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Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to inform you that distinguished broadcaster and writer Kate Adie has agreed to be our new Chancellor.

Kate Adie will become our 5th Chancellor and will take on the role from Lord Nicholas Phillips, who will step down at the end of this year, after 10 years.

Kate is an internationally respected journalist and was the BBC's Chief News Correspondent from 1989 to 2003. She is also a prolific author on a range of subjects and presents *From Our Own Correspondent* on BBC Radio 4. Kate was appointed OBE in 1993 and CBE earlier this year, and has won multiple awards, including a BAFTA Fellowship in 2018 – a lifetime achievement award and the highest honour the academy can bestow. Kate, who lives in Dorset, received an honorary doctorate from BU in 2015.

Kate has spoken about her thoughts on accepting the role of Chancellor of BU and her passion for education, which can be viewed on this link https://youtu.be/McOch_L2MS4
Kate joins us as we embark on BU2025, an exciting and ambitious journey. Her long and distinguished career in broadcasting and journalism will be an inspiration both to our new graduates and the BU community.

I want to thank Lord Phillips for his distinguished service as our Chancellor over the last decade, which has been a time of major growth and development for the University. Lord Phillips has been a consistent voice of encouragement and support for BU over these last ten years, most recently at the topping out ceremony for our new Poole Gateway Building just last week.

Lord Phillips will be presiding over his last Graduation ceremonies as Chancellor in November and Kate Adie will officially take on the role from the 1st of January 2019.

Best wishes,

John Vinney
Vice-Chancellor

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