



## SENATE

### Approved Minutes:

**Wednesday 13th**

**November 2024**

**Present:** Principal

Professor S MacGregor, A Corrigan, Dr A Huang, Dr A Moreno-Rangel, A McDougall-Page, Professor A Gachagan, Dr A Ivaturi, A Mendes, Professor A Marshall, Dr A Tonner, Dr A Toumpis, C Carroll, Professor C Cassidy, Dr C Gonzalez-Longo, Professor C Mahn, Professor D Hillier, Dr D Ramsay, D Reat, Dr D Roxburgh, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Boulougouris, Professor F Henriquez-Mui, E McKee, Professor E Oterkus, Dr F Arrigo, Dr I Moore, J Carey, Dr J El-Gemayel, Professor K Boyle, Professor K Chen, Dr M Cunningham, Dr M Dobрева, Professor M Halvey, Professor M Hannon, M Revie, Professor M P Rodriguez, Dr N MacKenzie, Professor N Quinn, Dr O Ganilova, R Collins, R McHugh, S Day, S Moghadas, Professor S McArthur, Dr S Oterkus, Professor T Tuttle, W Rennison, Professor Y Perrie, Dr Z Rattray.

**Attending:** A Duncan, Professor A Galloway, B Lawton, C Breslin, C Milligan, Professor D Willison, G Watt, H Gould, Dr L Bonnar, L McKean, L Noble, Professor M Grealy, M Middlehurst, Professor P Connolly, Professor P McKenna, S Currie, Dr S Fancey, Professor S Howick.

**Apologies:** Dr A Coulson, A Edvaldsson, Professor A Wilson, A Paddison, Professor A Maier, Professor A Fletcher, Dr A Ates, Professor B Green, Professor B Wynne, Dr B McNeil, C McLaughlin, C Robb, C Wilson, Professor D Graham, E Curran, Professor G Acheson, Professor I Rivers, J Campbell, Professor J MacBryde, Dr J Young, Dr K Pyper, Dr L Gibson, Dr M Haw, Dr M Neal, Professor R Maguire, R Mujahid, Dr S Morrissey, Professor S Kuhr, Dr S Brough, Professor T Scotto, Professor T Bedford.

### OPEN BUSINESS

#### **12963. Welcome**

The Principal welcomed all members to the second meeting of Senate in AY 2024/25.

#### **12964. Minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (Paper S24-25-29)**

The minutes of the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

#### **12965. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### **12966. Senate Business Committee Report (Paper S24-25-30)**

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Committee had scrutinised the following:

1. The note of the Collaborative Provision Agreement (CPA) Subgroup which stated that since the last meeting of Senate on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 the Subgroup had processed 10 agreements – 5 of which are new agreements, 4 are renewals and 1 is an addendum to an existing agreement. 3 of these agreements were considered out of cycle and were appended to the Principal's Report for homologation (Paper S24-25-31).

Senate Business Committee also reviewed the report from the annual joint meeting of the CPA Subgroup and the Quality Assurance Committee that took place on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024, noting a total of 43 agreements were submitted for review. The Report was submitted to the September meeting of QAC and the October meeting of CPA Subgroup for approval and submitted to Senate for information.

2. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate's meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024. It was noted that the Student President and other Strath Union colleagues would be unable to attend the November meeting of Senate due to the WONKHE Festival of Higher Education Conference taking place on the same day. It was therefore agreed that the Strath Union President would provide a written report to the Senate Office which the University Secretary would speak to at Senate on the President's behalf. It was agreed that Senate would receive a recruitment update from Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategic Planning and a financial update from Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer. Gill Watt, Director, Student Experience and Ann Duncan, Deputy Director, Student Experience would present to Senate on the support put in place for our students as part of the University's Safe 360 commitment. This presentation will also incorporate an overview of the University's recent award of the Emily Test GBV (Gender-Based Violence) Charter in recognition of the work being done to tackle GBV on campus. Finally, Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal, Education, Systems and Enhancement would present Senate with an overview of the Student Journeys Working Group which has recently been established to retain oversight of institutional guidance, processes, actions and data relating to student journeys. This would be followed by an update on Learning Analytics from Caroline Breslin, Head of Education Insight, focusing on the insights that this tool can provide in enhancing the student experience.
3. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and were recommended to Senate by Senate Business Committee.
4. Requests for Senate's attention and approval were highlighted; with a recommendation that Senate give its formal approval, where requested, to reports as noted below (Minute ref 12971-12993).
5. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S24-25-31 since the last Senate meeting:
  - Educational Services Agreement with Study Group, Bahrain (Appendix 1)
  - Agreement with Agency for Human Resources Development on Communications and Informatics of the Ministry of Communications and Informatics, Indonesia (Appendix 2)
  - University-wide agreement with Embassy of Oman (Appendix 3)

