



SENATE

**Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 26th March
2025**

Present: Principal

Professor S MacGregor, Professor A Maier, D A Huang, Dr A Moreno-Rangel, A McDougall-Page, Professor A Marshall, A Mendes, Dr A Toumpis, C Whitley, C McLaughlin (until end of business meeting), Dr C Gonzalez-Longo, C Wilson, Professor D Hillier, Dr D Reat, Dr D Roxburgh, Professor D Robinson, D Finn, Dr D Ramsay, Professor D Brodie, E McKee, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Oterkus, Dr F Arrigo, Dr G MacIntyre, Professor G Acheson, H Gould, Professor I Rivers, Professor J MacBryde, Dr J El Gemayel, Professor J Byrne, J Campbell, Dr J Young, Professor K Boyle, Dr K Johnston, Dr M Cunningham, Dr M Parra Rodriguez, Dr M Haw, Dr M Harker, Dr M Dobрева, Professor N Quinn, Dr N MacKenzie, R Collins, R McHugh, Professor S McArthur, Dr S Morrissey, Dr S Oterkus, Professor S Reid, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Scotto, Dr Z Rattray, Z MacPherson.

Attending: Professor A Galloway, A Duncan, B Jackson, B Lawton, Professor B Green, C MacDonald, C Milligan, C Cannon, Professor C Mahn, Professor D Willison, E McDougall, G Watt, G Docherty, Professor J Race, Dr L Bonnar, Dr L Gibson, L Noble, M Middlehurst, Professor P MacKenna, Professor R Maguire, S Currie, Dr S Fancey.

Apologies: Dr A Ates, Dr A Coulson, A Corrigan, A Edvaldsson, Professor A Gachagan, Dr A Ivaturi, Professor A Fletcher, Professor A Wilson, A Paddison, Professor B Wagner, Professor B Wynne, C Robb, Dr C Verdier, E Curran, Professor E Boulougouris, Professor F Henriquez-Mui, Dr I Moore, J Carey, Professor K Chen, L McKean, Professor M Grealy, Professor M Halvey, Dr M Neal, Professor M Hannon, Dr O Ganilova, Professor P Connolly, R Mujahid, S Moghadas, Professor S Kuhr, Professor T Bedford, Professor Y Perrie.

OPEN BUSINESS

13022. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the fourth meeting of Senate in AY 2024/25, noting that this was the annual strategic meeting which would incorporate a business session and a strategic engagement session.

13023. Minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2025 (Paper S24-25-77)

The minutes of the meeting of 28th January 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

13024. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

13025. Senate Business Committee Report (Paper S24-25-78)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 6th March 2025. The Committee had scrutinised the following:

1. Senate Business Committee considered the report from the CPA Subgroup, noting that since the last meeting of the subgroup on 5th December five agreements had been processed, as follows:
 - Petroleum Technology Development Fund and College of Petroleum and Energy Studies Kaduna, Nigeria (Engineering) – new agreement was signed out of cycle on 19th December 2024 and therefore reported to the January meeting of Senate.
 - Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) (RIO – SBS and Engineering) – renewal of existing agreement signed out of cycle on 19th December and reported to the January meeting of Senate.
 - Mahidol University International College, Thailand (HaSS) – new agreement signed out of cycle on 28th January and reported in the Faculty Report ‘for information’ and in the Principal’s Report ‘for homologation’.
 - Kasetsart University, Thailand (HaSS) – addendum to existing agreement, reported in the Faculty Report ‘for approval’.
 - Euromed University of Fes, Morocco (Business School) – new agreement, reported in the Faculty Report ‘for approval’.
2. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate’s meeting on 26th March 2025. It was agreed that the Strath Union President would be requested to provide the standing item on the Student Voice. This would be followed by a presentation from Professor Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal, Academic Quality and Student Experience, on the upcoming Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER), scheduled to take place at the beginning of December. Professor Green will provide an overview of the review methodology and an outline of the key stages in the TQER process. Finally, Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategy and Planning, and Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, would provide Senate with a recruitment and financial update respectively. It was noted that this meeting would also incorporate the Strategic Engagement session and Senate would receive presentations from: Dr Stuart Fancey, University Secretary and Ann Duncan, Deputy Director, Student Experience on the Student Mental Health Strategy; Dr Emer McDougall, Assistant Director and Barbara Jackson, Project Manager, Innovation & Industry Engagement Directorate, on the opportunities presented by the development of the Charles Huang Advanced Technology and Innovation Centre ([CHATIC](#)); and, Dr Lizann Bonnar, Chair of Assessment and Feedback Working Group and Lorna McNally, Research & Learning Support Manager, University Library, on Generative AI. Each session will be followed by a 5-10 minute Q&A session and Senators will be encouraged to engage in this.
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 13031-13045).

5. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S24-25-79 since the last Senate meeting:
- A new articulation collaborative agreement between the Faculty of HaSS and Mahidol University International College (Paper S24-25-89)
 - The withdrawal of a student as a result of Fitness to Practice proceedings (Paper S24-25-94)

13026. 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 from stakeholder activities

The Principal shared reflections on his successful recent trip to the USA. One of the highlights of which was presenting a lecture at Stanford University on systems approaches to achieving Net Zero.

Industrial action

The changes to pension provision and related industrial action were discussed in the context of the financial challenges facing the Higher Education sector across the UK.

Spring graduation ceremonies

Four spring graduation ceremonies had taken place in March welcoming 700 graduands along with their friends and family. The March ceremonies were introduced for the first time in 2024 to support January intake students whose visas usually expire before our summer ceremonies.

New Strath Union Executive Officers

Congratulations were extended to the newly elected [Strath Union Executive Officers](#), the outgoing officers were thanked for their work to date with well wishes given for their future studies and careers.

Strath App wins UCISA Award

The StrathApp Student Co-creation Development Model had won the UCISA Transformation Award at the [UCISA Awards 2025](#) (Universities and Colleges Information Systems Association). The member-led professional body for digital practitioners in education praised the team for making lasting transformational impact, that was sustainable and scalable across higher education, with genuine lasting impact for students in the digital space. The win highlights Strathclyde's commitment to digital innovation that enhances processes, improves student and staff experiences and supports institutional growth.

AGCAS Academic Employability Awards

The Department of Accounting and Finance and Strathclyde Inspire's Entrepreneurship For All programme have been shortlisted for awards at the inaugural [AGCAS Academic Employability Awards](#) (Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services).

Holocaust Memorial Day

The University marked Holocaust Memorial Day in January, joining the "[Light in the Darkness](#)" national event, and announcing the appointment of two researchers to the Judith and Harold Rosenberg Chairs in Quantum Technology, following a bequest from Scotland's last Auschwitz survivor, the late Judith Rosenberg.

NHS 24 Partnership

A three year strategic partnership agreement has been signed with [NHS24](#). Work through the partnership will look to enhance health and care services in Scotland through research and innovation.

Glasgow Science Centre Partnership

A partnership with [Glasgow Science Centre](#) has been agreed. Collaboration will take place in areas such as fostering public understanding on scientific and technological innovations, including work on Sustainability and AI, and Space and Manufacturing. Developing and delivering educational programmes to build the skills necessary for the future workforce, particularly in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is also a key focus, along with collaborative research that focuses on cutting-edge science and technology.

Race Equality Charter

Senators were encouraged to complete the Race Equality Charter [staff survey](#), which is a key component of accreditation for the [Advance HE Race Equality Charter](#).

Women's History Month

The University celebrated [Women's History Month](#) during March, where various events were held to acknowledge the pivotal roles women have played in shaping academia, science, politics, the arts, and society. This year's programme features a diverse range of events across faculties, departments, and staff networks, including training on Intersectionality and Allyship.

