



SENATE

**Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 28th May 2025**

- Present:** Principal
Professor S MacGregor, Dr A Huang, Dr A Moreno-Rangel, A McDougall-Page, A Corrigan, Dr A Tonner, Professor A Marshall, A Paddison, Professor A Maier, A Edvaldsson, Dr A Ivaturi, Dr A Toumpis, Dr A Ates, Professor B Wagner, Professor B Wynne, Dr B McNeil, Dr C Gonzalez-Longo, Professor D Hillier, D Reat, Dr D Roxburgh, Professor D Graham, Dr E Henderson, Professor F Henriquez-Mui, Dr F Arrigo, Professor I Rivers, J Campbell, J Carey, Professor J MacBryde, J McKee, Dr J Young, Professor J Byrne, Dr J El Gemayel, Professor K Boyle, M Nnomoko, Professor M Parra Rodriguez, Professor M Hannon, Professor M Revie, Dr M Dobрева, Dr O Ganilova, R Mujahid, R McHugh, Professor S McArthur, Professor T Scotto, W Rennison, Dr Z Rattray, Z MacPherson,
- Attending:** Professor A Galloway, Professor B Green, B Lawton, C MacDonald, C Milligan, Professor C Mahn, Professor D Willison, Professor D Robinson, D Finn, Dr D Ramsay, Professor E Oterkus, E Curran, G Docherty (until Item 2.4), G Watt, H Gould, Dr L Bonnar, L McKean, L Noble, N Brown, Professor P Connolly, S Currie, Professor S Howick, Dr S Fancey.
- Apologies:** Dr A Coulson, Professor A Wilson, Professor A Gachagan, Professor A Fletcher, Dr B McMillan, Dr C Verdier, C Whitley, C Robb, C Wilson, C Carroll, Dr I Moore, Professor K Chen, L Reaney, Dr L Gibson, Dr M Cunningham, Professor M Grealy, Dr M Neal, M Middlehurst, Professor N Quinn, Professor R Maguire, S Day, S Moghadas, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Bedford, Professor T Sharpe, Professor Y Perrie.

OPEN BUSINESS

13046. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members of Senate to the final meeting of the Academic Year.

13047. Minutes of the meeting of 26th March 2025 (Paper S24-25-95)

The minutes of the meeting of 26th March 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

13048. Minute of special meeting of Court, 4th April, note of the special meeting of members of Court and members of Senate appended (Paper S24-25-96)

The minute of the special meeting on 4th April to consider the appointment of the next Principal of the University were agreed.

13049. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

13050. Senate Business Committee Report (Paper S24-25-97)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 15th May 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 20th February ten agreements had been processed as follows:
 - Capital Normal University, China (HaSS) - a new agreement approved by the Principal out of cycle on 7th April and signed by the Dean in-country on 10th April, reported in the HaSS Faculty Report
 - Capital Normal University, China (Science) – a renewal to an existing agreement approved by the Principal out of cycle on 7th April and signed by the Dean in-country on 10th April, reported in the Science Faculty Report
 - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and CLP Power Hong Kong Ltd – supplemental agreement to partnership already in place approved by the Principal out of cycle on 20th May and reported in the Engineering Faculty Report for information
 - ESDS Business School, France – renewal to an existing agreement reported in the SBS Report to Senate for approval
 - CDC Management Development, Malaysia (International Centre) - renewal to an existing agreement reported in the SBS Report to Senate for approval
 - National Changhua University of Education (NCUE), Taiwan – renewal of an existing agreement reported in the HaSS Faculty Report for approval
 - Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), India - addendum to an existing agreement that will be presented to a future meeting of Senate
 - Presidency University, India – addendum to an existing agreement reported in the Engineering Faculty Report for approval
 - CONAPE Joint Scholarship Programme, Costa Rica – new agreement appended to the Senate Business Committee Report for approval
 - Linfield University, USA - new agreement appended to the Senate Business Committee Report for approval
 - IPSA École d'ingénierie - new agreement appended to the Senate Business Committee Report for approval
2. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate's meeting on 28th May 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 the Principal providing his reflections on the University and the higher education sector since becoming Principal in 2009. It was agreed that Neil Brown, Head of Strathclyde Sport, would provide Senate with an overview of the initiatives undertaken by Strathclyde Sport to support the key aim of improving student academic attainment. This would be followed by an update from Professor Stephen McArthur, Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, on the University of Strathclyde, Bahrain. Finally, Wesley Rennison,

