

5. Eligibility for Election

The Dean shall be elected from among the academic staff holding the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II) or above who are duly serving as members of the Faculty Board of the relevant Faculty at the time of nomination, whether by substantive attachment or by virtue of office or formal appointment. The candidate must be a permanent member of the University.

6. Nominations

Nominations for the post of Dean shall be made at the meeting. Each nomination (including self-nominations) shall be proposed by one member and be seconded by another member of the Faculty Board. The consent of the nominee shall be obtained prior to acceptance of the nomination.

7. Closure of Nominations

After allowing adequate opportunity for nominations, the Presiding Officer shall formally declare the nominations closed.

8. Presentation by Candidates

Each candidate shall make a presentation outlining his or her strategic vision and development plan for the Faculty. The presentation shall be followed by a brief discussion or clarification session.

9. Election

9.1 Single Candidate

Where only one candidate is nominated, such candidate shall be declared elected upon receiving a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

9.2 Multiple Candidates

Where more than one candidate is nominated, the election shall be conducted by secret ballot. Each member present shall cast one vote.

The candidate obtaining a simple majority of votes cast shall be declared elected.

9.3 No Majority

Where no candidate obtains a majority in the first round, a second round of voting shall be held between the two candidates who secured the highest number of votes in the first round.

9.4 Tie

In the event of a tie in the final round, the Presiding Officer may direct a further round of voting. If the tie persists, the Presiding Officer may exercise a casting vote, where permitted.

10. Recording of Proceedings

The proceedings of the meeting shall be properly recorded, including:

- Names of candidates proposed and seconded
- Confirmation of presentations
- Method of voting
- Results of the election

11. Recommendation

The Faculty Board shall recommend the elected candidate to the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor shall submit the recommendation to the Academic Council for consideration and recommendation, and thereafter to the Board of Governors.

12. Appointment

The Board of Governors shall make the formal appointment of the Dean based on the recommendations of the Faculty Board and the Academic Council.

13. Failure to Elect / Absence of Nominations

13.1 No Candidate Elected under clause 5

Where nominations are received but no candidate is elected, or where no suitable or eligible candidate is available for election, the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Academic Council, may appoint an Acting Dean for a specified period, from among:

- academic staff of the University who meet the requirements specified in Clause 5.1; or
- suitably qualified persons serving as Senior Lecturer (Grade II) or above, or in an equivalent academic, research, or academic-administrative capacity, in a recognized university or higher education or research institution (by open advertisement)

13.2 Continued Absence of Suitable Candidates

Where it is determined that no suitable or eligible candidate is available for election, the Board of Governors, on the recommendation of the Academic Council may appoint a Dean for a full term of office, from among the academic staff of the University (whether such person is attached to the faculty concerned or another Faculty of the University) who satisfies the requirements specified in Clause 5.

14. Interpretation

In the event of any ambiguity in these Regulations, the interpretation of the Board of Governors shall be final.