

Osaka University Presidential Selection Regulations

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(Purpose)

Article 1:

The purpose of Osaka University Presidential Selection Regulations (“these Regulations”) is to stipulate matters necessary for the Presidential Selection and Scrutiny Committee (“Committee”) to select the President of Osaka University under Paragraph 2 of Article 12 of the National University Corporation Act (Act No. 112 of 2003).

(Timing of Presidential Selection)

Article 2:

1. The Committee shall select the President when:

- (1) The term of the President expires;
- (2) The President tenders his or her resignation to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology;
- (3) The position of President becomes vacant; or
- (4) The President is dismissed.

2. Presidential selection for the reason specified in (1) above shall be conducted at least two (2) months prior to the date of expiration, and for the reason specified in (2), (3) or (4) above shall be conducted immediately.

(Qualities and Competencies of President)

Article 3:

1. The Committee shall define the “Desired Attributes of the President” to specify the qualities and competencies required of the President of Osaka University.
2. The Committee shall make public the “Desired Attributes of the President” before starting the presidential selection process.

(Nomination of Presidential Candidates)

Article 4:

1. Presidential candidates shall be nominated by the President, Executive Directors and staff of Osaka University.
2. The following persons shall be entitled to nominate a presidential candidate. One person may

nominate one candidate only.

(1) Professors, associate professors, and associate professors (lecturers) who work at Osaka University on a dedicated basis

(2) Administrative staff and technical staff of Osaka University who hold positions on a dedicated basis as a Director (including Head of Audit Office; Senior Director, Vice Director and Specially Assigned Director of the Administration Bureau. The same shall apply to Item 2 of Paragraph 3 of Article 11 below), Head, Director and Vice Director of the Department of Pharmacy, Director and Vice Director of the Department of Nursing, and Director of the Department of Medical Technology

(3) President and Executive Directors of Osaka University

3. Eligibility as a presidential candidate shall require nominations by at least thirty (30) persons.

4. Nomination of a presidential candidate shall be accompanied by the following documents:

(1) Nomination form for candidate as President of Osaka University

(2) List of nominators and letters of recommendation

(3) Reason for nomination

(4) Policy statement

(5) Resume

Article 5:

The Committee shall be entitled to nominate a presidential candidate.

Article 6:

Matters necessary for the nomination of presidential candidates not specified in Articles 4 and 5 above shall be set forth separately.

(Announcement of Presidential Candidates)

Article 7:

The Committee shall announce the names of the presidential candidates nominated pursuant to Articles 4 and 5 above and make public their policy statements and resumes internally within Osaka University.

(Interview with Presidential Candidates)

Article 8:

The Committee shall interview all the presidential candidates.

(Policy Statement of Presidential Candidates)

Article 9:

1. The Committee shall give all the presidential candidates the opportunity to issue a policy statement.

2. Procedures for issuing a policy statement under the preceding Paragraph shall be set forth separately.

(Open Discussions for Presidential Candidates)

Article 10:

1. The Committee shall provide an opportunity for open discussions for all presidential candidates.
2. Procedures regarding the implementation of open discussions stated under the preceding Paragraph shall be set forth separately.

Article 11:

1. The Committee shall conduct a survey on the intention within the University (“internal survey”) for all presidential candidates.
2. The time, date and venue of the internal survey shall be determined by the Committee.
3. The internal survey shall be conducted by means of voting. Eligible voters shall be the following persons:
 - (1) Professors who work at Osaka University on a dedicated basis
 - (2) Administrative staff and technical staff of Osaka University who hold positions on a dedicated basis as a Director, as well as Director of the Department of Pharmacy, Department of Nursing, and Department of Medical Technology
 - (3) President and Executive Directors of Osaka University
4. The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot with a single entry using the prescribed ballot paper.
5. The vote shall be held once when there are three or fewer presidential candidates, and twice when there are four or more presidential candidates. In case of the latter, the three highest-ranked candidates from the first vote (plus the candidate(s) who tied in third place in the first vote, if any) shall move on to the second vote.
6. The member of the Committee appointed in advance by the Chairperson of said committee shall be responsible for the voting process.

