



SENATE

Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 28th January
2025

Present: Principal
Professor S MacGregor, Professor A Wilson, Dr A Huang, Dr A Moreno-Rangel, A McDougall-Page, A Corrigan, Professor A Marshall, Professor A Gachagan, Dr B McMillan, C Robb, C Wilson, C Cannon, C Carroll, C McLaughlin, Dr C Gonzalez-Longo, Dr D Roxburgh, D Robinson, D Finn, Dr D Ramsay, Professor D Brodie, Professor D Graham, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Oterkus, E Curran, Professor E Boulougouris, E McKee, G Docherty, Professor I Rivers, J Campbell, J Carey, Professor J MacBryde, Dr J Young, Professor J Byrne, Professor K Boyle, Professor K Chen, Dr K Pyper, Dr M Parra Rodriguez, Dr M Dobreva, Dr N MacKenzie, Professor N Quinn, Dr O Ganilova, R Mujahid, R McHugh, R Collins, Dr S Morrissey, Professor S MacArthur, Professor T Bedford, Professor T Sharpe, W Rennison, Professor Y Perrie, Dr Z Rattray.

Attending: B Lawton, Professor B Green, C MacDonald, Professor C Mahn, C Milligan, Professor D Willison, H Gould, Dr L Bonnar, Dr L Gibson, L McKean, L Noble, Professor M Grealy, M Middlehurst, Professor P McKenna, S Currie, Dr S Fancey, Professor S Howick.

Apologies: Dr A Coulson, Professor A Maier, A Edvaldsson, A Mendes, Professor A Fletcher, Dr A Toumpis, Dr A Ates, Professor B Wagner, Professor B Wynne, Dr C Verdier, C Whitley, Professor D Hillier, Dr D Robertson, Professor F Henriquez-Mui, Dr F Arrigo, G Watt, Dr G MacIntyre, Dr I Moore, Professor I Cunningham, I George, Dr J El Gemayel, Professor J Race, Dr K Johnston, Dr M Cunningham, Dr M Haw, Professor M Halvey, Professor M Revie, Professor P Connolly, Professor R Maguire, S Moghadas, Professor S Kuhr, Dr S Brough, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Scotto.

OPEN BUSINESS

12995. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the third meeting of Senate in AY 2024/25, acknowledging that the meeting had to be rescheduled from the original date of 29th January.

12996. Minutes of the meeting of 13th November 2024 (Paper S24-25-57)

The minutes of the meeting of 13th November 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

12997. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

12998. Senate Business Committee Report (Paper S24-25-58)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 16th January 2025. The Committee had scrutinised the following:

1. Senate Business Committee considered a request from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HaSS) in relation to students graduating from the University with a Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Qualification for Headship (Into Headship) programme at a celebratory event to be held on 7th February 2025. While this is not a graduation event, it is designed to have many of the same characteristics, specifically the student and academics are gowned. However the University has not established a hood for students awarded with a Postgraduate Certificate, currently there is only a hood for students graduating with the Postgraduate Diploma. The approval of academic dress in the University is a matter for Senate, as per the University Statutes.

Senate Business Committee recommended that Senate, exceptionally, permits those students being awarded a Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Qualification for Headship (Into Headship) programme to wear the hoods of the Postgraduate Diploma at the event on the 7th February (only).

In addition the Committee recommended that Senate approves the drafting of a proposal for the adoption of a specific hood for students graduating with Postgraduate Certificate qualification from the University.

Senate APPROVED the wearing of the Postgraduate Diploma hood for students graduating with the Postgraduate Certificate in Specialist Qualification for Headship (Into Headship) programme at the event on 7th February (only). And APPROVED that Senate invites a proposal to a future meeting in relation to the adoption of a specific hood for students graduating with the Postgraduate Certificate qualification from the University.

