The University Court is asked to **APPROVE** the appointments of:

- Mr Alex Willmott-Sitwell as a Pro Chancellor from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022
- Dr Andrew Sheng as a Pro Chancellor, from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022
- Dr Jackie Cornish as a Pro-Chancellor from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2023
- Mr Denis Burn as an Honorary Fellow of the University

**Executive Summary**

The Board of Trustees hereby **NOMINATES TO COURT** the appointments of:

- Mr Alex Willmott-Sitwell as a Pro Chancellor from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022 (Approved by Board of Trustees 9 November 2018)
- Dr Andrew Sheng as a Pro Chancellor, from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022 (Approved by the Board of Trustees 22 November 2019)
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- Mr Denis Burn as an Honorary Fellow of the University (Approved by Board of Trustees 25 January 2019, recommended by the Chair of Senate, on behalf of Senate)

**Pro Chancellor Appointments**

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.

In June 2019, the Nominations Committee endorsed a role description for Pro Chancellors and Board of Trustees approved this in July 2019.

The role description states that the Pro-Chancellor can also serve as a link to important communities with which the University seeks to engage. Therefore, typically, Pro-Chancellors will be individuals with backgrounds in the following sectors: Academia and/or Professional Bodies; Civil Society, and/or; the wider business community.

**Honorary Fellows**

Statute 17 states that The Board of Trustees may award honorary degrees on the recommendation of Senate, and may recommend to Court the award of honorary fellowships.
On 13 November 2018 the Honorary Degrees Committee recommended for endorsement by Senate and approval by the Board of Trustees an Honorary Fellowship for Mr Denis Burn.

On 15 April 2019, Senate endorsed an Honorary Fellowship for approval by the Board of Trustees.

On 31 May 2019, the Board of Trustees recommended for approval by Court an Honorary Fellowship for Mr Denis Burn

Report/Supporting Information

Supporting Information circulated separately

Biography of Dr Andrew Sheng
Biography of Dr Jackie Cornish
Biography of Mr Alex Willmott-Sitwell
Pro Chancellor Role Description
Nomination for Honorary Fellowship Mr Denis Burns
DATUK SERI PANGLIMA LEN (ANDREW) TAO SHENG,
Dr Andrew Sheng

Date of Birth: 31/03/1947 (age 72). Married with no children

Education:
University of Bristol, BSc Economics 1969
Chartered Accountant (FCA) 1972
University of Bristol, Honorary LLD 1999
University of Malaya, Honorary Doctorate

Association with the University of Bristol
Andrew Sheng attended the University of Bristol from 1966 to 1969, graduating with a BSc in Economics. His student residence was Churchill Hall. Andrew received an Honorary degree in 1999 and was an active member of the Hong Kong branch of Convocation and a Patron of the University’s Campaign for Resource from 2000 – 2002. Andrew was presented with the Alumni Award for International Impact at the inaugural Alumni Awards Gala Dinner in March 2019. In his acceptance speech he spoke about his gratitude for the excellent education he received at Bristol, and meeting lifelong friends and his wife, Dr Suan Poh Lim (PhD Psychology 1976).

Career
Following his graduation from Bristol he trained as a chartered accountant at Arthur Anderson in London. He returned to Malaysia in 1972 and worked on banking regulation at Bank Negara Malaysia. He worked with the World Bank in Washington DC from 1989 to 1993. He then moved to Hong Kong and became Deputy Chief Executive at the Hong Kong Monetary Authority from 1993 to 1998 and later Chair of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong from 1998 to 2005. In 2013 TIME named Andrew as ‘one of the 100 most influential people in the world’.

Andrew is now semi-retired, but still holds several high-profile advisory and non-executive roles including Chief Adviser to the China Banking Regulatory Commission and is an adviser to the United Nations Environment Program Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System. He is also an Adjunct Professor at the Graduate School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, Beijing and the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. In 2009, he became the Pro-Chancellor of Universiti Tun Abdul Razak. He writes regularly on international finance and economics, financial regulation and global governance for Project Syndicate, AsiaNewsNet and leading economic magazines and newspapers in China and Asia.

