



THE LONDON SCHOOL
OF ECONOMICS AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE ■

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Search for Chair of Court and Council

The Chair and Vice Chair Selection Committee (CVCSC) has renewed the search for a successor to Peter Sutherland whose final term of office will end in December 2015.

Suggestions from all members of the School are invited.

The Chair of the LSE Council and Court of Governors is the senior non-executive director of the School charged with leading the governance of the university, ensuring that the Court and Council conduct their business efficiently, effectively, and in a manner appropriate for the proper conduct of public business.

The duties and responsibilities include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The Chair performs the duty of chairing Court and Council meetings (currently 13 per annum), and plays a key role in upholding the School's tradition of collegiality and the protection of academic freedom.
- The Chair assists the School in developing its strategy. This means keeping in touch on a regular basis with the Director, Director's Management Team and members of Council as a "critical friend".
- The Chair should be prepared to assist in fundraising (ideally having a leading role in the School's next fundraising campaign).
- The Chair takes the leadership role at a significant number of networking occasions to promote the work of the School, i.e. is an ambassador for the LSE

The Chair will have:

- A public image in the UK and ideally internationally.
- An understanding of the School's distinctiveness.
- The ability to command respect from members of the Court and within the School.
- Extensive experience of chairing committees: absorbing complex information, facilitating constructive debate, ensuring effective decision making, problem solving, and demonstrating independence and sound judgement.
- The time and commitment to undertake the role while still having some involvement in public or business life.

- A genuine commitment and enthusiasm for university education and research that is pursued at the highest international level.
- The ability to think and act strategically, to further the interests of the School and its development.
- Experience of working in large, complex organisations at Board level; ideally within a range of sectors (private, public, voluntary).
- Commitment to equality of opportunity.

TIME COMMITMENT AND REMUNERATION

The workload will vary. On average it is about 30 days a year, but circumstances may arise which will require additional input or short notice attendance on campus. The post is not remunerated and the School does not currently have a policy of meeting out of pocket expenses.

The School will aim to provide the Chair with administrative, IT and other support tailored to the needs of the individual and the demands of the role.

TERM OF OFFICE

The initial term of office for the Chair is three years, with the possibility of an extension for a further three years.

CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR SELECTION COMMITTEE (CVCSC)

The members of CVCSC are:

James Goudie QC (Chair of the Committee)
 Professor Jason Alexander
 Professor Kent Deng
 Tina Fahm
 Johannes Huth
 Jagdip Jagpal
 Peter Jones
 The General Secretary of the Students Union
 The Director

EXECUTIVE SEARCH AGENCY – ODGERS BERNDTSON

CVCSC undertook a tendering process to identify an executive search agency to assist them. The contract was awarded to Odgers Berndtson. The agency has extensive experience in recruiting for both executive and non-executive positions in the Higher Education sector.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE FOR RECRUITMENT OF THE CHAIR

- May-July 2014 – CVCSC considers a long-list of candidates for Chair
- Mid-September 2014 – A short-list of candidates who have expressed an interest in the role is considered by CVCSC

- October/November 2014 – Discussions are held with a final short list of candidates (a maximum of three)
- December 2014 -the appointment of a new Chair is approved by the Court of Governors.

The start date for the new Chair will be negotiated with the successful candidate, but will be no later than December 2015.

SUGGESTIONS INVITED

Suggestions of those who might be suitable and expressions of interest should be sent to:

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We would appreciate receiving suggestions by **20 June 2014**.