
ELECTION OF THREE GRADUATES (MINIMUM OF ONE WOMAN AND ONE MAN,) TO THE SIXTH GOVERNING AUTHORITY NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, MAYNOOTH PURSUANT TO THE *UNIVERSITIES ACT, 1997*.

DETAILS PERTAINING TO THE ELECTION

The term of office of the fifth Governing Authority expires in October 2019.

Section 15 of the *Universities Act, 1997* provides that the University shall have a Governing Authority established in accordance with the Act and that, subject to the Act, the functions of the University shall be performed by or on the directions of its Governing Authority.

Section 16 (11) of the Act gives power to the Governing Authority to make such regulations relating to the election and nomination of members of the Governing Authority as it thinks fit.

In accordance with Section 16 (4)(b) of the Act, the Authority will include three graduates of the University, elected by such graduates: the term "graduates of the university" includes persons on whom a degree of the National University of Ireland was conferred as a result of their studies at the Recognised College of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth.

Electoral Procedure:

- (i) The electorate will comprise graduates of the University who hold either a primary or a post-graduate degree.
- (ii) Graduates will be elected from the current register of graduates, to include those persons who graduate in September 2019. Any reference hereunder to "graduate" or "graduates", whether directly or indirectly, shall be construed so as to include those persons who graduate in September 2019.
- (iii) Based on the requirements of Section 16 (10) of the Act, which deals with gender balance, it has been decided that a minimum of one woman and one man will be elected by the graduate category.
- (iv) Members elected, under Section 16(4)(b) of the Act, cannot be employees or students of the University.
- (v) In order to be eligible to vote in the election, it is a necessary prerequisite that the graduate of the University intending to vote returns a fully and correctly completed official voter registration form to the Returning Officer.
- (vi) In order to be a candidate in the election, it is a necessary prerequisite that an official nomination paper in respect of the proposed candidate, who is a graduate of the University, be fully and correctly completed, and signed by **two** other graduates of the University. Persons nominated must give their written consent to being nominated.
- (vii) Voter registration forms, and official nomination papers accompanied in each case by the written consent of the nominee, must be lodged with the Returning Officer, 'Graduate Election', c/o Vivienne Murray, Room 120, Callan Building, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, by 5.00 p.m. on Monday 7 October 2019 or by e-mail: governing.authority@mu.ie
- (viii) Voting papers will be issued by post not later than 14 October 2019 to those eligible to vote in the election.
- (ix) Voting in the election will be conducted under the system of Proportional Representation as used in elections to Seanad Éireann.
- (x) Voting in the election, which will be by postal ballot, will close at noon on 25 October 2019.

For reasons of confidentiality and data protection, names and address of graduates will not be made available to candidates or persons acting on their behalf.

However, each candidate is invited to submit a biographical note (in typed format on the prescribed form) which may be circulated with voting papers. While it would be the intention to circulate biographical notes as submitted, the Returning Officer reserves the right, where he considers it appropriate, to edit a biographical note for circulation, or, in exceptional circumstances, not to circulate a biographical note with the voting papers.

Graduates may apply in writing for voter registration forms, and nomination papers, to the Returning Officer, 'Graduate Election', c/o Vivienne Murray, Room 120, Callan Building, Maynooth University, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. E-Mail: governing.authority@mu.ie or by downloading them from the Governing Authority web page at <https://www.maynoothuniversity.ie/governing-authority/governing-authority-elections>