



SENATE

**Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 6th September 2023**

- Present:** Principal
Professor S MacGregor, Professor A Wilson, Dr A Huang, Dr A Tonner, Professor A Marshall, A Paddison, Professor A Maier, Dr A Toumpis, Professor B Fawcett, Professor B Wagner, Dr C Verdier, C Whitley, C Robb, C Wilson, C Cannon, C Carroll, Dr Gonzalez-Longo, D Reat, D Finn, Professor D Brodie, Professor D Graham, E McKee, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Oterkus, E Curran, Professor K Chen, Professor G Acheson, H Gould, Dr I Moore, Professor I Rivers, J McQuarrie, Dr J Young, J Kardasz, Dr K Pyper, Dr L Gibson, M Gorrie, Dr M Cunningham, Professor M Revie, M Harker, Dr O Ganilova, R Okoh, Professor P McKenna, R McHugh, Professor R Maguire, S Day, Dr S Morrissey, Dr S Oterkus, Professor S McArthur, Professor T Bedford, W Rennison.
- Attending:** B Green, C Milligan, G Watt, Dr L Bonnar, L Noble, Professor M Greal, M Middlehurst, S Currie, Dr S Fancey, Professor S Howick, K Barton, Dr W Hasty.
- Apologies:** Professor A Gachagan, Professor A McGann, Dr A Ivaturi, Dr A Ates, B Lawton, Professor B Wynne, Dr B McNeil, Dr C White, Dr C Mahn, Professor D Hillier, Professor D Murphy, D Roxburgh, Professor D Willison, Dr F Scott, G Docherty, Dr G MacIntyre, Professor J Sefcik, Professor J MacBryde, Professor J Race, Dr K Johnston, L Reaney, L McKean, Dr L Caspani, Dr L Williams, Dr M Neal, Professor M Halvey, M McHugh, Professor P Connolly, Dr S Walker, Professor S Kuhr, Dr S Brough, Professor S Reid, Professor T Hafford-Letchfield, Y Doong, Professor Y Perrie, Dr Z Rattray.

OPEN BUSINESS

12784. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the first meeting of Senate in AY 2023-24. The Principal in particular extended a warm welcome to the new Student Executive and to the 14 new members of Senate.

12785. Minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2023 (Paper S23-24-01)

The minutes of the meeting of 31st May 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

12786. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

12787. Report from Senate Business Committee (Paper S23-24-02)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report of the Senate Business Committee which had met on 23rd August. The Committee had scrutinised the following:

1. The note of the Collaborative Provision Agreement (CPA) Subgroup, noting that since the last meeting of Senate on 31st May 2023 the CPA Subgroup had processed five agreements, three of which were approved out of cycle and are reported in the Principal's report for Senate to homologate, Paper S23-24-03.
2. The report from the joint meeting of the Collaborative Provision Agreement Subgroup and a subgroup of Quality Assurance Committee which took place on 27th June 2023.
3. The Committee's Terms of Reference for AY 2023-24. These were reviewed and approved.
4. The Committee agreed the business agenda of Senate's meeting of 6th September 2023. The Strath Union President was asked to provide a verbal update to Senate on recent Strath Union business. It was agreed that Senate would receive a presentation on NSS Results 2022-23 from the Deputy Associate Principal Learning and Teaching, followed by a verbal report from each of the Deans on the performance of their respective Faculties in the survey. The Deputy Associate Principal, Academic Quality and Student Experience, was asked to present an overview of the [results of the QAA's Quality Enhancement and Standards Review](#). It was agreed that Senators would receive a presentation on Generative AI capturing current sector views and how assessment practices can be adapted to work with AI. Finally, Senate would also receive a recruitment update from the Director of Strategic Planning and a financial update from the Acting Chief Financial Officer.
5. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and were recommended for approval by the Senate Business Committee.
6. Requests for Senate's attention and approval were highlighted; with a recommendation that Senate give its formal approval to reports as noted below (Minute ref 12800-12812).
7. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S23-24-03 since the last Senate meeting:
 - An addendum to an existing joint delivery agreement between the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and Glasgow Caledonian University (Paper S23-24-12)
 - Extension to a Cooperation Agreement with Harbin Institute of Technology, China and the Faculty of Engineering (Paper S23-24-13)
 - Addendum to an existing agreement with Manipal Academy of Higher Education and the Faculty of Engineering (Paper S23-24-13)
 - Request for Recognition of Prior Learning for an undergraduate student in the Faculty of Engineering (Paper S23-24-13)
 - Minor amendments to the Student Discipline Procedures: Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct (Paper S23-24-17)
 - Supplementary Guidance for Boards of Examiners – Marking and Assessment Boycott (Paper S23-24-18)

