



SENATE

Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 12th November
2025

- Present:** Principal, Professor S McArthur.
Professor S MacGregor, Dr A Arnold, Dr A Moreno-Rangel, A Corrigan, Professor A Marshall, A Edvaldsson, Professor A Gachagan, Professor B Wagner, Dr B McMillan, C Pattinson, Professor C Booth, Dr C Verdier, C Robb, Professor C Lindsay, Professor D Hillier, Dr D McKee, D Finn, Dr D Ramsay, Professor D Brodie, Professor D Graham, E McKee, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Oterkus, Professor E Boulougouris, Professor F Henriquez-Miu, F Brown, Dr I Moore, J McKee, J Carey, Professor J MacBryde, Dr J El Gemayel, Professor K Chen, Dr K Pyper, L Reaney, Professor L McElroy, L Gil Dorta, Professor M Parra Rodriguez, Professor M Halvey, Professor M Smith, Dr M Harker, Dr N Ferguson, Professor N MacKenzie, N Steinback, O Nnamoko, Dr O Ganilova, O Musa, R McHugh, R Collins, S Day, Dr S Morrissey, Dr S Oterkus, Professor S Kuhr, Dr T Masood, Professor T Bedford, W Rennison, Professor Z Rattray, Z MacPherson.
- Attending:** Professor A Galloway, Professor B Green, C MacDonald, C Milligan, Professor C Mahn, G Watt, H Gould, Professor J Race, K Barton, K Bryce, Dr L Bonnar, Dr L Gibson, L Noble, Professor M Grealy, M Middlehurst, Dr M Williams, Professor P Connolly, Professor P McKenna, S Currie, Dr S Fancey, Professor S Howick, Dr S McKendry.
- Apologies:** Professor A Wilson, Dr A Tonner, Dr A Ivaturi, Professor A Fletcher, Dr A Ates, C McLaughlin, Dr D Roxburgh, Professor D Robinson, Dr F Arrigo, Professor I Rivers, L McKean, Professor M Revie, Dr M Dobрева, Professor N Quinn, Dr Q Hong, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Scotto, Professor Y Perrie.

OPEN BUSINESS

13115. Welcome

The Principal welcomed everyone to the second meeting of Senate for 2025-26.

13116. Minutes of the meeting of 3rd September 2025 (Item 1.1, Paper S25-26-23)

The minutes of the meeting of 3rd September 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

13117. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

13118. Senate Business Committee Report (Item 1.4, Paper S25-26-24)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 27th October 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 31st July, four agreements had been processed as follows:
 - Nanjing Agricultural University International Joint Education Programme (IJEP) (Engineering) – a new IJEP agreement that was approved by the Principal on the recommendation of Senate Business Committee on 9th September (Paper S25-26-37)
 - Harbin Engineering University (Qingdao innovation and Research Base), China (Engineering) – a new 2+(2) undergraduate articulation agreement (Paper S25-26-37)
 - Glasgow Clyde College (Faculty of Science) – a new 1+(4) undergraduate articulation agreement (Paper S25-26-38)
 - Ocean University of China (Faculty of Science) – a new summer research experience and 4+(1) PGT articulation agreement (Paper S25-26-38)
2. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate's meeting on 12th November 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 an overview of the registration and induction activities undertaken in AY 2025-26 presented by Gill Watt, Director, Student Experience, Karen Barton, Deputy Director, Education Enhancement, Dr Steph McKendry, Deputy Director, Student Experience, and Kimberley Bryce, Head of Student Experience Systems and Data. Professor Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal would then provide Senators with an update on the activities around the Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review in preparation for the review taking place from 1st to 4th December. The Executive Deans would then be asked to present their Faculty NSS enhancement plans for AY 2025-26. 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. Senate was invited to extend its approval for 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 February 2026, noting that a proposal for a more permanent solution will be presented at a future Senate.

Senate APPROVED that 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 February 2026.
4. Senate Business Committee noted the report from the New Awards Recommendation Group and in particular the award submitted for Senate endorsement, ahead of submission to Court for approval and adding to the list of awards in the Ordinances of the University.

Senate noted the report of the New Awards Recommendation Group and ENDORSED the following Award for onward approval by Court and listing in the University's Ordinances: Master of Fine Arts (MFA).

