



## MASSEY UNIVERSITY

### COUNCIL ELECTIONS (CHANCELLOR AND PRO-CHANCELLOR) STATUTE 2016

*Pursuant to section 177 of Education Act 1989*

#### 1. Title and Commencement

This Statute may be cited as the Council Elections (Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor) Statute 2016 and comes into force on 30 September 2016.

#### 2. Application

This Statute applies to the University Council and its members.

#### 3. Purpose

The purpose of this Statute is to govern the election of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor of the Massey University Council.

#### 4. Statute

For the purposes of electing one member of the Massey University Council as Chancellor and one member of the Massey University Council as Pro-Chancellor in accord with the provisions of s 177 of the Education Act 1989.

- a. The election of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor will be held annually subject to the provisions of this Statute.
- b. Prior to the meeting of Council preceding the end of the annual term of each of Chancellor and Pro Chancellor the University Registrar should contact each member of Council eligible to stand in the election for Chancellor and Pro Chancellor to request a declaration of preparedness to stand for the position or positions to become vacant.
- c. Where there is one candidate for Chancellor that candidate will be declared Chancellor.
- d. Where there is one candidate for Pro-Chancellor that candidate will be declared Pro-Chancellor.
- e. Where there is more than one candidate for either position the University Registrar will conduct an election by postal ballot with the papers to be returned in sufficient time to enable the declaration of the result at the December Council Meeting.

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- f. A first past the post voting system will be employed.
- g. The University Registrar will count the votes for the candidates for Chancellor and the candidate with the highest score will be declared Chancellor. Where there is an even score a secret ballot will be held at the December Council Meeting.
- h. The process in (g) will then be repeated for Pro-Chancellor, if required.
- i. The Office of Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor will, subject to the provision of the Education Act, be held for one year usually commencing December each year.
- j. If a vacancy arises in the Office of Chancellor and/or Pro-Chancellor before December in any year then the Council shall by resolution, as soon as practicable thereafter, instruct the University Registrar to commence the election for the successor in terms of this Statute. The person(s) so elected shall hold office for a stated period (not exceeding the term of the member's current term as a member of the council).
- k. Each Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor is eligible for re-election as Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor as the case may be.
- l. Whenever a person is elected to the Office of Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor pursuant to section (j) of this Statute then the reference to December in this Statute is deemed amended accordingly so that the person holds office for a stated period (not exceeding the term of the member's current term as a member of the council).