

Governance and Nominations Committee

Terms of Reference (UC179/20 Dec16; UC181/27 Apr17; UC234/12 Dec24; UC237/07 Jun25)

1. To maintain a model of governance at ECU which is guided by best practice and reflects Council's commitment to continuous improvement in University governance.
2. Advise Council on governance issues, including:
 - the governance of the University, including its regulatory, policy and delegations frameworks;
 - the operation of Council including the Corporate Governance Statement, the Standing Orders, the Code of Conduct for Council members and the operation and structure of Council Committees;
 - the monitoring of Council's and members' performance and effectiveness review;
 - Professional development of Council members and Council as a body.
3. To recommend on criteria for the selection of appointed or co-opted members of Council and on procedures for the identification and selection of those members.
4. To maintain lists of persons who are eligible and willing to be appointed to any vacancy or casual vacancy in the office of:
 - any member of the Council who is appointed by the Governor or the Council;
 - any member of Council's standing committees who is appointed by the Council; or
 - any member of an Advisory Board who is appointed by the Council
5. To recommend to Council suitable candidates to a vacancy or casual vacancy in the office of any member appointed by the Governor.
6. To recommend to Council the names of persons for co-option by the Council.
7. To recommend to Council on the appointment of the Chairs and members of Council's standing committees and in doing so, to give consideration to ensuring that there are opportunities for all Council members to serve on Council's standing committees and/or an Advisory Board.
8. To recommend to Council on the development and maintenance of an induction program for new members of Council.
9. To recommend to Council, in accordance with guidelines approved by Council, on the appropriate recognition of service of Council, Council Committee and Board Members.
10. To make decisions on matters delegated to the Committee by Council.

Composition (UC197/25 Dec19) and membership (as at 28 Aug 2025)

Category	Members*
(i) The Chancellor (Chair)	Gaye McMath
(ii) The Deputy Chancellor	Robert Radley
(iii) The Chairs of the Resources Committee and the Quality, Audit and Risk Committee (or if already serving on the committee in another category, or unable to serve, to be substituted by another member(s) of Council).	<i>[Robert Radley]</i>
	Mark Puzey
(iv) One member of Council	Elizabeth Tylich
(v) A member of Chancellery nominated by the Vice-Chancellor after consultation with the Chancellor	Prof Colm Harmon
(vi) A minimum of one and maximum of two persons with relevant expertise or experience, who may be Council members or persons co-opted from outside the University community, provided that at least one shall be a member of Council.	Pearl Proud
Accredited Observer: Vice-Chancellor	Prof Clare Pollock

* Appointments to Council Committees are approved by Council in accordance with the Policy on Nominations for Council and Bodies Appointed by Council

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