

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> October and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Gender/Legal Sex	Male	66.6%
	Female	16.7%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Gender Identity same as at birth	Yes	83.3%
	No	0%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Age	56-65	16.6%
	65 and over	50.0%
	Prefer Not to Say	16.7%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Sexual Orientation	Heterosexual/Straight	66.6%
	Gay Man	16.7%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Ethnicity	White – Scottish	66.6%
	White – British	16.7%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Disability	Yes	0%
	No	83.3%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Religion or Belief	Christian – Church of Scotland	33.3%
	Christian – Roman Catholic	33.3%
	No Religion	16.7%
	Information Not Disclosed	16.7%
Pregnant	Yes	0%
	No	66.6%
	Information Not Disclosed	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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026, having received 926 votes.

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