12786. Renewal of the Principal's Appointment

The Vice Principal, in the absence of the Principal, consulted with Senate on the re-appointment of the

Principal for a further period of just over two years. Senate was asked to consider the Re-appointment Panel's recommendation of a further renewal to the Principal's contract from 1st August 2024 to 30th September 2026. Senators welcomed this proposal and unanimously endorsed the extension to the Principal's contract, with a number of Senators offering positive commentary on this proposal.

12787. Student Voice

Eva Curran, Strath Union's President, presented the Student Union update, noting that the development of the strategic framework between the Union and the University was progressing well and is due to be signed off in October. She brought to Senators' attention the difficulties that students were having securing Discretionary and Childcare Funding due to the delays from SAAS in confirming the grant amounts. This is a national issue and the Principal and University Secretary gave support to raising the concern to the Scottish Government through their networks. Finally, the President noted that the Union has organised a wide range of events for Freshers' and that all of the officers were looking forward to welcoming new students onto campus.

12788. NSS Results 2022-23

The Deputy Associate Principal for Learning and Teaching provided Senate with an update on the annual NSS results. It was noted that there had been significant changes to the NSS survey in the last year which affected the types of comparisons that could be made to previous years' data, as the methodology has been fundamentally changed. The University had improved its score in overall satisfaction, placing it 5th in Scotland in this measure and significantly above the UK benchmark. The two areas that are the focus of development are around Assessment & Feedback and Student Voice. Although there is improvement to be made in these areas it was noted that the University has gone from 99th to 6th in the UK in the Student Voice set of questions which demonstrates the impact of the work being undertaken in this area. The Executive Deans for each Faculty gave an overview of the data from each of their respective areas. They noted that although it was a very difficult landscape for final year students, with the majority being on campus for the first time and the impact of the cost of living crisis and industrial action, the results were generally positive and the University retained its top quartile position for the 5th consecutive year.

12789. Outcome of Quality Enhancement and Standards Review

The Deputy Associate Principal for Academic Quality and Student Experience provided Senate with an overview of the outcome of the QAA's Quality Enhancement and Standards Review. It was noted that the outcome of this review had been very positive with the QAA being confident that the institution is making effective progress in continuing to monitor, review and enhance its higher education provision to enable effective arrangements to be in place for managing academic standards and the quality of the student learning experience. Four key areas of good practice were identified, namely: strategic approach to good standards, use of data and evidence to inform self-evaluation and decision making, student partnership working, and digital education. Two recommendations were made around forward timetable development for thematic reviews, and ensuring that the Guidance for Postgraduate Research Students Who Support Teaching and Teaching-related Activities is fully and consistently implemented. Senators were encouraged to read the report from the QAA which can be found [here](#).

12790. Generative AI

The Vice-Dean Academic, HaSS and the Deputy Director of Education Enhancement presented to Senate on the impacts and opportunities presented by Generative Artificial Intelligence for learning, teaching, and assessment. The landscape around Gen AI was discussed, an overview of the work that has already been undertaken by the University was presented, and a proposed outline of next steps and key actions was provided. It was noted that this was a rapidly developing area with the potential for profound impact across the Higher Education sector.

12791. Recruitment and Financial Update

The Acting Chief Financial Officer presented an overview of the draft budget for 2023-24 and provided some context around the presented figures. An early loan repayment of £61.7M to the European Investment Bank was noted. The Director of Strategy and Planning presented a recruitment update to Senators, this focussed on the upcoming September 2023 intake.

All Senate presentations can be found [here](#).

12792. Principal's Update

Contrary to the published Senate agenda, at the Principal's request this update was provided after the substantive items.