Sustainability Week

Thanks were given to colleagues from [Sustainable Strathclyde](#) and the [Centre for Sustainable Development](#) for hosting this year's Sustainability Week, focusing on the theme of "*Transformations for a Better World*".

Cyber Security

Senators were reminded of the importance of cyber security and encouraged to ensure that the mandatory yearly Data Protection and Cyber Security training (available via MyPlace) has been undertaken by all colleagues in their Departments. Given the increased prevalence of cyber-attacks in a wide range of organisations, including the HE sector, it is crucial that all staff are aware of the risks in this area and so completion of the training annually, rather than every three years, is now a mandatory requirement for all staff with IT accounts.

Glasgow Varsity

The Glasgow Varsity was another fantastic evening of rugby. The Principal expressed his thanks to the Strathclyde men's and women's team for their effort and determination.

Strathclyde People

A number of colleagues had received Fellowships and were congratulated by Senate. This included Professor Stephen McArthur and Professor Patricia Finlay, who have been elected as Fellows of the Royal Society of Edinburgh; Professor David Birch, who has been elected as an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Physics; and Dr Magdalena Raykova and Dr Peter William Tinning, who have both been recognised as new Royal Academy of Engineering Enterprise Fellowships.

Research Awards

Award made to Professor Stefan Kuhr in Physics

Project title: Quantum Advantage in Quantitative Quantum Simulation (Programme Grant) EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 11-Feb-2025

Award made to Dr Jennifer Hastie in Institute of Photonics and Dr Paul Griffin

Physics

Project title: QEPNT A UK Hub for Quantum Enabled Position Navigation and Timing - Full

Stage

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 03-Feb-2025

Award made to Dr Timon Hilker in Physics

Project title: FORBQ - A Fermionic Orbital Quantum Simulator with Local Digital Tunnelling Gates ERC-2024-STG- Dr Timon Hilker

European Commission - Horizon Europe + H2020, awarded on 10-Mar-2025

Award made to Dr Adam Whitworth in Work

Employment and Organisation

Project title: WISHES: Workplace Intervention for Sustainable Health and Employment Support (Work & Health Programme)

NHS National Institute for Health Research NIHR, awarded on 04-Mar-2025

Award made to Professor Winifred Ijomah in Design Manufacturing and Engineering Management

Project title: EPSRC Manufacturing Research Hub in Robotics Automation & Smart Machine Enabled Sustainable Circular Manufacturing & Materials (RESCu-M2)

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 10-Feb-2025

Award made to Professor Evangelos Boulougouris in Naval Architecture Ocean and Marine Engineering

Project title: SEASTARS: SUSTAINABLE EMISSION ABATEMENT STRATEGIES & TECHNOLOGIES FOR ADVANCED REVOLUTION SHIPS

European Commission - Horizon Europe + H2020, awarded on 19-Feb-2025

Award made to Heidi Vironen in European Policies Research Centre

Project title: Improving the Quality of Structural Funds Management through Exchange of Experience (IQ-Net)

Stichting EPRC Delft, awarded on 03-Feb-2025

Award made to Dr Hannah Elizabeth in History

Project title: A Transnational History of HIV/AIDS Denial: Origins manifestations and persistence 1981 to the present (Career Development Award)

Wellcome Trust, awarded on 10-Mar-2025

Award made to Professor Patricia Connolly, Deputy Associate Principal, Institutional Award in University of Strathclyde

Project title: UKRI403 Core Equipment 2024 - University of Strathclyde

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 20-Feb-2025

Award made to Dr Liu Yang in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Project title: KTP - Cubis Systems Limited. The development and commercialisation of composites recycling.

Innovate UK / Cubis Systems Limited, awarded on 11-Feb-2025

13027. Student Voice

In the absence of the Strath Union President, Jamie Campbell, Strath Union's VP Community, presented the Strath Union update which reflected on the success of the recent Union elections, with the highest voter turnout to date. The Glasgow Taxi's Cup was taking place on the day of Senate, and

preliminary results were positive. The pilot for the Strath Mates buddy project had run during the winter welcome activities period, feedback had been sought and this will be incorporated into a wider roll out of the project in September. The Union is now preparing for the annual Teaching Excellence Awards, Student Achievement and Recognition Awards, and the Sports Ball.

