wishes to resign from office shall give notice in writing of their resignation to the Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council, which resignation shall be effective from the date of receipt of the notice by the said Convener.

(Paragraphs 11, 12,13, revoked)⁴

PART V

INCAPACITY OF CONVENER OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

14. If the Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council is incapacitated, for whatever reason, from discharging the duties conferred by this Ordinance, the Acting Convener of the Business Committee of the General Council shall discharge those duties for the duration of the Convener's incapacity.

PART VI

REVOCATION OF ORDINANCES

² PART II revoked by Ordinance No.134

³ Paragraph amended by Ordinance No.134

⁴ Paragraphs 11,12,13 revoked by Ordinance No.134

15. On the date on which this Ordinance comes into force, Ordinance No. 114 (General Council: Regulations for Election of Chancellor) and Ordinance No.122 (General Council: Regulations for Election of Assessors to the University Court) are revoked.

PART VII

DATE OF OPERATION

16. This Ordinance shall come into force on the date on which it is approved by Her Majesty in Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and are subscribed on its behalf as required by Ordinance No.118 of the said University Court, by Louise Richardson, Member of Court, and Ronald Piper, Secretary of the Court.

Louise Richardson, Member of the University Court
Ronald A. Piper, Secretary of the University Court

Approved by Order in Council dated 15 February 2012.

ORDINANCE No.484 (ST ANDREWS No.82)

¹ELECTION OF RECTOR

At St Andrews, the twenty-fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

Whereas it is expedient to amend and consolidate the provisions for the election of a Rector made in the Ordinances of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Acts of 1858 and 1889:

Therefore the University Court of the University of St Andrews, in exercise of their powers under Section 21 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, as read with the University of St Andrews Act, 1953, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, statute and ordain as follows with regard to the University of St Andrews: –

- I. The election of the Rector by the matriculated students shall be determined by a general poll of such students and, in the case of an equality of votes for two or more candidates, then by choice between such candidates of the Chancellor intimated by letter addressed to the Senatus Academicus within twenty-one days of the day of polling, and, failing such intimation, then by the choice between such candidates of the Principal of the University.
- II. The election shall take place on such day in the month of October or November as may be fixed by the University Court after consultation with the Senatus Academicus, provided that such date shall not be later than the second Saturday in November in any year.
- III. The provisions of Section II shall apply so often as a vacancy in the office of Rector has occurred for any cause, or is about to occur through expiration of the statutory term, provided that the person elected shall not in any case enter on office as Rector until a vacancy shall have actually occurred.
- IV. The Senatus Academicus shall appoint one or more of their number to preside at the election and take the votes of the students and shall make such other arrangements for the conduct of the election as may seem to them expedient.
- V. The following Ordinances are revoked to the extent specified:

Ordinance of the Universities Commissioners 1858
No.4 (St Andrews No.1): Sections II and III
Ordinance of the Universities Commissioners 1889
No.139 (General No.30): The entire Ordinance
- VI. This Ordinance shall come into force from and after the date of its approval by Her Majesty in Council.

In Witness Whereof these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and subscribed on behalf of the said University Court as required

¹ The provisions governing the election of the Rector of the University are modified in general terms by Ordinance No.124. See p.90.

by Ordinance No.6 (General No.3) of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

C. Horrex, Member
C. F. Davidson, Member
A. N. Mitchell, Secretary

Approved by Order in Council dated 24 March 1965.

ORDINANCE No.554 (ST ANDREWS No.90)

READERS, SENIOR LECTURERS, LECTURERS AND ASSISTANT LECTURERS

At St Andrews, the twenty-ninth day of May, nineteen hundred and sixty-five.

Whereas it is expedient to amend and consolidate the regulations relating to Readers, Lecturers and Assistants in the University:

Therefore the University Court of the University of St Andrews, in exercise of their powers under Section 21 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, as read with the University of St Andrews Act, 1953, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, statute and ordain as follows with regard to the University of St Andrews: –

READERS

- I. (a) The University Court, after consultation with the Senatus Academicus, may confer the status and title of Reader upon any member of the teaching staff.
- (b) The Court, after consultation with the Senatus, may institute Readerships in any subject or department of study, and the Court may make appointments to Readerships so instituted.
- (c) (as amended)¹ Readers shall hold office for such periods and on such conditions as the Court may from time to time prescribe.

LECTURERS

- II. (a) There shall be three classes of Lecturers, namely Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, and Assistant Lecturers.
- (b) The University Court may institute Lectureships in any subject or department of study, provided that the Senatus Academicus shall be consulted before a Lectureship is instituted in any subject not already being taught in the University.
- (c) Senior Lecturers, Lecturers, and Assistant Lecturers shall be appointed by the Court and shall hold office for such periods and on such conditions as the Court may from time to time prescribe.

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- III. The remuneration of Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers shall be determined by the University Court and shall be paid out of the general funds of the University; provided always that any fund which by ordinance or any other instrument is devoted to the endowment of any such office or to purposes connected therewith shall continue to be so devoted.
- IV. Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers shall be recognised as officers of the University and shall have such privileges as the University Court may from time to time determine.

¹ Amended by Ordinance No.128.

- V. The University Court shall from time to time determine the duties of Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers and Assistant Lecturers. The duties shall include the obligation to conform to regulations affecting courses of study made from time to time by the Senatus Academicus.

(Sub-paragraphs V (b) and (c) repealed)²

- VI. Nothing contained in this Ordinance shall derogate from the right of the University Court:

(a) to make special appointments when the Court deems them to be necessary;

(b) to appoint Assistants, Tutors, Demonstrators and other teachers on such conditions as the Court may from time to time determine.