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

Innovation

The focus of the Scottish Government's recent programme on innovation and entrepreneurship was highlighted. It is hoped that Strathclyde can be a key partner in the development of this work and a catalyst to support the intention of the First Minister to improve relationships between the Government and industry.

New areas of development for the University in the Middle East were emphasised, this included pharmacy, fintech and renewables, as well as plans to support the implementation of the innovation district model at other institutions.

Industrial Action

The end of the Marking and Assessment Boycott by UCU was announced. It was noted that Unite members are taking five days of industrial action in September, with UCU also taking five days of action later in the month. The Industrial Action Planning Group is meeting regularly to reduce the impact of the action on students as far as possible.

Strathclyde 2030

The Principal commented on the high levels of engagement that had been seen in the consultation of the 2030 Strategic Plan. The Plan will be presented to Court for final approval in the coming months.

Strathclyde's Historical Links with Transatlantic Slave Trade

A report will be published in the coming months examining the University's links with the Transatlantic Slave Trade. To recognise the impact of these links and the financial benefits historically bestowed to the University a full calendar of events and activities are planned for Black History Month. A new Racial Equity and Anti-Racism Steering Group (REARSG) has been established to ensure the ongoing commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion across the institution.

Safe 360

It was noted that to support the University's commitment to the Safe 360 approach new modules were required for all new Undergraduate students on Gender Based Violence, and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. Senators were reminded that all staff must undertake the mandatory Data Protection and Cyber Security training modules.

Athena Swan Silver

The Principal offered congratulations to Strathclyde Business School on the Athena Swan Silver award for the Faculty.

Daily Mail University Rankings

It was noted that the University has been ranked very highly in a new University ranking published by the Daily Mail, the formal announcement of which would be released at the weekend.

Research Wins

Award made to Professor Campbell Booth in Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Project title: ENSIGN: ENergy System dIGital twiN (Prosperity Partnership)

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 15-Aug-2023

Award made to Professor Charles Norman MacLeod in Electronic and Electrical Engineering Project title:

Fusing a future from Glasgow's proud heritage: Schedule Guaranteed High-Integrity Structures for a Secure Safe and Resilient Transition to Net Zero (Innovation Accelerator)

Innovate UK, awarded on 02-Jun-2023

Award made to Dr Andrew Sherlock in National Manufacturing Institute Scotland

Project title: DIGF-CRAD-06294: Data-driven Manufacturing Colab Innovation Accelerator

Innovate UK, awarded on 14-Aug-2023

Award made to Dr John Parkinson in Pure and Applied Chemistry

Project title: NMR-BASE: Nuclear Magnetic Resonance for Biomolecule Analysis in Supported Environments

BBSRC (Biotech & Biological Sciences Research Council), awarded on 19-Jul-2023

Award made to Dr Jonathan Pritchard in Physics

Project title: Quantum Error Correction in a dual-species Rydberg array (QuERy)

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 27-Jun-2023

Award made to Professor Craig Michie in Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Project title: ICLEI Europe: Glasgow Environmental Monitoring of Indoor and Outdoor Air (GEMINOA)

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability Europe, awarded on 20-Jul-2023

Award made to Professor Radu Mardare in Computer and Information Sciences

Project title: A correct-by-construction approach to approximate computation

EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 09-Aug-2023

Award made to Professor Andrew Daley in Physics

Project title: Innovation Accelerator for Neutral Atom Quantum Optimisation

Innovate UK, awarded on 06-Jul-2023

Award made to Dr Panagiotis Papadopoulos in Electronic And Electrical Engineering

Project title: Addressing the complexity of future power system dynamic behaviour (UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship)

MRC (Medical Research Council), awarded on 08-Aug-2023

Award made to Dr Shuzo Sakata in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences Project title: Sleep state-dependent functions of pontine waves
MRC (Medical Research Council), awarded on 15-Aug-2023

Award made to Dr Colin Lindsay in Work Employment And Organisation Project title: The PROPEL Hub - Productivity Outcomes of workplace Practice Engagement and Learning ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 06-Jul-2023

Award made to Professor Karen Turner in Centre for Energy Policy
Project title: Labour market and other wider economy challenges in decarbonising the UK's industry clusters [LAB-CLUSTER] (IDRIC Wave 2)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 25-Apr-2023

Items for information

12793. Senate Appointments and Membership of Senate Committees (Paper S23-24-04)

Senate **noted** the names of those elected to Senate for AY 2023-24 as well as membership of Senate Committees.