2. The Committee considered the report from the CPA Subgroup, noting that since the last meeting of the CPA Subgroup on 7th October the Subgroup had processed six agreements – four of which are new agreements and two are renewals to existing partnerships. Three of these agreements were considered out of cycle; the University-wide agreement with SEleven Educational Services and the University-wide Study Abroad agreement renewal with Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) are appended to the Principal's Report, Paper S24-25-59, 'for information', and the agreement with Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai (BITZH), China is reported in the Faculty of Science Report, Paper S24-25-73. The renewal to the Study Abroad agreement with INSA Lyon was reported to the November meeting of Senate for information, Paper S24-25-44.
3. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate's meeting on 28th January 2025. The Strath Union President would be requested to provide the standing item on the Student Voice. In addition the President and the remaining Student Executive members would be asked to update Senate on the Strathclyde [Strategic Alliance Framework](#). It was agreed that Senate would receive a presentation from Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal, Education, Systems and Enhancement, on the University's preparations for NSS 2025, followed by a brief verbal update from the Executive Deans focusing on enhancement activities at the Faculty level and the progress of plans in place following the results of NSS 2024. Beth Lawton, Chief Information Officer, will provide Senate with a brief overview of what Co-pilot can do, the purpose of the licences, and the results of feedback from colleagues in terms of what the licences have been used for to date. Finally Wesley Rennison,

Director of Strategy and Planning, and Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, would provide Senate with a recruitment and financial update respectively.

4. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and were recommended to Senate by Senate Business Committee.
5. 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 13005-13021).
6. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S24-25-59 since the last Senate meeting:
 - Partnership Agreement with SEleven Educational Company (appended to report)
 - Study Abroad renewal with Indonesian International Student Mobility Awards (IISMA) (appended to report)
 - Collaborative agreement between Faculty of Engineering and Petroleum Technology Development Fund and College of Petroleum and Energy Studies Kaduna, Nigeria (Paper S24-25-72)
 - Articulation agreement between the Faculty of Science and Beijing Institute of Technology Zhuhai (BITZH) (Paper S24-25-73)

12999. 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.

The University has welcomed a number of prominent visitors in recent weeks, including Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner MP, Scottish Labour Party Leader Anas Sarwar MSP, Siddharth Malik, Consul General of India, and Bader A Almunayekh, the new UK Ambassador of Kuwait.

New Year Honours

Congratulations were given to Gillian Docherty, the University's Chief Commercial Officer, who was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the New Year's Honours List. Further congratulations were given to Dame Sue Bruce, Convener of Court, who was given the award of Insignia of a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO).

Executive Team Update

It was noted that Professor Eleanor Shaw will be returning to the University in the role of Associate Principal, External Engagement and Partnerships.

Residential Court

The residential meeting of Court had taken place in November, with a focus on the delivery of the new strategic plan, Strathclyde 2030. Over the two days of group discussions and workshops, Court members considered several themes that will support the delivery of our new five-year Strategic Plan, Strathclyde 2030 – People Strategy, Global Strathclyde, Campus 2040 and evolving and developing Strathclyde Culture. David Clark, the new Convener of Court, was also officially appointed at the residential meeting of Court.

Research Excellent Framework Update 2029

Four Strathclyde staff members have been appointed to the REF 2029 pilot panels and were congratulated for their selection: Professor Anne Marie Doherty, Department of Marketing; Professor Churnjeet Mahn, Department of Humanities and Deputy Associate Principal (Research and Knowledge Exchange); Professor Karen Boyle, Head of Department of Humanities; and, Professor Fiona Henriquez-Mui, Head of Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Oligonucleotide Manufacturing Innovation Centre of Excellence (OMICE)

Ground has been broken on the Oligonucleotide Manufacturing Innovation Centre of Excellence (OMICE), which is due for completion later in 2025 and located in the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland (AMIDS) in Renfrewshire. Further information can be found [here](#).

Centre for Autism Research & Education

The formal launch of Strathclyde's new [Centre for Autism Research & Education](#), (CARE@S) took place in November. The Centre aims to foster employment, entrepreneurship, and mental wellbeing for the neuro-divergent community.

Library Customer Service Excellence

Congratulations were given to colleagues within Library & Information Resources who received an additional four Compliance Plus points following their sixth annual [Customer Service Excellence \(CSE\)](#) accreditation review.

Safety, Wellbeing and Resilience Strategy

The Safety, Wellbeing & Resilience Directorate's new 'Culture of Care' strategy was launched. Senators were encouraged to engage with the materials available via the [relevant webpages](#).

