

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST OF SCOTLAND

CHAIR OF COURT ELECTION REPORT

The University of the West of Scotland undertook a process to appoint a Chair of its governing body, the University Court in accordance with the requirements of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016 (“the Act”). The election was held between Wednesday 1st October and Friday 10th October 2025 and was conducted in accordance with our election procedures, with an electorate of eligible staff, students and members of the University Court. This report is made in accordance with Section 3(3) of the Act.

Applications

Six applications were received in total. All six applicants were shortlisted for interview. Data is presented in percentages in order to protect personal data.

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| Gender/Legal Sex | Male Female Information Not Disclosed | 66.6% 16.7% 16.7% |
| Gender Identity same as at birth | Yes No Information Not Disclosed | 83.3% 0% 16.7% |
| Age | 56-65 65 and over Prefer Not to Say Information Not Disclosed | 16.6% 50.0% 16.7% 16.7% |
| Sexual Orientation | Heterosexual/Straight Gay Man Information Not Disclosed | 66.6% 16.7% 16.7% |
| Ethnicity | White – Scottish White – British Information Not Disclosed | 66.6% 16.7% 16.7% |
| Disability | Yes No Information Not Disclosed | 0% 83.3% 16.7% |
| Religion or Belief | Christian – Church of Scotland Christian – Roman Catholic No Religion Information Not Disclosed | 33.3% 33.3% 16.7% 16.7% |
| Pregnant | Yes No Information Not Disclosed | 0% 66.6% 33.4% |

Election

The election process was managed by Civica Election Services.

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

Joyce White OBE was elected Chair of the University Court for an initial 3 year period commencing 1st February 2026, having received 926 votes.

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| Number of Eligible Voters | 16,542 |
| Votes Cast Online | 1,309 |
| Total Number of Votes Cast | 1,309 |
| Turnout | 7.91% |