- VII. The following Ordinances, so far as they have not already been revoked, are hereby revoked:

Ordinances of the University Commissioners, 1889:

No.17 (General No.10)

No.65 (General No.27)

Ordinance of the University Court:

No.CXXVI (St Andrews No.25)

- VIII. This Ordinance shall come into force on the date on which it is approved by Her Majesty in Council.

In Witness Whereof these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and subscribed on behalf of the said University Court as required by Ordinance No.6 (General No.3) of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

C. Horrex, Member
T. T. Fordyce, Member
A. N. Mitchell, Secretary

Approved by Order in Council dated 24 February 1966.

² Sub-paragraphs repealed by Statutory Instrument 1992 No.2685.

ORDINANCES OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT UNDER THE UNIVERSITIES (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1966

ORDINANCE No.96

GENERAL COUNCIL: MEMBERSHIP, REGISTRATION AND MEETINGS

At St Andrews, the fourteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Whereas the University Court deem it expedient to amend the provisions relating to the composition of the General Council and to meetings of the said Council;

And whereas it is provided in Section 10(1) of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1966, that the University Court shall cause to be maintained a register of members of the General Council in accordance with conditions to be prescribed by Ordinance:

Therefore the University Court, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 3, 5(a) and 5(c) of the said Act, as read with Schedule 2 thereto, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, and in implementation of the provisions of Section 10 of the said Act, statute and ordain as follows with regard to the University of St Andrews: –

MEMBERSHIP

- I. The General Council shall consist of:
- (a) the Chancellor of the University;
 - (b) all persons on whom the University has conferred an academic degree or licentiate in dental surgery;
 - (c) the members and former members of the University Court;
 - (d) the professors and former professors of the University;
 - (e) those readers, senior lecturers, lecturers and assistant lecturers in the University who have held any such office in the University for a period of one year; and
 - (f) former readers, senior lecturers and lecturers in the University who were members of the Council during their tenure of office as such and who continued to be employed as readers, senior lecturers or lecturers in the University until retirement.

APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR

- II. The University Court shall, after consultation with the General Council, from time to time appoint a Registrar of the General Council upon such terms and conditions as the Court may determine and shall provide the Registrar with such assistance for the performance of his duties as it may consider suitable. The office of Registrar may be held with the office of Clerk to the General Council or with any other office in the University.

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- III. (as amended)¹ The Registrar shall maintain a Register of Members of the General Council, recording:
- (a) the full names in alphabetical order of all persons upon whom the University has conferred an academic degree or the licentiate in dental surgery and who are not known to be dead, the academic degree or degrees or the licentiate in dental surgery conferred

¹ Section substituted by virtue of Ordinance No.125.

upon each by the University, and the year of conferment of the first said degree or licentiate;

(b) the full names in alphabetical order of all other members of the Council not known to be dead, the office on which qualification for membership rests and the year in which they entered thereon.

- IV. The Registrar shall revise the Register annually. He shall close the Register at 1st December of each year or such other date as the University Court may determine. Not later than 31 December each year he shall authenticate, by his signature on the final page, one copy of the Register as revised up to date of closing the Register in that year; and this copy shall, subject to such alteration as may be directed by the Court in terms of Section VI hereof, be conclusive, during the ensuing calendar year, of the right of any member of the General Council to vote in any election of a Chancellor or of an assessor to the Court or in any other business on which a vote may be required at meetings of the Council: Provided, however, that nothing in this section shall confer upon any member of the Senatus Academicus the right to vote or to take part in the election of any assessor of the Council.
- V. (1) The authenticated copy of the Register shall be open to inspection at reasonable times in the office of the Registrar.
- (2) The Registrar shall each year, as soon as may be practicable after the date of closing the Register, have copies printed of the register, as revised up to that date, and any member of the General Council shall be entitled to obtain such a copy on application to the registrar, on payment of such fee as the University Court may direct, or at the discretion of the Registrar without payment.
- VI. If any person whose name is not included in the Register shall consider that it ought to be so included, it shall be competent to him to appeal to the University Court and if the Court judge that his name ought to be included in terms of this Ordinance they shall direct the Registrar to amend the Register accordingly. The judgement of the Court shall be final.

FEE FOR REGISTRATION

- VII. The University Court shall have power to charge a fee for the registration of those who qualify for membership of the General Council by virtue of having obtained by examination an academic degree and shall have power to fix the amount of any such fee.

(Section VIII revoked)²

MEETINGS

- IX. The meetings prescribed by Section 6 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, shall, subject to alteration from time to time hereafter by resolution of the General Council with the approval of the University Court, be held on the last Saturday of January and the last Saturday of June in each year.

REPLACEMENT OF PROVISIONS OF ENACTMENTS

- X. (1) The provisions contained in Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be in place of the

² Section revoked by Ordinance No.112.

provisions relating to the composition of the General Council of the University of St Andrews contained in –

- (i) Section 6 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858
- (ii) Section 28 of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Act, 1868
- (iii) Section 2 of the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1922.

REVOCATION OF ORDINANCES

- XI. The following Ordinances are hereby revoked: –
- (i) Ordinance of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1858, No.4 (St Andrews No.1);
 - (ii) Ordinance of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, No.9 (General No.4) in so far as it relates to the University of St Andrews.
 - (iii) Section II of Ordinance of the University Court under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889, No.278 (General No.9) in so far as that section relates to the University of St Andrews.

DATE OF EFFECT

- XII. This Ordinance shall come into effect on the date on which it is approved by Her Majesty in Council.

In Witness Whereof these presents are sealed with the Common Seal of the University Court of the University of St Andrews and subscribed on behalf of the said University Court as required by Ordinance No.6 (General No.3) of the Commissioners under the Universities (Scotland) Act, 1889.

C. T. Carr, Member
Matthew Black, Member
A. N. Mitchell, Secretary

Approved by Order in Council dated 20 December 1967.

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