- Regulation Waiver for a student within the Department of Biomedical Engineering (Paper S24-25-44)
- Collaborative agreement between Faculty of Engineering and Qingdao City University, China (Paper S24-25-44)
- Collaborative agreement between Faculty of Engineering and Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, China (Paper S24-25-44)
- Collaborative agreement between Faculty of Engineering and INSA Lyon (Paper S24-25-44)
- Procedure for Managing Students with Criminal Proceedings: minor amendments (Paper S24-25-50)

### **12967. Principal's Report**

The Principal provided a comprehensive report on news and items of interest since the last meeting, covering the following topics:

#### **Key updates**

The Principal reflected on some of the challenges facing the Higher Education sector currently, and some of the opportunities presented by the new government, specifically in areas of innovation and research.

The University has welcomed a number of prominent visitors in recent weeks, including Vivienne Stern MBE, Chief Executive of Universities UK; and Siddharth Malik, the new Consul General of India.

#### **Convener of Court Elections**

The new Convenor of Court elect, David Clark was congratulated on his successful appointment noting that he will be taking up office on 1 August 2025.

#### **Principal's Engagement Sessions and Values Survey**

Colleagues were thanked for their attendance at the recent Principal's Engagement Sessions, noting that around 1,500 colleagues attended a series of eight events. Senators were encouraged to complete the latest Values Survey which was launched on 12<sup>th</sup> November with a closing date of 10<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Achievements**

The Principal noted a number of achievements for the University, including The Herald Top Employer of the Year in both the Scotland and Large Employer categories, shortlisting for the Carer Positive 10th Anniversary Awards, and top ten and twenty positions in the Daily Mail UK University Ranking, Guardian's University League Table, and Sunday Times Good University Guide.

#### **Centre for Autism Research & Education (CARE@S)**

The Principal attended the formal launch of the University's new [Centre for Autism Research & Education](#) (CARE@S) within the Institute of Education. This Centre aims to foster employment, entrepreneurship, and mental wellbeing for the neuro-divergent community.

#### **Autumn Graduations**

Autumn graduations have taken place, with congratulations given to all recent graduates. Alumnus of the Year was awarded to Michael Bonsor, a regarded figure in the hospitality industry and who graduated with a degree in Hotel and Hospitality in 2000. He was thanked for inspiring and supporting students interested in entering the hospitality industry.

#### **Men's Health and Wellbeing**

The upcoming Men's Health Matters breakfast event on the morning of Wednesday 20th November was highlighted, noting that colleagues who have lived experience as cancer survivors would be speaking at the event.

## **Research Awards**

Award made to Dr Marc Reid in Pure and Applied Chemistry  
Project title: Computer Vision for Analytical Chemistry (CVAC)  
MRC (Medical Research Council), awarded on 24-Oct-2024

Award made to Dr Ehsan Mohseni in Electronic and Electrical Engineering  
Project title: KTP - ETHER NDE Limited. The project will design build test and commercialise a High-Temperature Eddy Current (EC) Non-Destructive Array Probe and Controller.  
Innovate UK / Ether NDE Limited, awarded on 07-Oct-2024

Award made to Dr Jun Li in Chemical and Process Engineering  
Project title: Supergen Bioenergy Impact Focused Hub  
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 10-Oct-2024

Award made to Dr Valeria Mantilla Morales in History  
Project title: Navigating Amphibious Lives: Women race and environments in Colombia c. 1750-1850  
British Academy, awarded on 25-Oct-2024

Award made to Professor Hannah Batchelor in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences  
Project title: Revolutionising relative bioavailability testing: Using AI-PAT to Eliminate Animal Models  
National Centre for the Replacement Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research NC3Rs, awarded on 27-Sep-2024

Award made to Dr Marco Fossati in Mechanical And Aerospace Engineering  
Project title: Hyperspectral Detection (IR to UV) Re-entry Signatures from Orbit  
European Space Agency ESA, awarded on 07-Oct-2024