Images of Research

Senators were encouraged to make submissions for this year's Images of Research competition, details can be found on the [relevant webpages](#).

Research Awards

Award made to Professor Vivien Kendon in Physics

Project title: Hub for Quantum Computing via Integrated and Interconnected Implementations (QC13) EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 12-Dec-2024

Award made to Professor Paul McKenna in Physics

Project title: Relativistic plasma apertures: Generating ultraintense structured light with orbital angular momentum (Responsive Mode)

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 04-Dec-2024

Award made to Professor Vladimir Stankovic in Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Project title: JED-AIs: Justice Energy Demand flexibility and AI for Sustainability (UKRI Cross Research Council Resp Mode)

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 20-Dec-2024

Award made to Professor Erling Riis and Dr Jennifer Hastie in Physics

Project title: UK National Quantum Technology Hub in Sensing and Timing

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 19-Nov-2024

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

Project title: SAfe ClimAte Reilient Infrastructure (HORIZON-CL5-2023-D6-01) (SAFARI)
Innovate UK, awarded on 03-Dec-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 Professor Yvonne Perrie in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences

Project title: Effective Delivery of Nucleic Acid Therapeutics via Designed Nanocarriersn (NATPRIME) HORIZON-MSCA-2023-DN-01-01
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 06-Nov-2024

Award made to Professor Robert Stewart in Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Project title: Spectrum Sharing and Sensing in non-3GPP Bands for 5G/6G
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 05-Nov-2024

Award made to Dr Robert Atkey in Computer and Information Sciences

Project title: Quantitative Predicate Logic as a Foundation for Verified ML (ElePQuant)
Advanced Research + Invention Agency ARIA, awarded on 24-Sep-2024

Award madde to Dr Dominic Hunter in Physics

Project title: Ultra-stable quantum magnetometry for imaging in Earth-field environments
Royal Academy of Engineering RAE, awarded on 06-Nov-2024

Award made to Professor John Quigley in Management Science

Project title: COst Forecasting Framework with Expert and Analogous Data (COFFEAD)
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, awarded on 17-Dec-2024

Award made to 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

13000. Student Voice

Eva Curran, Strath Union's President, presented the Strath Union update which reflected on the success of the winter welcome activities that had taken place over January. Events had been organised for the 16 Days of Action campaign against Gender Based Violence, including the annual Fight for the Night march. In relation to current and upcoming activity, the Union is working on how best to support students on the Bahrain campus and the approaching student elections in February. Senators were informed of the [Girls' Night In](#) event at Strath Sports on the 6th March, which is open to staff and students.

13001. Update on Strathclyde Strategic Alliance Framework

The Strath Union Student Executive Team presented Senate with an overview of the activity stemming from the [Strategic Alliance Framework](#). Activity is ongoing across four key themes of the framework. Within the *Wellbeing* theme, the cost of living crisis and closing the loop in the Personal Circumstances

process are the focus. Within *Inclusion, Diversity, Equality, Accessibility* activity is around celebration of student diversity and work supporting the Race Equality Charter related to staff diversity. The *Sustainability* theme is focusing on the ethical investment policy of the University which is currently being drafted in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer. Finally, within *Student Community* the Strath Mates buddy programme has been developed.

13002. NSS 2025

Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal, Education, Systems, and Enhancement, presented on the University preparations for NSS 2025. This included reflections on the positive and stable results from 2024, and a timeline of key dates for 2025. This was followed by a brief verbal update from the Executive Deans on preparations specific to each Faculty. New initiatives to encourage completion of the NSS included newsletters, coffee and chat sessions, and 'you said we did' communications. The focus of each Faculty was improvement in the Student Voice and Assessment & Feedback areas of the NSS.

13003. Generative AI – Update on ongoing Co-Pilot Trial

Beth Lawton, Chief Digital & Information Officer, presented on the current trial of Microsoft Copilot taking place within the University. An overview of the product, cost, and data security concerns were discussed. Four case studies from Education Enhancement were presented, noting that a range of feedback has been received about the product to date and analysis of the trial is ongoing.

13004. Recruitment and Financial Update

Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategy and Planning, provided Senate with a recruitment update. The recruitment numbers across the different student groups for intake in September and January 2024/25 were presented. Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, presented Senate with an overview of income and expenditure movements for 24/25, focussing on quarter two of the current financial year.

