



The University of Sydney

Appointment of Vice-Chancellor

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Resolutions of the Senate: Procedures for consultation between the Senate and the Academic Board in respect of appointment of Vice-Chancellor and for selection of a Vice-Chancellor – Selection Committee

Senate will appoint a Joint Committee of Senate to be chosen in accordance with principles of good governance consisting of:

- (a) members ex officio (namely, the Chancellor, the Deputy Chancellor, and the Chair of the Academic Board),
- (b) members of Senate appointed by the Senate, and
- (c) members equal in number to those appointed under (b), to be appointed by the Senate on the nomination of the Academic Board through its chair,

to identify and review applicants for appointment as the next Vice-Chancellor and to make recommendations to Senate for its determination in respect of such appointment reporting to Senate on a regular basis. Such will include the appointment by the committee of a suitable search firm of the highest integrity and competence in order to maximise the University's capacity to approach possible outstanding applicants on a strictly confidential basis in the first instance in order to ascertain their interest who may not otherwise respond and to have the benefit of objective external input and additional due diligence.

In order to represent the width of interest on the Board, it would be desirable to have four members appointed under (c). The Joint Committee will be a committee of the Senate which will report to that body.

The members of the Board to be nominated to Senate for appointment to the Joint Committee will be nominated to the Board by the Chair of the Academic Board.

The Senate is to approve the final composition of the committee, maintaining the equality of number referred to in (c) above and be in a position, should circumstances warrant this, to replace a member of the Committee or require in the case of those nominated by the Academic Board that the Chair of the Academic Board nominate a replacement for appointment by Senate.

A majority of the members of the Committee must be external, but so that a student Fellow may constitute an external member.