(Internal Survey)

Article 12:

Matters necessary for the internal survey not stipulated herein shall be set forth separately.

(Selection of President-elect)

Article 13:

1. The Committee shall make a selection based on a comprehensive judgment of matters concerning presidential candidates, referring to the results of the interviews and the internal survey, and then the

members of A shall vote to select the President-elect.

2. Voting stipulated in the preceding Paragraph shall be by a signed, single-entry ballot. The candidate who receives the majority of valid votes shall be the President-elect.

3. If no candidate receives a majority of valid votes in a ballot conducted pursuant to the preceding Paragraph, then the two highest-ranked candidates (“Two Top Candidates”) shall again undergo a signed, single-entry ballot, and the candidate who receives the majority of valid votes shall be selected as the President-elect.

4. In case the candidate receiving the most votes is followed by two or more candidates who are tied for the second highest number of votes in the first vote, then the Committee shall select one of the tied candidates as the second candidate for the Two Top Candidates by a signed, single-entry ballot in which each voter names one candidate. In case three or more candidates are tied for the highest number of votes in the first vote, then the Committee shall select the Two Top Candidates from among them by a signed ballot in which each voter names two candidates.

5. If the vote conducted pursuant to the preceding Paragraph is tied, then the Chairperson of the Committee shall select the Two Top Candidates (or one additional candidate to the highest ranked candidate if there is one highest ranked candidate and two or more second-ranked candidates) at his or her own discretion.

6. If the vote conducted pursuant to Paragraph 3 above is tied, then the Chairperson of the Committee shall select one of them as the President-elect at his or her own discretion.

7. In selecting the President-elect, etc. pursuant to the two preceding Paragraphs, the Chairperson of the Committee shall make the decision based on the evaluation of the said presidential candidate by the members of the Committee with reference to the “Desired Attributes of the President” stipulated in Article 3 above.

8. Following the selection of the President-elect, the Committee shall notify the President or the acting President thereof.

9. Following the notification stipulated in the preceding Paragraph, the President or the acting President shall immediately apply to the Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology for the appointment of the next President, and make public the result of the presidential selection, along with the reason and process of the selection undertaken by the Committee without delay.

(Term of Presidency)

Article 14:

1. The President shall serve a term of six (6) years.

2. The President may not be reappointed.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 1 above, the term of service of the President selected

for any of the reasons specified in Items 2 to 4 of Paragraph 1 of Article 2 shall be until March 31, following the five years after his or her inauguration.

(Miscellaneous Provision)

Article 15:

Any questions arising in connection with the interpretation of any of the provisions contained in these regulations shall be resolved by the Committee.

Article 16:

Matters necessary for the selection of the President not specified in these regulations shall be set forth separately by the Committee.

Supplementary Provision

1. These Regulations shall come into effect on April 1, 2015.
2. The person who holds the office of the President of Osaka University as of the date of enforcement of these Regulations shall be deemed to have been selected under these Regulations, provided, however, that his or her term of service as President shall expire on August 25, 2015, notwithstanding the provision of Article 13 hereof.
3. If the person who holds the office of President as of the date of enforcement of these Regulations is appointed as the President-elect as a result of the first selection conducted under these Regulations, his or her term of service as the President-elect shall be two (2) years notwithstanding the provision of Article 13 hereof, provided, however, that he or she may be reappointed immediately following the expiration of said term.
4. The Osaka University Presidential Selection Regulations dated April 14, 2004 shall be abolished.

Supplementary Provision

These Regulations as amended shall come into effect on June 6, 2016.

Supplementary Provision

1. These Regulations as amended shall come into effect on February 16, 2021.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Article 13 above, the term of service of the first President appointed under the amended Regulations shall be up until March 31, following the five years after his or her inauguration. However, if the person who holds the office of President as of the date of amendment of these Regulations is reappointed as the President-elect, then his or her term of service as President shall be until March 31, 2025.

Supplementary Provision

These Regulations as amended shall come into effect on March 15, 2021.

Supplementary Provision

These Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2021.

Supplementary Provision

These Regulations as amended shall come into effect on April 1, 2022.

Supplementary Provision

These Regulations as amended shall come into effect on March 1, 2024.