

# VICTORIA UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

# NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### 1. Role

The Nominations Committee is a formally constituted committee of Council with particular responsibility for providing Council and/or the Minister responsible for the *Victoria University Act* 2010 with recommendations for the appointment of members of Council under sections 12 and 13 of the *Victoria University Act*.

## 2. Authority

In accordance with the Schedule 1 section 15 (3) and section 18 of the VU Act, Council authorises (delegates) the Nomination Committee to:

- establish internal working groups as required to assist it in the exercise of its responsibilities;
- request the attendance of any University employee, officer of a Controlled Entity or Council member at Committee meetings where reasonable;
- obtain relevant and reasonable information in line with the Committees functions, from an University employee or an external party (subject to their legal obligation to protect information);
- exercise such other functions as may be necessary to enable it to exercise the responsibilities set out in its Terms of Reference.

#### 3. Functions

- 1 Coordinate the appointment of Council members and make recommendations as appropriate to:
  - a. Council and the Minister for government category vacancies;
  - b. Council for Council category vacancies; and
  - c. Council for Council Standing Committee vacancies.



- 2 Make recommendations to Council for appointments to the Boards of Directors of subsidiary entities.
- 3 Make recommendations to Council for Honorary Doctorates and Companions of the University (within the Honorary Awards Procedure).
- 4 In making recommendations for appointments, the Committee will take into account:
  - the requirements of the VU Act 2010;
  - the 'fit and proper person' requirements as set out in Council Regulations 2021;
  - whether the person has the appropriate qualities, knowledge, skill and expertise; and
  - · diversity and equality issues
- 5 Oversee the Council Induction Program and the annual Professional Development Program.
- 6 Maintain oversight of the implementation of Council policies and procedures that relate to the working of the Nominations Committee and make recommendations for changes as necessary.
- 7 Review and report annually to Council on its own performance.

# 4. Membership

- 1 The Committee will have the following membership:
  - the Chancellor, as Chair
  - the/a Deputy Chancellor, as Deputy Chair, appointed by the Chancellor if more than one Deputy Chancellor
  - the Vice-Chancellor, and
  - three members of Council appointed by the Chancellor.
- 2 External members must be 'fit and proper persons' as determined by *The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Fit and Proper Person Determination 2018*, the *Education Services for Overseas Students* (ESOS) Act 2000; and as required by the University's probity processes.

### 5. Meetings

1 The Committee will meet as required on dates to be determined by the Chair.



2 The Chair is required to call a meeting if asked to do so by the Council.

## 6. Conflict of Interest

Where relevant, members must declare real or perceived conflicts of interests in the appropriate form and according to the *Conduct of Council Business and Standing Orders Procedure*.

### 7. Quorum

A quorum of the Committee is half the members plus one

THE COMMON SEAL of VICTORIA UNIVERSITY ) was affixed this day of January 2023 ) with the authority of Council in the presence of:



Professor Adam Shoemaker Vice Chancellor and President

The Hon. Wade Noonan

Deputy Vice-Chancellor External Relations

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# **Original Council Approval Date**

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# **Modification History**

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