**Honorary Titles Committee Terms of Reference 2025-26**

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| **Remit:**  |
| The Honorary Titles Committee shall, subject to the powers of Academic Council, act as guardian of the University’s Honorary Titles Framework by having ownership of, and responsibility for its development and implementation including the conferral of the University’s Honorary Titles, Visiting Titles and Titles for Chairs, whilst ensuring beneficial external contributions to the University, and equality of opportunity. |
| **Alignment to University Strategic Objectives/Core Enabling Projects:** |
| Strategic Programmes:Develop a comprehensive International Strategy to cultivate enduring global partnershipsEnhance Queen’s reputation and relevance as a Civic University | Projects:Enhance our international partnerships with key institutions and regions to foster excellence in research, education and civic impact and drive student recruitment and reputational gain.Design and implement new interventions to support global reputation and rankings performance.Develop and deliver a programme of events to celebrate the 180thanniversary of Queen’s.Achieve and embed Queen’s status as a Civic University and an anchor Institution. |
| **Terms of Reference:** |
| RecommendationsTo make recommendations to Academic Council for the consideration and approval of:1. The Honorary Titles Framework.
2. Policies, rules and objectives relating to the Honorary Titles Framework.

Consideration and/or ApprovalTo consider, discuss and/or grant approval of:1. Honorary Title matters relating to the University, including any matter referred to it by the Academic Council, or for recommendation to the Academic Council.
2. The development, implementation, co-ordination and evaluation of procedures, and initiatives, regarding, Honorary Titles, Visiting Titles and Titles for Chairs.
3. Action plans and embedding of good practice regarding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Honorary Title nominations to ensure a gender balance.
4. Conferment of Honorary Titles (Honorary Professor and Honorary Professor of Practice).
5. Conferment of Titles for Chairs.
6. Rescindment of Honorary Titles.
7. The delegation of any of its functions as it may, from time to time determine, to groups appointed by the Honorary Titles Committee, including the establishment of subgroups, working groups, task and finish groups and advisory groups, as appropriate, to advise and report on any of the above matters.
8. Reports from, actions of, and recommendations made by subgroups, task and finish groups and other bodies as derived from the implementation of the Honorary Titles Framework and related strategies, policies and procedures.

DelegationTo delegate authority on the following where the rules of the Honorary Titles Framework are met: To Faculties 1. Conferment of Honorary Senior Lecturer and Honorary Lecturer Titles.

To the Honorary Titles Committee Secretary1. Conferment of Visiting Scholar Titles.

To Schools 1. Conferment of Visiting Student Titles.

To People and Culture 1. Conferment of Professor Emeritus Titles.
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| **Membership:**  |
| **Chair:** | Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education and Students | Professor Judy Williams |
| **Members:** | Faculty Pro-Vice-ChancellorsQueen’s Business School | Professor Ian BruceProfessor Robin HickeyProfessor Geert DewulfProfessor Richard Miles |
| Vice-President – Governance and External Affairs and RegistrarAssistant Director and Head of Faculty Operations, AHSSDirector of Research | Dr Ryan FeeneyDerek WeirWendy McLoone |
| **In attendance:** | University staff as required |
| **Quorum:** | Two members (with electronic comments submitted by each PVC if not in attendance) |
| **Serviced by:** | Academic Affairs |
| **Reports to:** | Academic Council |
| **Receives reports from:** | As prescribed within the Honorary Titles Framework |