5. Senate was invited to note the key findings from the Senate Effectiveness Review AY 2024-25 survey and approve the list of recommendations.
Senate APPROVED the list of recommendations from the Senate Effectiveness Review AY 2024-25.
6. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and were recommended to Senate by Senate Business Committee.
7. 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 13125 - 13138).
8. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S25-26-25 since the last Senate meeting:
 - A change in mode of delivery in relation to the *Postgraduate Certificate in Securing Children's Futures* and *Postgraduate Certificate in Relative Matters* (Paper S25-26-36)
 - A collaborative agreement between the Faculty of Engineering and Nanjing Agricultural University (Paper S25-26-37)
 - Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure (Paper S25-26-40)
 - Two withdrawals due to Fitness to Practise reasons (Paper S25-26-41)

13119. Principal's Report

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

- The meeting opened with reflections on the new academic year and a welcome to returning students. The Principal reported strong SIMD 0–40 student recruitment and stable international PGT numbers.
- Key updates included the completion of nine 'Meet the Principal' sessions, preparations for the upcoming Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER), and the conclusion of Winter Graduations, which celebrated 2,500 graduates and welcomed six Honorary Graduates.
- Court has renamed the TIC building as the Professor Sir Jim McDonald Technology & Innovation Centre in recognition of his leadership and contribution.
- Strathclyde hosted the Glasgow Economic Leadership Forum, attended by senior government officials and university leaders. The upcoming Court Strategy Meeting will focus on aligning with the Strategic Plan.
- Entrepreneurship highlights included hosting the Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship conference and Strathclyde spinout Biosers winning the 2025 Converge Challenge.

Research Awards

Award made to Professor Paul Rodgers in Design Manufacturing and Engineering Management
Project title: Design HOPES (Healthy Organisations in a Place-based Ecosystem Scotland)
AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council), awarded on 18-Sep-2025

Award made to Professor Thorsten Ackemann in Physics
Project title: Supersolids and quantum droplets via light mediated interactions
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 02-Nov-2025

Award made to Professor Stefan Kuhr in Physics
Project title: Quantum simulation of ordering above critical temperature from many-body dynamics
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 31-Oct-2025

Award made to Professor Damion Corrigan in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Early intervention systems for sustainable aquaculture health in Viet Nam and Thailand
BBSRC (Biotech & Biological Sciences Research Council), awarded on 11-Aug-2025

Award made to Dr Alessandro Rossi in Physics
Project title: (FLF extension) Quantum ELecTronics in silicon Carbide +3 (QELTIC+3)
MRC (Medical Research Council), awarded on 05-Aug-2025

Award made to Dr Paul Hoskisson in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences
Project title: Understanding Phage Growth limitation in Streptomyces: a unique viral defence system
BBSRC (Biotech & Biological Sciences Research Council), awarded on 15-Sep-2025

Award made to Professor Mario Parra Rodriguez in Psychology
Project title: CONSOLIDATE: Co-designing Opportunities for Needs-led Solutions that Optimise Living Independently With Dementia by Accessible Technology Enhancement
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 12-Oct-2025

Award made to Dr Antonio Hurtado in Institute of Photonics
Project title: UKRI Centre for Neuromorphic Technologies - Photonics focus - Aston lead - Period 1
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 12-Oct-2025

Award made to Dr Eleanor Bell in English
Project title: Beyond The Dear Green Place: Recovering the Lost Works & Literary Networks of Archie Hind
AHRC (Arts and Humanities Research Council), awarded on 03-Nov-2025

Award made to Dr Kirsty Strokosch in Work Employment and Organisation
Project title: Lived experience for impact: enabling work-orientated service systems change and mutual value co-creation through the lived experience of working age adults with learning disabilities and autism
NHS National Institute for Health Research NIHR, awarded on 18-Sep-2025

13120. Student Voice

The Strath Union President, Fraser Brown, presented the Strath Union update which briefed Senate on recent student engagement, including analysis on the recent Freshers Week activities, campaigns like 16 Days of Action and Fight for the Night, and progress on the Strategic Alliance Framework. Work was also highlighted on the Personal Circumstances Working Group, Democracy Review, and the recruitment of over 500 Programme Reps. Updates also covered STEP (Strathclyde Tertiary Enhancement Programme) participation, Sports Union developments (Sports Union Get Active Fund - SUGAF, a new Sports Development Coordinator and the upcoming Taxis Cup), Autumn Elections,

TQER involvement, Board of Trustee interviews, and student-led events for Black History Month, Islamophobia Awareness Month, 'Movember', Autumn Graduations, and Remembrance Day.