Award made to Dr Markus Gehrsitz in Economics  
Project title: Understanding Offender Rehabilitation and Supervision  
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 08-Oct-2024

Award made to Dr Blair Johnston in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences  
Project title: SHARPEN: SHARing data to accelerate Pharmaceutical manufacturing Efficiency across trusted Networks  
Innovate UK, awarded on 18-Sep-2024

Award made to Professor Xuerong Mao in Mathematics and Statistics  
Project title: DMS-EPSRC: Stabilization using feedback controls numerical methods for stochastic systems and systems with mean-field interactions (EPSRC / NSF scheme)  
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 18-Oct-2024

Award made to Professor John Bachtler in European Policies Research Centre  
Project title: Regional Policy in Europe: A Comparative Assessment (EoRPA\_FR\_24\_26

#### **12968. Student Voice**

Dr Stuart Fancey, University Secretary, presented the Student Voice update on behalf of Eva Curran, Strath Union President, noting that all members of the Student Executive were attending the WONKHE Festival of Higher Education on the day of Senate. The update noted the upcoming 16 Days of Action event focusing on issues of Gender Based Violence, with Senators encouraged to support the Fight for the Night event taking place on 28<sup>th</sup> November. The updated [Strategic Alliance Framework](#) has been signed and a detailed update will be provided at the next meeting of Senate. It was noted that live music is returning to Strath Union to support emerging and local artists and that Movember activities are underway to raise money to support men's mental health. A number of projects on the cost of living crisis are taking place, including a student pantry for food and toiletries.

#### **12969. Update on Safe 360 and the support in place for our students**

Gill Watt, Director, Student Experience, and Ann Duncan, Deputy Director, Student Experience, presented to Senate on the support put in place for our students as part of the University's Safe 360 commitment. An overview of the University's recent award of the Emily Test GBV (Gender-Based Violence) Charter was presented. This is in recognition of the work being done to tackle GBV on campus. The new MyPlace modules for both staff and students on wellbeing, mental health, and suicide awareness developed in partnership with NHS Education for Scotland and Public Health Scotland were highlighted.

#### **12970. Student Journeys Working Group and Strathclyde's Learning Analytics Update**

Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal, Education, Systems and Enhancement, and Caroline Breslin, Head of Education Insight, provided Senate with an overview of the work of the Student Journeys Working Group and the Learning Analytics project. This included the functions and remit of the new working group, an overview of the insights that Learning Analytics can provide in enhancing the student experience, and a demonstration of the Pulse Check Dashboard. The Dashboard allows staff to track student engagement with their programmes in real time across a number of demographic factors.

#### **12971. Recruitment and Financial Update**

Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategic Planning, provided Senate with a recruitment update. The recruitment numbers across the different student groups for intake in September 2024-25 were presented. Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, presented Senate with an overview of income and expenditure movements for 2024-25, focusing on quarter one of the current financial year.

### **Items for Approval**

#### **12972. Academic Year Key Dates: Key Dates for AY 2028-29 (Paper S24-25-33)**

On the recommendation of Senate Business Committee Senate APPROVED: the proposed dates for AY 2028-29 (year 5) for publication on the University's Key Dates webpages in November 2024; the proposed 'formal assessment period' dates (formerly referred to as the 'resit examination diet') from AY 2024-25 through to AY 2044-45; the 5-year rolling publication of proposed 'formal assessment period' dates, with November 2024 publication of dates for AY 2024-25 through to AY 2028-29; the proposed University winter closure dates from AY 2024-25 to AY 2028-29; and, the 5-year rolling publication of the proposed University winter closure dates.

## **Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate**

### **12973. Executive Team Report (Paper S24-25-34)**

Senate **noted** the report.

### **12974. Court Report (Paper S24-25-35)**

Senate **noted** the report.

### **12975. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S24-25-36)**

Senate **noted** the report.

### **12976. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S24-25-37)**

Senate **noted** the report.

### **12977. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-38)**

Senate **noted** this report.

### **12978. Learning Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-39)**

Senate **noted** this report.

### **12979. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Paper S24-25-40)**

Senate **noted** this report.