Philanthropic interests and motivation
In both his financial and writing careers, Andrew has been very focused on big global issues. Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz described him as a “devoted international public servant …
who helps the world understand what is arguably the biggest economic challenge of our era: the rebalancing of the global economy and what has to be done, especially within financial markets, to ensure economic stability and shared prosperity."

Andrew and Suan Poh are committed to the development of Malaysia and are passionate about the role of higher education in providing opportunities for young people. Andrew plays a prominent role at the Wawasan Open University (WOU) in Penang and are discussing potential collaboration between WOU and Bristol with the PVC Global Engagement, Erik Lithander and the Director of DARO, Steve O’Connor. WOU is focused on equipping students with industry-relevant knowledge and skills. Andrew and Suan Poh have worked closely with WOU to open the George Town Institute of Open and Advanced Studies at the University but the level of any financial support they have provided is unknown.

Andrew and Suan Poh have made two gifts to Bristol: £10,000 in 2000 and £20,000 in 2003. Both were to support the Hong Kong branch of Convocation Scholarship. They are now ‘estate planning’ and want their legacy to be wide ranging in impact. They have considered the funding of future scholarships for students from Sabah (the home of Suan Poh’s mother) and Penang (the home of Andrew’s mother) to study at Bristol.

**SOURCES:**

[http://andrewsheng.net/biodata.html](http://andrewsheng.net/biodata.html)

Raiser’s Edge database and previous meeting notes
DR JACKIE CORNISH OBE

Date of Birth: 08/07/1948 (age 71)

Education: University of Bristol, MBChB 1972
            University of Bristol, Honorary DSc 2014

Association with the University
Jacqueline (known as Jackie) Cornish attended the University of Bristol from 1967 to 1972, graduating with a medical degree. Throughout her career in Bristol, she has worked closely with the medical school, helping it obtain significant funding to support cell biology research. Most recently, while serving as National Clinical Director, she was instrumental in the awarding of the Neonatal Gene Study project to Dr Karen Luyt, reader in Neonatal Medicine at Bristol Medical School. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in 2014, with her oration given by Dr Esther Crawley. Jackie has also been the Chair of the University’s Expert Advisory Group on Mental Health since 2018.

Career
Jackie has over 20 years’ experience working in medical management in the NHS, much of it based in Bristol. Following her graduation, Jackie held several appointments largely in Bristol and the South West before specialising in paediatrics and sub-specialising in Childhood Cancer and Leukaemia at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children. Jackie was instrumental in the development of what has now become a national and international referral centre for paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant.

Jackie then became a Consultant at the Bristol Royal Hospital for Children in Paediatric Bone Marrow Transplant. She then moved into medical management and was Director of Paediatric Haematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant from 1996 until 2001 and Assistant Clinical Director for Acute Medical Services at the Children’s Hospital from 2001 to 2003. Jackie took up the post of Clinical Director of the Children’s Hospital in January 2003, responsible for more than 100 consultant staff involved in the delivery of care to children.

In July 2005 Jackie was appointed to the post of Head of Division Women’s and Children’s Services, UBHT, with a total staff of 2,500. In this role she was actively engaged at a local level in the strategy defining the overall health care delivery to Bristol. Despite the number of management roles Jackie held in Bristol, she remained a practicing clinician throughout.

In 2013, Jackie was appointed to the post of National Clinical Director for Children, Young People and Transition to Adulthood in NHS England. In this role she advised the government on improving paediatric health care across all areas of the NHS. Her second term in this role finished in October 2019. Jackie was awarded an OBE in June 2003 for services to paediatric medicine.

Philanthropic interests and motivation
Jackie is an active citizen of Bristol. She has been a member of The Society of Merchant Venturers since 2007, only the third woman to be admitted as a member. Her passion and enthusiasm for education has resulted in her serving as a Governor at Colston Girls’ School.
since 2008, and in September 2017 she became a **trustee of the Venturers Trust**, supporting the work of all nine academies within the group. She has introduced a training programme into all the SMV schools for the building of mental health and wellbeing resilience in staff and pupils, including instruction on the early detection and intervention of mental health problems in pupils.