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

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 13057-13085).
5. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S24-25-98 since the last Senate meeting:
 - Conferment of an unclassified Aegrotat Award for a student in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Paper S24-25-110)
 - Collaborative agreement between the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Capital Normal University (Paper S24-25-110)
 - Supplemental Agreement between Faculty of Engineering with Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and CLP Power Hong Kong Ltd (Paper S24-25-111)
 - Collaborative agreement between the Faculty of Science and Capital Normal University (Paper S24-25-112)

13051. Principal's Report

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

- The Principal welcomed everyone to the last meeting of Senate for 2024-25, and started with reflecting on Professor Andrew Hamnett, Strathclyde's fourth Principal, who sadly passed away recently. Senate observed a minute's silence in memory of Professor Hamnett.
- The Senators that will be demitting office were thanked for their contributions to Senate and the University's governance processes. A special mention was given to Professor Debbie Willison, Deputy Associate Principal (Online Learning and Teaching), who is retiring from the University after 46 years of service. The Principal thanked Professor Willison for her invaluable experience, insight and diligence to the work of Senate and Senate Business Committee.
- The latest round of Principal's Engagement Sessions reached ~1,500 staff; with key updates on strategy and sector challenges shared.
- Professor Stephen McArthur was appointed as new Principal & Vice-Chancellor at a special meeting of Court with members of Senate on 4th April, effective from 1st of September 2025.
- A collective agreement has been reached with Trade Unions on pension scheme changes and improved staff benefits.
- The University's commitment to inclusivity was reaffirmed following the UK Supreme Court ruling with confirmation from Dr Stuart Fancey, University Secretary, that an all-staff email had been circulated with more information.
- Updates were provided on the following awards:
 - The Strathclyde Executive Leadership Awards (STELAR) Awards 2025 celebrated seven outstanding alumni leaders from across the UK.
 - Strathclyde Medals: 81 individual and 30 team nominations have been received. Nominations are currently being assessed with the ceremony on the 27th of August.

- The first Strathclyde Strategic Themes Research & Knowledge Exchange (R&KE) Impact Awards have been launched; to celebrate the excellence and diversity of the impact created through our R&KE activity. The inaugural ceremony will be held in late August.
- The University has been shortlisted in three categories of the Herald Higher Education Awards 2025 for Research Project of the Year, Widening Access and Supporting Student Wellbeing.
- The results of the fifth Values Survey were presented noting that 86% of staff agree the University aligns with its values and 75% would recommend the University as a workplace. According to the independent survey company this score is significantly higher than the UK benchmark for the HEI sector.
- Professor Karen Boyle, Head of the Department of Humanities, has been appointed Chair of Research Excellence Framework 2029 sub-panel.
- The Images of Research exhibition was recently launched and showcased impactful visual research, on the theme of 'From Research to Reality'. More information about the winners can be found in Inside Strathclyde.
- Annual [Learning and Teaching Day](#) is scheduled for Thursday 19th June, the programme will celebrate diverse and innovative teaching practices across the four Faculties and Professional Services Directorates – informed by sector and societal developments and supported by the University's educational strategy and values. Registration is now open.
- Updates were given on Glasgow Tech Week, Scotland's week-long celebration of technology, entrepreneurship, and innovation, organised Glasgow City Innovation District, and Strathclyde Inspire Summit, which would be bringing Scotland's leading entrepreneurial minds together with a look ahead to the ambitious next stages of Strathclyde's entrepreneurial strategy.
- 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. Mandatory annual training on what constitutes sexual harassment has also been recently introduced, which should be completed by the end of May.
- It was confirmed that the University's new [Suicide Prevention Strategy](#) would be launched on the 5th of June. An update was also provided on activity held throughout May as part of Mental Health Awareness Month.
- A number of notable staff achievements were noted:
 - Professor Malcolm Macdonald named President Elect of the Royal Aeronautical Society.
 - Professor Gwyn Gould elected Fellow of the Learned Society of Wales.
 - Mr. Chris Gee appointed Honorary Professor in Orthopaedics.
- The Principal noted that there had been a number of significant research awards made to colleagues across the University.

