

# **BRUNEL UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

## **Council Ordinance 3**

### **Conduct of Elections to Council**

- 1.1. Elections shall take place in the appropriate academic year before 30 June. The persons elected shall take office on the following 1 August.
- 1.2. The categories and numbers to be elected to Council are:
  - a) At least one and no more than two members elected from their own number by the Professors, Readers, Senior Lecturers, Lecturers or research staff of the University, who are neither the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellors, Executive Deans, Heads of School or Department or the equivalent and
  - b) At least one and no more than two persons being administrative, clerical or technical staff of the University holding a full or part-time employment contract with the University, elected from among their own number.
- 1.3. The Secretary to the Council shall ask for nominations at least four weeks before the date fixed for the election.
- 1.4. Nomination forms must carry the signature of two members of staff eligible to vote in the election, and from the same category, and the written agreement of the nominee to serve on the Council if elected.
- 1.5. The election shall be by ballot and by majority vote. In the case of a tie leading to an unclear decision, another election shall be held, the only candidates being those who received an equal number of votes.
- 1.6. The period of office shall normally be 4 years. Elected representatives shall be eligible for re-election on one further occasion for up to four years.\*
- 1.7. Should a vacancy occur (or is expected to occur) within the first year of the term of office of the elected member, the vacancy shall be filled by the candidate with the next highest number of votes in the election at which the member retiring was elected. The new representative shall serve until the date of the next election. Where there is no such candidate or where the vacancy or vacancies would leave no elected representative, an election shall be called by the Secretary in accordance with this Ordinance.
- 1.8. Should a vacancy occur (or is expected to occur) after the first year of the term of office of the elected member, an election shall be called by the Secretary in accordance with this Ordinance.