Jackie is shortly due to take over as **President of the Grateful Society** (founded 1758), one of the three ancient societies within Bristol that support the care of older people across the City.

**SOURCES:**

http://www.colstonsgirls.org/777/governors
https://www.england.nhs.uk/author/dr-jacqueline-cornish/
Raiser’s Edge database and previous meeting notes
ALEXANDER WILMOT-SITWELL

Date of Birth: 16/03/1961 (age 58)

Education: University of Bristol, BA History 1983

Association with the University of Bristol
Alex Wilmot-Sitwell attended the University of Bristol from 1980 to 1983, graduating with a BA in History. His student residence was Goldney Hall and his student experience informed his lifelong advocacy for higher education and his philanthropic support for his alma mater. Since 2005 he has donated £141,000 to the University including a major gift of £125,000 towards a post-doctoral research fellowship for an ocean acidification project. Alex sat on the Centenary Campaign Board (2007-2014), during which time he helped to secure c£40m in philanthropic donations and grants as part of the Campaign’s £100m funding target in support of the University’s strategic priorities. He continues to be actively committed to supporting his University and helping to grow an engaged alumni community.

Career
Alex has been a Partner of Perella Weinberg Partners, a global financial services firm, since September 2018. The business provides corporate advisory and asset management services. He has more than 30 years of investment banking experience. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg, Alex was President of Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) at BAML with responsibility for the execution and development of the bank’s strategy and business activities in the EMEA region.

From 1996 to 2012, Alex was with UBS, serving in numerous leadership positions, including Chief Executive Officer of the Asia Pacific region at UBS AG, Co-CEO of UBS Investment Bank and Co-Head of Global Investment Banking Department. He began his career at Robert Fleming in the corporate finance department in South Africa. Over his career, he has actively worked with clients across multiple sectors and geographies and across a wide range of situations, including for Anglo American, Lloyds Banking Group, Old Mutual, Shell, Diageo, Prudential, and Mondi. Alex is a well-known figure in finance and has been ranked as one of the 100 most influential people in the City of London.

Philanthropic interests and motivation
Alex is involved with a range of charities with an accent on widening access, combating educational inequality and improving health and social mobility.

Alex was a Vice-President of Save the Children UK from 2008-2014 and he and his wife Fiona supports the Royal Marsden Hospital. Alex also has a long and active involvement with the Sutton Trust initially through their partnership with BAML and was personally asked by Sir Peter Lampl to join Sutton’s Strategic Advisory and Development Board after he left the bank. Alex is quoted on
their website as saying: “We are delighted to be involved in this project and I commend Sutton Trust for their work in helping to address the inequality that still exists for so many young people across the UK.” He also supports the scholarships programme at Rugby School.

He is an active patron and benefactor of the Arts and sits on the Advisory Board of the National Theatre whose mission is to make world-class theatre accessible to all. During Alex’s time at BAML, the partnership with the bank supported the Theatre’s redevelopment and learning programmes. Alex is quoted as saying “I am extremely supportive of organisations that develop programmes which give young people the knowledge, the skills and the inspiration they need to succeed. As the National Theatre’s Partner for Learning, we are able to combine the arts, together with STEM subjects, to ensure that creativity and vision help to develop our future workforce.”

**Family**

Alex and his wife Fiona have three children, the youngest of which, Benedict, graduated from the University of Bristol in 2018 with a BSc in Politics and International Relations. Alex’s niece, Martha, started at the University in September 2018 and is studying a BA in Anthropology.

**SOURCES:**

https://www.pwppartners.com/employee/alex-wilmot-sitwell

Raiser’s Edge database and previous meeting notes
The Pro-Chancellor has a significant ceremonial role within the University. This document describes the nature of the role, the attributes sought in a Pro-Chancellor, as well as the time commitment associated with the role. The appointment process is also described below.