Research Awards

£11,895,078 (£7,637,970 for Strathclyde) awarded to Professor Alastair Florence in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences

Project title: EPSRC MediForge Hub: An Integrated Reconfigurable and Cyberphysical Manufacturing Platform for Resilient and Sustainable Medicines Manufacture (Manufacturing Research Hub)

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 22-May-2025

£8,754,230 awarded to Professor Matthew Boyle in National Manufacturing Institute Scotland
Project title: LMC_CRAD_06231_Semiconductor Advanced Packaging Line
Innovate UK, awarded on 07-May-2025

£1,699,942 awarded to Dr Paul Griffin Akhil Kallepalli in Physics
Project title: UK Quantum Technology Hub in Sensing Imaging and Timing (QuSIT)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 16-Apr-2025

£1,534,164.87 awarded to Dr Jamie Speirs in Centre for Energy Policy
Project title: UK Energy Research Centre Phase 5
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 02-Apr-2025

£1,453,000 awarded to Professor Osman Turan in Naval Architecture Ocean and Marine Engineering
Project title: OLDENDORFF SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING RESEARCH CENTRE
Oldendorff Carriers GmbH & Co KG, awarded on 24-Apr-2025

£1,399,393.60 (£1,154,317.84 for Strathclyde) awarded to Professor Alastair Florence in Strathclyde
Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences
Project title: Made Smarter Innovation: Digital Medicines Manufacturing Research Centre (DM2)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 01-Apr-2025

£1,200,000 awarded to Professor Gavin Halbert in Strathclyde Institute Of Pharmacy And Biomedical
Sciences
Project title: Cancer Research UK Formulation Unit for the pharmaceutical and bio-pharmaceutical
evaluation of new anti-cancer drugs C149/A28424
Cancer Research UK CRUK, awarded on 15-Apr-2025

£1,127,906 awarded to Professor Charles Norman MacLeod in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Project title: Fusing A Future From Glasgow's Proud Heritage - The Next Wave (Innovation project
commission Glasgow City Region - Extension)
Innovate UK, awarded on 01-Apr-2025

£1,018,023 awarded to Professor Mark Cummins in Accounting and Finance
Project title: Fintech - Centre of Innovation in Financial Regulation (Glasgow City Region - Extension)
Innovate UK, awarded on 21-May-2025

£844,281.93 (£793,686.12 for Strathclyde) awarded to Dr Fraser Scott in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Multi-target DNA binding: A novel approach to combat foodborne and AMR bacteria
MRC (Medical Research Council), awarded on 24-Apr-2025

13052. 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 in the recent Glasgow Taxis Cup - Scotland's largest varsity competition. The Teaching Excellence Awards (TEAs) and Student Achievement and Recognition (STAR) Awards took place in May celebrating both the teaching excellence of colleagues and the dedication and work of student volunteers over the past year. Updates were also provided on a new outreach programme between the Sports Union and Annette Street Primary School, work to strengthen PGR Representation and the launch of the Strath Pantry trial. Handover with the new executive team will take place in early June, with the new team officially in place from 16th June. The Principal thanked the Student Executive for their excellent work over the past year.

13053. Principal's Reflections

Professor Sir Jim McDonald, Principal & Vice-Chancellor, presented his "Principal's Reflections" ahead of retirement in August 2025. The presentation highlighted the University of Strathclyde's strong strategic position as a leading international technological university with a socially progressive mission. Despite global uncertainties and sector-wide financial pressures, Strathclyde continues to thrive through its distinctive approach, values-led leadership, and alignment with national and international priorities. The University is advancing innovation, research, and teaching through major initiatives like the Glasgow City Innovation District and the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland, while expanding its global partnerships and entrepreneurial ecosystem. It remains committed to social impact, inclusive innovation, and talent development, positioning itself as a forward-looking, fourth-generation university.

13054. Strathclyde Sport Update

Neil Brown, Head of Strathclyde Sport, provided Senate with an overview of the initiatives undertaken by Strathclyde Sport to support the key aim of improving student academic attainment. The University's commitment is to become the most active university community in the UK through inclusive and impactful sport and wellbeing initiatives. With a focus on mental and social wellbeing, the University boasts a 24.5% student participation rate—well above the industry norm—and offers extensive support through facilities, scholarships, and partnerships. Performance sport has seen significant growth, with increased funding, international representation, and academic support for student-athletes. The strategy emphasises recruitment, retention, and employability, aiming to foster lifelong healthy habits and a strong sense of community among students.

13055. University of Strathclyde, Bahrain - update

Professor Stephen McArthur, Associate Principal and Executive Dean of Engineering, provided Senate with an update on activity in Bahrain following the launch of the Strathclyde Innovation, Research and Education (USIRE) Hub in September 2024. The establishment and strategic development of the USIRE Hub aligns with Bahrain Vision 2030's goals of sustainability, competitiveness, and economic diversification. Since launching, the Bahrain campus has offered eight undergraduate programmes and is expanding to include postgraduate and work-based learning diplomas. The initiative aims to create Bahrain's first research-intensive technological university, leveraging Strathclyde's innovation district experience. A robust quality assurance framework ensures academic parity with the Glasgow campus, while research collaborations, such as PhD projects with the National Space Science Agency, and partnerships with major Bahraini employers, support regional skills development and innovation.

