

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA POLICY

Policy:	THE CHANCELLOR
Effective Date:	January 25, 2011
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Review Date:	June 26, 2028
Approving Body:	Board of Governors and Senate
Authority:	<i>The University of Manitoba Act</i> Section 51
Responsible Executive Officer:	University Secretary
Delegate:	
Contact:	University Secretary
Application:	Board of Governors members; Senate members; All members of the University of Manitoba Community

Part I Reason for Policy

- 1.1 The reason for this Policy is to provide a detailed description of the duties of and qualities desired in a Chancellor.

Part II Policy Content

- 2.1 As titular head of the University, the Chancellor serves an important volunteer and leadership role. The following sections outline the duties of the Chancellor and the qualities sought in a Chancellor.

Duties of the Chancellor

- 2.2 The Chancellor shall:
- (a) confer degrees at all convocation ceremonies of the University;
 - (b) be an advisor and counselor to the President;

- (c) facilitate the administration's efforts to make the case for universities in government and other arenas;
- (d) add to the ability of the University's senior officers to represent and respond to the diverse interests found among the University's students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends;
- (e) attend, to host or to speak at a number of University and community events throughout the year;
- (f) be an essential contributor to the good governance of the University. The Chancellor is a voting member of the Board of Governors and the Senate. The Chancellor chairs the Chancellor's Committee, the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and the Peter D. Curry Chancellor's Award Selection Committee. The Chancellor is also a member of the Board of Governors Executive, Human Resources and Compensation, Governance and Board Development and Advancement Committees;
- (g) lend support to the philanthropic and alumni relations initiatives of the University when called upon.

Qualities sought in the Chancellor

2.3 While each Chancellor will bring different qualities to the role, ideally the Chancellor will possess the following qualities:

- (a) ideally, the Chancellor will be an alumnus of, and have an established relationship with, the University and a strong connection to Manitoba;
- (b) the Chancellor will demonstrate an unquestioned commitment to the University and will exemplify and symbolize the University by his/her/their conduct and the standards he/she/they sets;
- (c) the Chancellor will have experience and contacts which add to those of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors, the President and other members of the Executive Team;
- (d) the Chancellor will have experience serving on governing boards;
- (e) the Chancellor will be credible in fundraising campaigns and have the respect of many of the groups with which the University must cultivate and maintain relations; and
- (f) the Chancellor will be an articulate and effective communicator, comfortable in a wide variety of public and private settings and across a diverse range of audiences.

- 2.4 The President is designated as the Vice-Chancellor of the University and shall act for the Chancellor in the absence of the Chancellor.

Part III Accountability

- 3.1 The Office of Legal Counsel is responsible for advising the University Secretary that a formal review of the Policy is required.
- 3.2 The University Secretary is responsible for the implementation, administration and review of this Policy.
- 3.3 Board of Governors members, Senate members and all members of the University of Manitoba community are responsible for complying with this Policy.

Part IV Authority to Approve Procedures

- 4.1 The Approving Bodies may approve Procedures, if applicable, which are secondary to and comply with this Policy.

Part V Review

- 5.1 Governing Document reviews shall be conducted every ten (10) years. The next scheduled review date for this Policy is June 26, 2028.
- 5.2 In the interim, this Policy may be revised or repealed if:
- (a) the University Secretary or Approving Bodies deems it necessary or desirable to do so;
 - (b) the Policy is no longer legislatively or statutorily compliant; and/or
 - (c) the Policy is now in conflict with another Governing Document.
- 5.3 If this Policy is revised or repealed, all Secondary Documents will be reviewed as soon as reasonably possible in order to ensure that they:
- (a) comply with the revised Policy; or
 - (b) are in turn repealed.

Part VI
Effect on Previous Statements

- 6.1 This Policy supersedes all of the following:
- (a) all previous Board of Governors/Senate Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein; and
 - (b) all previous Administration Governing Documents on the subject matter contained herein.

Part VII
Cross References

- 7.1 This Policy should be cross referenced to the following relevant Governing Documents, legislation and/or forms:
- (a) [Election of the Chancellor Policy](#)