13028. Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER)

Professor Brian Green presented Senate with an overview of the TQER. TQER is the new external peer review methodology for the tertiary education sector in Scotland, developed by the Quality Assurance Agency and replacing the previous Enhancement-Led Institutional Review (ELIR) and interim Quality Enhancement and Standards Review (QESR). The TQER has four core themes: Excellence in Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Supporting Student Success, Student Engagement and Partnership, Enhancement and Quality Culture; with two cross cutting principles across all themes: Externality, and Data and Evidence. The ongoing preparation work and key milestones for the review were outlined.

13029. Recruitment and Financial Update

Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategy and Planning, provided Senate with a recruitment update. The recruitment numbers across the January 2024-25 intake were presented. Thanks were given to staff who had worked over the winter break to support the positive conversion activity. Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, presented Senate with an overview of income and expenditure movements for 2024-25, focusing on quarter two of the current financial year, and key dates over the remainder of the academic year.

Items for Approval

None presented.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

13031. Executive Team Report (Paper S24-25-80)

Senate **noted** the report.

13032. Court Report (Paper S24-25-81)

Senate **noted** the report.

13033. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S24-25-82)

Senate **noted** the report.

13034. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S24-25-83)

Senate **noted** the report.

13035. Learning Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-84)

Senate **noted** this report.

13036. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Paper S24-25-85)

Senate **noted** this report.

13037. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-86)

Senate **noted** this report.

13038. Research and Knowledge Exchange Report (Paper S24-25-87)

Senate **noted** this report.

13039. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S24-25-88)

Senate:

- **noted** the report
- **approved** the following amendments to programmes:
 - Amendment to MSc Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Technology
 - Amendment to Doctor of Business Administration (PKU)
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - Collaborative Agreement with Euromed University of Fes, Morocco

13040. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S24-25-89)

Senate:

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MSc Translation Studies
- **approved** the following withdrawal of a programme or pathway:
 - MSc Educational Psychology
 - MLitt Interdisciplinary English Studies
 - LLM Law of the Sea, Sustainable Development & International Law
 - LLM/MSc International Relations, Law and Security
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - Kasetsart University, Thailand – Addendum PGT Articulation
- **noted** the following:
 - Mahidol University International College – New agreement - PGT Articulation (approved out of cycle following CPA and SBC review on 28th January)

13041. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S24-25-90)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programme:
 - MSc Aerospace Engineering
- **approved** the following withdrawal of a programme or pathway:
 - MSc Digital Manufacturing
 - EngD Systems Engineering Management
 - MSc Environmental Health and MSc Environmental Health Sciences
- **noted** the following:
 - MoU with University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

13042. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S24-25-91)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the the following withdrawal of a programme or pathway:
 - Withdrawal of MRes in Physics (in specific research area) award
- **noted** the following:
 - Appointment of Associate Dean (Global Engagement)

New policy for approval

13043. Open Access Policy (Paper S24-25-92)

The purpose of the Open Access Policy is to support the achievement of Strathclyde's 2030 Aim 2.3, Research Excellence Framework Open Access policy, funder Open Access mandates and general best practice in relation to Open Research.

Senate resolved to APPROVE the Open Access Policy.

Revised Policy: For Endorsement

13044. Policy and Code of Practice on Collaborative Education Provision (Paper S24-25-93)

Revisions to the Policy were undertaken by a subgroup of Senate in March 2024 to ensure currency and accuracy. Further updates have since taken place in consultation with colleagues across the institution.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE the Policy and Code of Practice on Collaborative Education Provision.

Reserved business: for information

13045. Student Business Report (Paper S24-25-94)

Senate **noted** this report.