

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH  
ORDINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY COURT NO 197  
RECTORIAL ELECTION

At Edinburgh, the Second day of June, Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven years.

WHEREAS the University Court of the University of Edinburgh deems it expedient to amend the provisions governing the election of the 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 paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 2 to that Act, HEREBY STATUTES AND ORDAINS:

1. The Rector shall be elected by the fully matriculated students and the staff of the University by means of a single transferable vote system, and the election shall be conducted in accordance with arrangements determined from time to time by the University Court.
2. The election shall take place on such day in the month of February or March 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 March in any year.
3. The provisions of Article 2 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 of three years prescribed by Section 5(2) of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1889, provided that the person elected shall not in any case enter on office as Rector until a vacancy shall actually have occurred.
4. For the purposes of the Rectorial Election, no person shall be deemed to be a fully matriculated student unless he holds a matriculation card which certifies that, in the year concerned, he is in attendance on a course of study or is enrolled for one or more classes in the University. Students registered for the purpose of graduation or examination only and postgraduate students who have completed their prescribed period of study are not fully matriculated students.
5. For the purposes of the Rectorial Election, no person shall be deemed to be a member of staff unless he holds a contract of employment issued by the University Personnel Office and his name appears on the electoral roll as at 31st January preceding the date of the election, and he produces proof of identity.
6. A person shall be ineligible to be nominated for election as Rector if :
  - (a) he is qualified under this Ordinance to vote in the election; or
  - (b) he is a part-time student or is matriculated for examination or graduation purposes only.

7. If, at any time after his election, whether before entering on office or during his period of office, the Rector is, or becomes:
  - (a) qualified under this Ordinance to vote in a Rectorial election; or
  - (b) a part-time student or individual matriculated for examination or graduation purposes only he shall immediately thereupon become disqualified to hold the office of Rector and shall resign from that office which shall be deemed to be vacant from the date of such disqualification or (if later) from the date when he would otherwise have been entitled to enter on office.
8. University of Edinburgh Ordinances Nos. 180 and 194 are hereby revoked.
9. This Ordinance shall come into effect on 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 Edinburgh and subscribed on behalf of the Court in terms of the Requirements of Writing (Scotland) Act 1995.

Member of the University Court

Secretary to the University