13056. Recruitment and Financial Update

Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategy and Planning, provided Senate with a year-to-date recruitment update. Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, presented Senate with an overview of financial trends over the last five years to set the budget setting process in context. The budget for 2025/26 is currently being reviewed and will be presented to Court at its June meeting.

Items for Information

13057. Guidelines on the Approval of Academic Policies and Procedures (Paper S24-25-99)

These Guidelines have been developed to assist colleagues in finding the appropriate approval route for Academic Policies and Procedures. Senators are asked to note that it will be a condition of approval going forward that all new and revised policies and procedures will have completed an Equality Impact Assessment.

Senate NOTED the Guidelines.

Items for Approval

13058. Senate Membership AY 2025/26 and vacancies on Senate committees

Senate Business Committee noted the proposed membership of Senate for AY 2025/26 and the membership of the main committees reporting to Senate and the vacancies therein. The process to fill these vacancies will commence following Senate approval of the membership.

Senate APPROVED the Senate Membership AY 2025/26.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

13059. Executive Team Report (Paper S24-25-101)

Senate **noted** the report.

13060. Court Report (Paper S24-25-102)

Senate **noted** the report.

13061. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S24-25-103)

Senate **noted** the report.

13062. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S24-25-104)

Senate **noted** the report.

13063. Learning Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-105)

Senate **noted** this report.

13064. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S24-25-106)

Senate **noted** this report.

13065. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Paper S24-25-107)

Senate **noted** this report.

13066. Research and Knowledge Exchange Report (Paper S24-25-108)

Senate **noted** this report.

13067. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S24-25-109)

Senate:

- **noted** the report
- **approved** the following amendments to programme:
 - BBA – Bahrain and BBA with a Specialisation in Marketing - Bahrain
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
 - Renewal of Partnership Agreement with CDC Management Development, Malaysia
 - Renewal of Articulation Agreement with ESDS Business School, University of Lyon, France

13068. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S24-25-110)

Senate:

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programme:
 - MSc Media Crime and Violence
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - National Changhua University of Education (NCUE) – Renewal
- **noted** the following:
 - New agreement with Capital Normal University – Study Abroad and PGT Articulation
 - LLM Human Rights Law and LLM Human Rights Law with specialisation in Medical Law –
 - January intake
 - MSc Criminology and Social Policy – September intake
 - Unclassified Aegrotat Degree Award

13069. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S24-25-111)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programme:
 - PGDip Vision Impairment Rehabilitation
- **approved** the amendments to the following programme:
 - Changes to Bahrain Year 1
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programmes:
 - MSc Lean Six Sigma for Process Excellence
 - MSc Manufacturing Management
 - MSc Technology Ventures
 - MSc Global Design Innovation
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - Presidency University, India
- **noted** the following:
 - MoU with University College Dublin, Ireland
 - MoU with National Technical University of Athens, Greece
 - MoU with Nanjing Agricultural University, China
 - MoU with Fuzhou University, China
 - MoU with Wuhan University of Technology and Three Gorges Vocational College of Electric Power, China

13070. Faculty of Science (Paper S24-25-112)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following amendments to a programme:
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Sciences – Bahrain and BSc (Hons) Software Engineering – Bahrain programmes
- Approved the regulation waiver for students in the Department of Physics

- **noted** the following:
 - Appointment of Associate Dean (Academic)
 - Renewal of Collaborative agreement with Capital Normal University, China

New policy for approval

13071. Guidance and Support for Students on Matters of Religion and Belief (Item 6.1, PAPER S24-25-113)

This Guidance has been developed by Student Experience to provide clarity on the support available to students in relation to religion and belief. The guidance provides information on the University's approach, support available and what students can expect in relation to learning, teaching and assessment.

Senate resolved to APPROVE this guidance.

13072. Policy on Exams (Item 6.2, PAPER S24-25-114)

This new Policy which, together with the Procedures for Preparing and Conducting Exams, will replace the three current exam-related policy/procedural documents: Policy on Invigilation of Examinations, Procedures for Preparing and Conducting Examinations and Guidelines the Use of Computers in Examinations. The Policy presents the key principles and requirements of exams at Strathclyde, separately from the procedural steps.

Senate resolved to APPROVE this policy.

