NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY
THE SIXTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF CONVOCATION
To be held on Saturday 9 October 2021 at 12.30pm (UK time)
Using the Zoom online videoconferencing platform

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
   Chair of Convocation, Sophie McDermott

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
   To receive:
   The draft minutes of the Sixty-Third Ordinary Meeting of Convocation held on 10 October 2020.
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3. MATTERS ARISING

4. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL REPORT TO CONVOCATION FOR 2020-21
   To receive:
   A presentation from the Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Chris Day.

QUESTIONS
The Vice-Chancellor and President will be pleased to answer questions at the meeting from members of Convocation and would be grateful to receive notice of these, as far as possible. Members are asked to submit these by email to the Chair of Convocation at: governanceoffice@newcastle.ac.uk

5. PRESIDENT OF THE NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS’ UNION
   To receive:
   A presentation from the President of the Newcastle University Students’ Union, Abbie Hutchinson.

6. THE CHANCELLORSHIP
   To report:
   1. Imtiaz Dharker was appointed as Chancellor of the University at an extraordinary
meeting of Convocation in November 2019 for a period of two years effective from 1 January 2020. The Chancellor has indicated her willingness to be re-appointed for a further period of two years from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2023.

2. In accordance with Statute 6.4, the Chancellor shall be appointed by Convocation on the nomination of Court and Senate sitting in joint session.

3. The Vice-Chancellor will present a recommendation from the joint meeting of Court and Senate held on 22 September 2021 to re-appoint Imtiaz Dharker as the University Chancellor for a further two year period from 1 January 2022.

For decision:

Convocation is asked to approve the recommendation from the joint meeting of Court and Senate in order to make an official re-appointment as Chancellor.

7. NU ADVANCEMENT

To receive:

A presentation from the Director of NU Advancement on alumni engagement and philanthropy activity over the past year.

8. CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR OF CONVOCATION

To report:

The first, three-year term of office of the current Chair of Convocation, Ms Sophie McDermott (BA Politics and History 2018) is due to end on 8 October 2022.

Convocation is a statutory body of the University. All alumni are members. The Chair of Convocation is also an ex officio member of the Court of the University providing a further formal channel of communication between alumni and University. Statute 47 states that:

“Convocation, from its own members, shall elect a chair and may elect a deputy chair, under procedures as the court may from time to time decide, taking into account any recommendation from convocation. The chair and deputy chair shall respectively hold office for three years. Any retiring chair or deputy chair shall be eligible for re-election subject to not holding the post for more than nine consecutive years in total. Neither the chair nor the deputy chair shall be a member of the salaried staff of the University.”

Nominations will be invited for the roles of Chair and Deputy Chair early in 2022, so that an election may be held and appointments made at the meeting of Convocation in October 2022.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION
9. CLOSING REMARKS

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To report:

A provisional date for the sixty-fourth Ordinary Meeting of Convocation of Saturday 8 October 2022 is proposed.

Sophie McDermott
Chair of Convocation
October 2021