Items for Approval

13005. Timetable for Senate Elections (Paper S24-25-60)

Senate noted that there will be 17 vacancies for AY 2025-26 - 7 of whom have served for 2 terms on Senate and cannot continue their membership and 10 of whom have only served 1 term on Senate and are eligible to serve another. The outcome of the Senate elections will be reported to the May meeting of Senate.

Senate APPROVED the timetable for Senate elections.

Items for Approval without Discussion

13006. Nomination of Honorary Degrees to be conferred (Paper S24-25-61, Tabled Paper)

Senators were presented with a paper at the meeting listing the Honorary Degree nominations to be conferred, from the Honorary Degree Advisory Working Group. Senators were asked to respect the confidential nature of the process and respond with any queries by close of business Tuesday 11th February.

Senate Manager's note: no concerns were raised and the list approved.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

13007. Executive Team Report (Paper S24-25-62)

Senate **noted** the report.

13008. Court Report (Paper S24-25-63)

Senate **noted** the report.

13009. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S24-25-64)

Senate **noted** the report.

13010. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S24-25-65)

Senate **noted** the report.

13011. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-66)

Senate **noted** this report.

13012. Learning Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-67)

Senate **noted** this report.

13013. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Paper S24-25-68)

Senate **noted** this report.

13014. Research and Knowledge Exchange Report (Paper S24-25-69)

Senate **noted** this report.

13015. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S24-25-70)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
 - Collaborative Agreement with Peking University, China
 - Collaborative Agreement Renewal with Politecnico di Milano, Graduate School of Management, Italy
- **noted** the following:
 - Memorandum of Understanding with Euromed University of Fes, Morocco

13016. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S24-25-71)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - PhD Sport Data Analytics
 - MRes Political Science and MRes Public Policy
 - MRes Urban Futures
 - MSc Secondary Education (Subject)
- **approved** the following amendments to programmes:
 - BA (Hons) Social Work
 - Masters in Social Work
 - MEd Early Years Pedagogy
 - MEd/MSc Educational Leadership
- **approved** the following withdrawal of a programme or pathway:

- DipHE Education and Social Services – New College Lanarkshire
- MSc Person-Centred Counselling and Psychotherapy – College for Humanities Sciences – ICPS Greece
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - International Medical University (IMU)

13017. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S24-25-72)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following withdrawal of a programme or pathway:
 - MSc Satellite Data for Sustainable Development
 - MSc Advanced Mechanical Engineering with Power Plant Technologies
- **noted** the following:
 - Appointment of Associate Dean (Culture and Inclusion)
 - Joint Supervision Agreement with Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and College of Petroleum and Energy Studies Kaduna (CPESK), Nigeria
 - MoU with Zhengzhou University of Light Industry, China

13018. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S24-25-73)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MSc Advanced Data Science
 - MSc Statistics and Data Science
 - MSc Advanced Computational Mathematics
- **approved** the following amendment to programmes:
 - Change of Programme Title: MSc Applied Mathematical Sciences changing to MSc Advanced Mathematical Modelling
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
 - Chulalongkorn University (Thailand)
- **noted** the following:
 - International Study Centre revision of curriculum for entry to Computer Science programme
 - Beijing Institute of Technology, Zhuhai (China)

New Policy: for approval

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

Revised Policy: for endorsement

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

Any other business: for information

13019. Self-Evaluation and Action Plan (SEAP) (Paper S24-25-74)

Following the introduction of the new Scottish Tertiary Quality Enhancement Framework (TQEF) in academic year 2024-25, the Self- Evaluation and Action Plan (SEAP) will replace the annual report and statement of assurance on Institution-Led Review and the 'learning and quality' elements of the Outcome Agreement process.

The SEAP forms part of the University's engagement with the Scottish Funding Council's (SFC) new Outcomes Framework and Assurance Model. The SEAP was submitted to the SFC on 27 November 2024 and will also be viewed by the Quality Assurance Agency.

Reserved business: for approval

13020. Student Business Report (Paper S24-25-75)

Senate **approved** this report.

13021. Student Discipline Report (Paper S24-25-76)

Senate **approved** this report.