13072. Procedures for Preparing and Conducting Exams (Item 6.3, PAPER S24-25-115)

This paper presents a new version of the Procedures for Preparing and Conducting Exams which, together with the new Policy on Exams, will replace the Policy on Invigilation of Examinations and Guidelines for the Use of Computers in Examinations.

Senate resolved to APPROVE these procedures.

13073. Guidance on the Use of Turnitin (Item 6.4, PAPER S24-25-116)

This Guidance outlines the University of Strathclyde's position on the use of Turnitin in the identification and investigation of suspected academic misconduct in submissions by Undergraduate and Postgraduate Taught Students.

Senate resolved to APPROVE this guidance.

13074. Assessment Audit Toolkit: Gen AI (Item 6.5, PAPER S24-25-117)

This paper presents an assessment audit toolkit designed to help staff enhance the integrity and effectiveness of assessment tasks through a series of steps that clarify the purpose of the assessment task, test whether it can be completed wholly or partly by Gen-AI tools, and prompt consideration of the implications of this for student learning, academic integrity and curriculum design.

Senate resolved to APPROVE this toolkit.

Revised Policy: For Endorsement

13075. Proposal to remove Regulation 34 from the General Academic Regulations (Regulations Specific to a Particular Level of Study) Undergraduate, Integrated Masters and Professional Graduate Degree Programme Level (Item 7.1, PAPER S24-25-118)

The Assessment and Feedback Working Group is recommending that Senate removes Regulation 34 from the [General Academic Regulations](#) following consideration that the phrasing of this regulation could be mistakenly used to justify the use of viva voce assessments which have not been included in module approval documentation and approved via normal module approval processes. There was particular concern about the potential misuse of viva voce assessments as a means of detecting academic misconduct involving the suspected misuse of Generative-AI, as opposed to using the Student Discipline Procedure: Academic Misconduct

Senate resolved to ENDORSE this proposal.

13076. General Academic Regulations: Postgraduate Research (minor amendments) (Item, 7.2, PAPER S24-25-119)

This paper seeks approval from Senate for minor amendments to the [General Academic Regulations: Postgraduate Research](#). These changes are to ensure clarity with regards to the language around Viva Outcomes in regulation 80.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE these amendments.

13077. Gender-Based Violence Policy for Students and Staff (revised) (Item 7.3, PAPER S24-25-120)

Revisions to the Policy include minor revisions for currency and in response to the requirements of the Emily Test Charter standards and the transfer of details such as GBV behaviours and reporting procedures out of the policy document and into appendices to aid accessibility.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE this revised policy.

13078. Guidance for Postgraduate Research Students who Support Teaching and Teaching-related Activities (revised) (item 7.4, PAPER S24-25-121)

Revisions to this Guidance include: updates to Training and Support elements to reflect current expectations and support available to PGR students; updates to clarify expected practice around recording by Faculties for onward reporting to QAC; updates to hyper-links and minor wording changes for clarity; and, removal of references to Schools.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE this revised guidance.

13079. Internal Review Framework (revised) (Item 7.5, PAPER S24-25-122)

Revisions to the Framework have been made to reflect the requirements of the new Tertiary Quality Enhancement Framework; incorporate the University's new approach to Professional Services Review; and address the 2024/25 SEAP Action around review of annual programme monitoring.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE this revised framework.

13080. University Timetabling Policy (minor amendments) (Item 7.6, PAPER S24-25-123)

This Policy sets out the University's approach to the preparation, production and publication of the University's teaching timetable, the provision of facilities to support teaching and the booking of central pool teaching space for non-teaching events.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE the minor amendments to this policy.

13081. Policy on the Academic Year and Teaching Calendar (minor amendments) (Item 7.7, PAPER S24-25-124)

This Policy sets out the University's agreed principles of the academic year, the teaching structure and, where related to John Anderson on-campus teaching, the relationship with operational timetabling procedures.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE the minor amendments to this policy.

13082. Institutional Rights Retention Policy (revised) (Item 7.8, PAPER S24-25-125)

The Institutional Rights Retention Policy (IRRP) has been updated following a discussion at the Research Sub-Committee. The previous version of the policy required all publications to include specific wording at the point of article submission, but this is no longer required for most publications as publishers have been made aware of our IRRP.

Senate resolved to ENDORSE this revised policy.

Reserved business: for information

13083. Student Business Report (Paper S24-25-126)

Senate **noted** this report.

13084. Student Discipline Report (Paper S24-25-127)

Senate **noted** this report.

13085. Criminal Convictions Appeals Report (Paper S24-25-128)

Senate **noted** this report.