

Message from Director of Human Resources

Dear colleagues, students and alumni,

Following the decision of Professor Peter Mathieson to leave the University not later than the end of January 2018 to take up the position of Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, the University now faces the urgent task of identifying and recruiting a new President & Vice-Chancellor.

2. At its meeting this evening, the Council noted the need to expedite the selection exercise, and agreed

(a) to set up a Search Committee to identify and appoint an international headhunting agency and to source the best qualified candidates, and instruct the Search Committee to start the searching work as soon as possible;

(b) to set up a Selection Committee to review and assess the suitability of the candidates presented by the Search Committee, interview the shortlisted candidates, and make recommendations for appointment;

(c) to adopt the selection criteria used in the 2012 exercise as set out in [Annex I](#); and

(d) to adopt the rules in respect of committee proceedings, confidentiality etc. introduced in the 2012 exercise.

3. The membership of the Search and Selection Committees is listed in [Annex II](#). The Council has agreed to appoint Mr Brian Stevenson as the Chairman of the Search Committee, and election will be arranged immediately for the other members of the Search Committee. The elections of members to the Selection Committee will also be initiated as soon as possible.

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