

**Minute of a decision taken by correspondence (Open) Approved University
Court – 12 June 2026****110. Interim Vice-Chair of Court****By Correspondence**

- (i). Court was asked to consider, by correspondence, the appointment of an Interim Vice-Chair of Court, while the current Vice-Chair, Colin Graham is serving as Interim Chair of Court.
- (ii). Deputy Principal and University Secretary, Caroline Summers had previously asked for expressions of interest by 31 May 2026. One nomination was received: Veronica Lynch (proposed by Antony Marks, seconded by Lynne Hamilton).
- (iii). Given the possible unavailability of the Interim Chair, the appointment of an Interim Vice-Chair was brought forward to ensure continuity and the ongoing effectiveness of Court. Approval was sought by correspondence on 5 June 2026, with a five working day response period, to enable an appointment ahead of the 17 June 2026 Court meeting.
- (iv). Court was reminded that the Vice-Chair role profile applies and that the Interim Vice-Chair would act in the absence of the Interim Chair. The proposed term was from immediate effect until either a permanent Chair takes up post (when interim arrangements cease) or until the end of her final term (31 December 2026), whichever is sooner.
- (v). Members had been asked to indicate by 12:00 on 9 June 2026 if they wished to defer the decision to the 17 June meeting; no requests were received.
- (vi). Responses were received from 20 of the current 23 members of Court. Of those, all approved the appointment; V. Lynch abstained from the decision in respect of her own nomination.

Outcome: Court approved the appointment of Veronica Lynch as Interim Vice-Chair with immediate effect until a permanent Chair takes up post and interim arrangements cease or 31 December 2026, when her term ends, whichever is sooner.

Secretary to Court: Caroline Summers

12 June 2026