UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL
ANNUAL MEETING OF COURT: 2 DECEMBER 2016

REAPPOINTMENT OF PRO-CHANCELLOR

AGENDA ITEM 9

Court is asked to: APPROVE the reappointment of Prof Richard Hodder-Williams as Pro Chancellor for a second three year term from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2019.

The Board of Trustees NOMINATES TO COURT the reappointment of Professor Richard Hodder-Williams as a Pro Chancellor of the University of Bristol.

Statute 4 provides that Pro Chancellors shall be elected by Court, on the nomination of the Board of Trustees. Pro Chancellors shall hold office for three year terms, subject to a maximum of two such terms, unless Court by special resolution determines otherwise. Professor Hodder-Williams has served one such term, and is eligible for reappointment.

Professor Hodder-Williams has very ably served as Pro Chancellor of the University since 1 January 2014, regularly attending events and activities on behalf of the Chancellor and otherwise engaging actively with University life.

Biography

Professor Richard Hodder-Williams read PPE at the University of Oxford before starting his academic career at the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1965. He was appointed a lecturer in politics at the University of Bristol in 1967 and was promoted to Reader and to a personal chair. He specialized in the politics of development in East and Central Africa and in the politics of the USA, especially the Supreme Court. During this period, he held appointments at, among other institutions, the University of California at Berkeley, the Australian National University, and the Universities of Cape Town and Nairobi. He was elected president of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom and Chairman of the American Politics Group of the UK Political Studies Association. From 2007 to 2008 he was High Sheriff for the County of City of Bristol. At the University of Bristol, he was head of department, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and Pro Vice-Chancellor. Outside the University, he has focused on development issues (as a member of the VSO Council and currently Treasurer of the African Educational Trust), been chairman of three separate independent schools, and played cricket among other games.