

Brunel University London

Council Ordinance 13

Appointment of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors

(Revised November 2021)

Purpose

Charter Article 10.1 confirms the authority to appoint the Chancellor, the terms of office that might be served and the conditions by which the resignation or dismissal may be effected.

Ordinance 12 confirms the authority to appoint Pro-Chancellors, the terms of office that might be served and the conditions by which the resignation or dismissal may be effected.

This Ordinance sets out the process by which the appointment of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors may be made.

Process of Appointment

1. Council shall require Nominations Committee to oversee the process for selecting successors to the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors and to recommend to Council candidates for appointment. Nominations Committee shall also, if appropriate, recommend to Council the appointment of a person to serve as Acting Chancellor and or Pro-Chancellor.
2. Nominations Committee shall have freedom to determine the most appropriate way to conduct its business, but issues relating to terms and conditions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors are reserved for Council.
3. The Chancellor and Pro-Chancellors shall normally be appointed for a period of up to five years or until resignation or removal in accordance with Ordinance 13, Article 7 and unless so removed shall be eligible for re-appointment on one further occasion for a period of up to five years (as determined by the Council).
4. If the office of Chancellor becomes vacant by death or resignation or from any other cause before the expiration of the period of office, one of the Pro-Chancellors shall act in place of the Chancellor in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 12, Article 1.2. Council may appoint a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired period of office of such former Chancellor.
5. If the office of Pro-Chancellor becomes vacant by death or resignation or from any other cause before the expiration of the period of office, the Council may appoint a successor who shall hold office for the unexpired period of office of such former Pro-Chancellor.
6. The Chancellor or a Pro-Chancellor may resign from office by writing to the Council by a period of notice of at least six months (or such other period approved by Council) and on his or her death, bankruptcy or mental or physical incapacity for a period of at least three months rendering him or her incapable of carrying out his or her responsibilities shall automatically cease to hold office. The Chancellor or a Pro-Chancellor may be removed for a good cause by the Council. He or she shall not be so removed by the Council unless he or she shall have been given a reasonable opportunity to have been heard in person by the Council.

7. "Good cause" in this Ordinance means:

- a. Conviction for an offence which may be deemed by the Council to be such as to render the person convicted unfit for the execution of the duties of office; or
- b. Conduct of an immoral, scandalous or disgraceful nature incompatible with the duties of office; or
- c. Conduct constituting failure or persistent refusal or neglect or inability to perform the duties or comply with the conditions of office whether such failure results from physical or mental incapacity or otherwise.