Purpose of the role of Pro-Chancellor and current core responsibilities
The current core responsibilities of a Pro-Chancellor are as follows:

• In the absence of the Chancellor, to exercise all functions of the Chancellor such as presiding at meetings of Court and the Alumni Association.
• The Pro-Chancellors play a key role in the institution but do not become involved in day-to-day executive management, which is the responsibility of the Vice-Chancellor. The Pro-Chancellors form part of the senior lay/ceremonial structure of the University.
• To act as an ambassador for the University, promoting its activities in the wider community and to assist with the philanthropic activity and fundraising projects of the University.
• To attend a number of the University’s degree ceremonies every year.
• To attend other formal and informal meetings, both at the University and externally, as necessary, for example Pro Chancellors are members of the University Honorary Degrees Committee and are required to prepare for and attend these meetings, which take place up to two times per year.

Sectors
The Pro-Chancellor can also serve as a link to important communities with which the University seeks to engage. Therefore, typically, Pro-Chancellors will be individuals with backgrounds in the following sectors:
1. Academia and/or Professional Bodies;
2. Civil Society, and/or;
3. The wider business community.

Personal experience and attributes
The qualities sought in Pro-Chancellors are as follows:
• A strong personal commitment to higher education and the values, aims and objectives of the University.
• An empathy with the interests and ambitions of the staff, students, and alumni for the success of the University.
• Networking, influencing and advocacy skills.
• A demonstrable understanding of the importance of, and a commitment to, equality and diversity
• Respect for confidentiality.

The University is committed to diversity and will seek to demonstrate that commitment in the appointment of Pro-Chancellors.
Pro-Chancellors are expected to act in accordance with the University’s Code of Conduct for members of the University’s Board of Trustees.

**Time commitment:** The time commitment of a Pro-Chancellor will vary depending on his or her interests and availability, as well as the Chancellor’s schedule. The total time commitment is likely to be around **5 days per year.**

**Appointment process:** The Pro-Chancellor or Pro-Chancellors are be elected by the Court of the University on the nomination of the Board of Trustees. Prior to (or upon, if the vacancy occurs unexpectedly) a vacancy arising for a Pro-Chancellor, the Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor will together consider the balance and range of skills, backgrounds and experience of existing Pro-Chancellors and will recommend to the Board individuals appropriate to fulfil the role of Pro-Chancellor. Typically, as noted above, Pro-Chancellors will come from one of three sectors: (i) academia and/or professional bodies; (ii) civil society and (iii) the business community.

**Term of Office:** The Pro-Chancellors shall hold office for three-year terms, subject to a maximum of two such terms, unless Court by special resolution determines otherwise. A Pro-Chancellor may resign at any time by a letter sent to Court through the Secretary.
NOMINATION FOR AN HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

An Honorary Fellowship is the highest honour a University can bestow. The title is awarded rarely by the University of Bristol and recognises outstanding distinction in an academic field and/or a particular and consistent contribution over a period of time to the life of the University.

NAME AND TITLE OF NOMINEE: Mr Denis Burn

PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION: Previously, Chair of the University Board of Trustees

REASONS FOR NOMINATION:

Denis Burn joined the Board (called ‘Council’ at that time) in February 2006 as the representative of the Merchant Venturers and was subsequently directly appointed by Court as a Lay member of Council from January 2010 when he also became the Chair. The University would like to formally recognise Mr Burn's consistent contribution over a period of time to the life of the University.

BRISTOL CONNECTION, IF ANY, OR RATIONALE FOR FORMING A CONNECTION

Member of the University Board of Trustees from 2006, Chair of the Board from 2010, has BSc in Engineering from Bristol, and is a past Master of the Merchant Venturers of Bristol. Mr Burn also has a number of public and charitable interests linked to education and culture, including Trustee of the Bristol Old Vic, and he was the founding Chair of the Merchants' Academy in Bristol and South Bristol Youth that supports young people from disadvantaged wards in Bristol.

NOMINATOR(S): Vice-Chancellor, Professor Hugh Brady