12794. Annual Statement to SFC on Institutional Quality (Paper S23-24-05)

Senate **recommended** to Court that the Statement be endorsed ahead of submission to the SFC by the deadline of 30th September 2023 with a Statement of Assurance signed by the Convener of Court, following Court endorsement at its meeting on 2nd October.

12795. Senate Annual Report 2022-23 (Paper S23-24-06)

Senate **noted** this report.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

12796. Executive Team Report (Paper S23-24-07)

Senate **noted** the report.

12797. Court Report (Paper S23-24-08)

Senate **noted** the report.

12798. Education Strategy Committee Annual Report (Paper S23-24-09)

Senate **noted** the report.

12799. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S23-24-10)

Senate **noted** the report.

12800. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S23-24-11)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programme:
 - An amendment to MSc Work and Organisational Psychology be approved for AY 2023/24.

12801. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S23-24-11)

Senate

- **noted** the report;

- **approved** the collaborative agreement with:
 - Validation and Articulation Agreement with City of Glasgow – DipHE Social Sciences/BA Hons History and/or Politics and International Relations
- **noted** the following collaborative agreement:
 - Glasgow Caledonian University - Addendum to MSc Health History Agreement
- **noted** the following programme:
 - LLM International Commercial Law – January Start

12802. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S23-24-12)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programmes:
 - MSc/ PGDip/PGCert Offshore Energy Transitions (modular study)
 - MSc/PGDip/PGCert Electrical Engineering for Modern Power Systems
- **approved** the collaborative agreement with:
 - Inner Mongolia University of Technology
- **noted** the following programme:
 - MSc/PGDip/PGCert in Offshore Energy Transitions – January Start
- **noted** the following collaborative agreements:
 - Harbin Institute of Technology, China
 - Manipal Academy of higher Education, India
- **noted** the following MoUs:
 - Bennett University, India
 - Manipal University, Jaipur, India
 - University Tunku Abdul Rahman, Malaysia

12803. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S23-24-13)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following:
 - Regulation Waiver for the Department of Computer and Information Sciences
 - Regulation Waiver for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics
 - New module: Strathclyde Disruptive Technologies with an Entrepreneurial Mindset

Revised Policy

12804. Policy and Procedure for the Quinquennial Review of Academic Provision: minor amendments (PAPER S23-24-15)

Senate noted the minor amendments to this policy, first approved at Senate at its meeting on 17th November 2021. The updates have been reviewed and endorsed by ESC and QAC, prior to submission to Senate. Senate **approved** this revised Policy and Procedure.

12805. Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research Study: minor amendments (PAPER S23-24-16)

It was highlighted that the amendments to this Code of Practice have been made to reflect current practice. Senate **approved** the minor amendments to the Code of Practice.

Any other business: for information

12809. Student Discipline Procedures: minor amendments (PAPERS23-24-16)

These amendments were considered by Senate Business Committee out of cycle in preparation for the start of the new academic year. SBC recommended them to the Principal to approve on behalf of Senate,

and this approval was granted on 5th August. The revised procedures are available here. Archived copies of previous procedures can also be found on this site.

12810. Supplementary Guidance for Boards of Examiners – Marking and Assessment Boycott (PAPER S23-24-17)

As outlined in the Procedure for Markers and Boards of Examiners in the Event of Widespread Significant Disruption, supplementary guidance may be produced by the University during particular periods of widespread, significant disruption, to further support the student experience and to ensure that no students are academically disadvantaged. Guidance for UG Hons Awards and Progression Boards was approved out cycle via Convener's action on 1st June 2023. The PGT Awards Guidance was approved via Convener's action on behalf of Senate on 28th August 2023. Both documents were presented to Senate for information.

Reserved business: for approval without discussion

12811. Student Business Report (PAPER S23-24-18)

Senate **approved** this report.

12812. Criminal Convictions Proceedings Report (PAPER S23-24-19)

Senate **approved** this report.