

A.5 VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

A.5.1 THE ROLE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

The Vice-Chancellor and President is the Chief Executive of the University and reports to the Chair of Council. The Vice-Chancellor and President is the Accountable Officer (or equivalent) of the University with responsibility for advising Council (and the Office for Students (OfS) if necessary) if the University fails to comply with the OfS Regulatory Framework. The Vice-Chancellor and President also holds ultimate responsibility for academic performance.

The Vice-Chancellor and President is a member of the Council and is an ex-officio member of all Council committees except for Audit & Risk Committee and Remuneration Committee. The Vice-Chancellor and President is the Chair of Senate.

The relationship between the Vice-Chancellor and President and the Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council is vitally important. Both should ensure that the relationship is constructive but challenging, recognising the proper separation of governance and management and the checks and balances established by the different roles each has, as set out in the University's Charter and Statutes. The Pro-Chancellor and Chair of Council appraises the performance of the Vice-Chancellor and President and makes recommendations to the Remuneration Committee concerning the Vice-Chancellor and President's terms and conditions and remuneration package.

A.5.2 MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

The Vice-Chancellor and President acts within the limits of delegated authority prescribed by the Charter, Statutes, Ordinances and Regulations of the University and is responsible, subject at all times to the control of Council (or Senate), for:

- i. The management of the institution and leadership of its staff.
- ii. Reporting to the governing body and ensuring it receives proper and appropriately timed information from the Senior Leadership Team to fulfil its responsibilities.
- iii. Acting as the key ambassador for the University including leading its fundraising initiatives.
- iv. Making proposals to Council about the educational character, mission, strategy and long term business plans of the institution including the performance indicators by which success will be judged.
- v. Ensuring and enhancing the academic quality of programmes and the provision of quality services for students.
- vi. Leading the research performance of the University.
- vii. Managing the resources of the University including finance, human resources, information and property and facilities.

These responsibilities may be varied (whether by deletion, addition or amendment) by Council from time to time. Changes to the role and who delivers what may be necessary over time - Council has the power to implement the changes that it wishes.