The Court, at its meeting held on 30 August 2018, approved, subject to the approval of the Senate, and ratification by the Court at its next meeting, changes proposed to Ordinance 62 (Election of the Rector).

[NEW] Ordinance 62 – The Election of the Rector

1. (1) An election of a Rector shall be held in the third year after each year in which any such election is held: Provided that in the event of a Rector ceasing for any reason to hold office before the expiry of his or her full term an election shall be held on the next practicable date fixed in accordance with clause (2) of this paragraph.

(2) The election of a Rector shall take place on such day or days as may be fixed by Court after consultation with the Senatus and the Students’ Association.

(3) The period of office of a Rector shall begin on the 1 August following his or her election: Provided that where an election is held to fill a casual vacancy the period of office shall begin with immediate effect and will end on the 31 July three years after the 31 July immediately following the election.

(4) The Senatus shall appoint a returning officer from among the academic staff of the University to preside at the election and ensure its smooth running. The Senate may appoint up to two deputy returning officers to assist the returning officer. In addition, the University Secretary shall appoint a further deputy returning officer who will support the returning officer and any deputy returning officers appointed by the Senate in fulfilling the administration and organisation of the election. The returning officer, along with the deputies, shall work with the Students’ Association to ensure the election is conducted in a fair and democratic manner in accordance with this Ordinance.

(5) The Senatus shall make such regulations for the conduct of the election, including in relation to the responsibilities and duties of the returning officer, as may seem to it expedient, following consultation with the Students’ Association and the Governance & Nominations Committee.

2. (1) Only matriculated students of the University shall make a nomination for the office of Rector, and such nominations shall be lodged at least ten working days before the date of the election in accordance with the regulations.

(2) Each nomination shall be supported by fifty electors, who shall be the matriculated students of the University, in accordance with the regulations. No elector shall subscribe to more than one nomination.
(3) Each nomination shall be accompanied by a signed statement by the person nominated that he or she consents to the nomination.

3. In the event of an equality of votes between two or more candidates in the election of a Rector, the election shall be determined by the drawing of names from a sealed bag.