### **12980. Research and Knowledge Exchange Report (Paper S24-25-41)**

Senate

- **noted** the report;

- **recommended** the following for Court approval:

- Research Integrity Concordat Annual Statement 2023-24
- Researcher Development Concordat Annual Statement 2023-24

### **12981. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S24-25-42)**

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the amendment to an existing programme:
  - MSc in International Accounting and Finance
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programme:
  - MSc in International Banking and Finance

### **12982. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S24-25-43)**

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
  - LLM Human Rights Law with a specialisation in Medical Law – new pathway
  - LLM International Commercial Law with a specialisation in Antitrust Law – new pathway

- LLM/MSc International Maritime Law
- **approved** the following amendments to existing programmes:
  - MSc Psychology with specialisation in Health and MSc Psychology with specialisation in Business
  - PGDE
  - MLitt Media and Communications – change to MSc
  - MLitt Digital Journalism – change to MSc
  - MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy – part-time
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programme:
  - MSc Politics with specialisation in European Politics and MSc Politics with specialisation in Comparative Politics
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
  - Tiangong University
- **noted** the following:
  - Appointment of Associate Dean (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)

### **12983. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S24-25-44)**

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programme:
  - Graduate Diploma in Architectural Studies
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
  - Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India
  - Taylor's University, Malaysia
- **approved** the following regulation waiver:
  - Regulation waiver to amend compulsory modules in the MSc Subsea and Pipeline Engineering programme
- **noted** the following:
  - Recognition of Prior Learning Request
  - Collaborative Agreement – Qingdao City University, China
  - Collaborative Agreement – Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, China

### **12984. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S24-25-45)**

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
  - University of Waterloo (Canada)
  - Al Kitab (Iraq)
- **approved** the request to waive regulation 52 of the General Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Taught Students from the Department of Computer and Information Science.
- **noted** the following:
  - Appointment of Associate Dean (Academic)

#### **New Policy: for approval**

There were no items submitted for approval under this section of the agenda.

#### **Revised Policy: for endorsement**

The policies presented under this section of the agenda have been approved at a previous Senate and amended versions are presented here for endorsement.

**12985. Dignity and Respect Policy – minor amendments (PAPER S24-25-46)**

These amendments are part of a review being conducted by HR of all people-related processes to ensure they are up to date, socially progressive and accessible. The Dignity and Respect Policy has not undergone full review however the amendments made create consistency with other policies.

Senate ENDORSED this Policy.

**12986. Research Code of Practice – minor amendments (PAPER S24-25-47)**

These amendments have been made as part of Research and Knowledge Exchange Service's annual review of policies and include clarification of points and the inclusion of a new section on the responsible use of Generative AI.

Senate ENDORSED this Policy.

**Reserved business: for approval**

**12987. Student Business Report (Paper S24-25-48)**

Senate **approved** this report.

**12988. Student Discipline Report (Paper S24-25-49)**

Senate **approved** this report.

**Items for Information**

**12989. Procedure for Managing Students with Criminal Proceedings: minor amendments (PAPER S24-25-50)**

Senate noted that minor amendments have been made to this Procedure to bring it into line with the Complaints Handling Procedure. These amendments have been considered by both QAC and ESC. These amendments were approved by the Principal out of cycle on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**12990. Student Discipline Procedures - Academic and Non-academic Misconduct: minor amendments (PAPER S24-25-51)**

Senate noted that minor amendments have been made to both Procedures to bring it into line with the Complaints Handling Procedure. These amendments have been considered by both QAC and ESC. These amendments were approved by the Principal out of cycle on 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**12991. Briefing on Scottish Funding Council (SFC) Guidance for Colleges and Universities AY 2024-25 to AY 2030-31 (PAPER S24-25-52)**

This paper contains details of the SFC Guidance on Quality and details the new arrangements in place for quality assurance and enhancement provision delivered at funded institutions. The guide covers the first cycle of Scotland's Tertiary Quality Enhancement Framework (TQEF), AY 2024-25 to AY 2030-31.

**12992. Outcome Agreement Self-evaluation Report 2023-24 (PAPER S24-25-53)**

The paper summarises the University's achievements against the commitments set out in the Outcome Agreement 2023-24.

**12993. Research Assurance and Accountability Return 2023-24 (PAPER S24-25-54)**

The paper reports on the use of the Research Excellence Grant (REG) and Research Postgraduate Grant (RPG).



The paper provides case studies to highlight how REG and RPG supports activities at Strathclyde.

**12994. Knowledge Exchange and Innovation Fund: Strategy for 2025-26 to 2029-30 (PAPER S24-25-55)**

The document outlines Strathclyde's areas of focus in knowledge Exchange & Innovation over the strategic period and how these align with Scottish Government priorities.