

## CHANCELLOR ROLE AND ATTRIBUTES GUIDELINES

Approval Authority: Board of Governors

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### 1. Role of the Chancellor

The Chancellor is the titular head of the University, carrying out the ceremonial and official functions of the University. The Chancellor is an *ex-officio* member of the Board of Governors and of the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee. The Chancellor's specific responsibilities include:

- Presiding at convocation ceremonies and conferring all degrees, honorary degrees, certificates, and diplomas on behalf of the University.
- Hosting, attending, or presiding at other special University events.
- Representing the University in an official capacity at external functions from time to time and advancing the University's mission through the role of an ambassador, when called upon by the President.
- Supporting and promoting the mission and values of the University.
- Promoting and furthering the strategic goals and ambitions of the University.
- Act in an advisory and a supportive role to the President.
- Providing leadership and advice in fundraising campaigns and in relations with donors.

The position is a voluntary one, unremunerated except for expenses. Serving as Chancellor, therefore, constitutes significant public service.

### 2. Attributes

- Is distinguished in their field and has a significant public profile, provincially, nationally, or internationally
- Will promote NOSM U's social accountability mandate with a commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism
- Has a strong commitment to the position and an ability to champion the University in diverse settings and with diverse groups
- Can commit to the role, and would not be in a conflict of commitment between NOSM U and any other postsecondary institutes
- Has the personal traits necessary to be an effective advocate for the University, including communication and interpersonal skills.

- Has experience building and maintaining connections with people and organizations
- Has demonstrated ability to understand and be sensitive to the needs and concerns of all members of a University community

**3. Authorities and Officers**

The authorities and officers for this document are as follows:

- Approving Authority: Board of Governors
- Designated Executive Officer: President
- Procedural Authority: President
- Procedural Officer: University Secretary

**4. Relevant Legislation/Documents**

- [Northern Ontario School of Medicine University Act, 2021](#), S.O. 2021, c. 25, Sched. 16.
- NOSM University [Regulations](#)
- [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#), R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31.
- Chancellor Appointment Policy

**Review and Revision History**

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