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## The Council, 12 February 2018

### Vice-Presidents on Council: proposed amendment of the Regulations

#### 1. Purpose of paper

This paper sets out a proposal to amend the Regulations relating to the composition of Council to make it possible for the Senior Academic Officers appointed to serve on Council to include at least one of the cross-cutting Vice-Presidents.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 The Regulations currently provide for the appointment, on the recommendation of the President & Vice-Chancellor, of 'not fewer than two and not more than three Senior Academic Officers', defined as the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor and the Vice-Presidents. One of those appointed must be a Vice-President & Head of Faculty.
- 2.2 The Senior Academic Officers currently serving on Council are Gill Valentine and Craig Watkins. Appointments are made on an annual basis and the current appointments run until 31 July 2018.
- 2.3 Although provision exists in the Regulations for a third Senior Academic Officer, this is not currently possible, as the total membership of Council would then exceed the maximum of 20 permitted under the Statutes. This results from the decision taken in 2016-17 to appoint eight rather than seven Class (3) lay members.

#### 3. Proposal

- 3.1 On the assumption that it is desirable that the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor and at least one of the cross-cutting Vice-Presidents should serve on Council, it is proposed that the relevant Regulation be amended to remove the requirement for one of the Senior Academic Officer to be a Vice-President & Head of Faculty.
- 3.2 It should be noted that any more substantive amendment (for example to designate the Provost & Deputy Vice-Chancellor as an ex-officio member of Council, or to increase the maximum size of Council) would require amendment of the Statutes and may not be desirable in advance of the appointment of a new President & Vice-Chancellor.

#### 4. Action for Council

- 4.1 Council is invited to approve the amendment. Appointments for the period 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2019 can then be made in accordance with the revised Regulation.