



Queen Margaret University

EDINBURGH

CHAIR OF COURT ELECTION

Queen Margaret University undertook a process between August 2019 and January 2021 to appoint a Chair of its Governing Body, the University Court, in accordance with the requirements of the HE Governance (Scotland) Act 2016. This report is made in accordance with Section 3 (3) of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.

Applications

14 applications were received for the position.

Age					Disability			Gender			Gender Reassignment		
40 - 49	50 - 59	60 - 69	70 - 79	Not declared	Yes	No	Not declared	Female	Male	Not declared	Yes	No	Not declared
1	3	8	1	1	0	5	9	6	7	1	0	5	9

Race			Religion			Pregnancy / Maternity			Sexual Orientation		
BAME	Non-BAME	Not declared	Yes	No	Not declared	Yes	No	Not declared	Heterosexual	Other	Not declared
3	8	3	1	3	10	0	10	4	5	1	8

Interview

Following shortlisting, four applicants were interviewed.

Age	Disability		Gender		Gender Reassignment	
60-69	No	Not declared	Female	Male	No	Not declared
4	2	2	2	2	2	2

Race		Religion		Pregnancy / Maternity		Sexual Orientation	
Non-BAME	Not declared	No	Not declared	No	Not declared	Heterosexual	Not declared
2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

Election

Following interview, three applicants were declared candidates for election. One candidate subsequently withdrew prior to an election being held. The equalities information for the two candidates who stood for election is being withheld in order to protect their personal data.

An election was held between 21 and 27 January 2021 with an electorate of the staff, students, sabbatical officers and court members of the University conducted in accordance with Court's election regulations.

Pamela Woodburn was elected Chair of the University Court for an initial three year period, commencing 1 February 2021, having received 291 votes. A total of 536 votes were cast from an electorate of 7288, representing a 7.35% turnout.