13121. Induction and Ask Strathclyde

Gill Watt, Director of Student Experience, Kimberley Bryce, Head of Student Experience Systems and Data, Karen Barton, Deputy Director, Education Enhancement and Dr Steph McKendry, Deputy Director, Student Experience, provided Senate with an outline of key initiatives enhancing the student experience at Strathclyde including the We Are Strathclyde Induction course, the mandatory registration programmes on Gender-based Violence and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, and the pilot AI-powered chatbot launched in August 2025 to support registration.

13122. Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER) update

Professor Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal, provided Senate with an update on preparations and milestones relating to the TQER. Strathclyde is preparing for the Main Review Visit (MRV) from 1-4 December 2025, following the Initial Review Visit held in October. Key milestones include the MRV in December, a Key Outcomes Letter provided in December, a Draft Review Report from the QAA to the institution in January, and final publication of the TQER Report by March 2026, with Strathclyde's formal response due in May.

13123. Faculty NSS enhancement plans for 2026

Professor David Hillier, Professor Campbell Booth and Professor Duncan Graham, Associate Principals and Executive Deans, and Dr Manuela Williams, Vice Dean Academic (Humanities and Social Sciences, standing in for Professor I Rivers), provided Senate with an update on their Faculty National Student Survey (NSS) enhancement plans for 2026. Each faculty at Strathclyde has reviewed its 2024-25 NSS results and developed targeted enhancement plans for 2025/26, an outline of which were presented to Senate.

13124. 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 2025-26 were presented. Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, presented Senate with an overview of income and expenditure movements for 2025-26, focusing on quarter one of the current financial year.

Items for information

There were no items submitted.

Items for approval

13125. Academic Year Key Dates – John Anderson Campus and Bahrain Campus (Item 4.1, Paper S25-26-26)

This paper noted the student-facing AY information (inclusive of bank and public holiday details) for the John Anderson Campus and the Bahrain Campus for AY 2025-26 to AY 2028-29, together with the underlying AY methodology for the Bahrain Campus.

Senate APPROVED the Academic Year Key Dates – John Anderson Campus and Bahrain Campus.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

13126. Executive Team Report (Item 5.1, Paper S25-26-27)

Senate **noted** the report.

13127. Court Report (Item 5.2, Paper S25-26-28)

Senate **noted** the report.

13128. Education Strategy Committee Report (Item 5.3, Paper S25-26-29)

Senate **noted** the report.

13129. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Item 5.4, Paper S25-26-30)

Senate **noted** the report.

13130. Learning Experience Committee Report (Item 5.5, Paper S25-26-31)

Senate **noted** this report.

13131. Student Experience Committee Report (Item 5.6, Paper S25-26-32)

Senate **noted** this report.

13132. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Item 5.7, Paper S25-26-33)

Senate **noted** this report.

13133. Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee Report (Item 5.8, Paper S25-26-34)

Senate **noted** this report and recommended to Court for approval the following:

- Annual Statement on Research Integrity 2024-25
- Annual Report for the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers 2024-25

13134. Strathclyde Business School Report (Item 5.9, Paper S25-26-35)

Senate:

- **noted** the report
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MSc Marketing
 - MSc Business Psychology
 - MSc Finance – Bahrain
 - MSc Economics, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

13135. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Item 5.10, Paper S25-26-36)

Senate:

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MSc Media & Communications (Research Methods)
 - MSc Literature, Culture and Society
 - MSc Public Health and Social Innovation
- **approved** a major amendment to the following existing programme:

- MSc Historical Studies
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programme:
 - LLM Global Environmental Law and Governance
- **noted** the following:
 - New award – Master of Fine Arts
 - Postgraduate Certificate Securing Children’s Future’s
 - Postgraduate Certificate Relative Matters

13136. Faculty of Engineering Report (Item 5.11, Paper S25-26-37)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following major amendment to the following programme:
 - Graduate Diploma in Civil Engineering
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - New Articulation Agreement with Harbin Engineering University (Qingdao Innovation and Development Base), China
- **noted** the following:
 - New International Joint Education Programme Agreement with Nanjing Agricultural University, China
 - Memorandum of Understanding – IIT Varanasi, India
 - Acting Vice Dean (Research) appointment

13137. Faculty of Science (Item 5.12, Paper S25-26-38)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
 - Glasgow Clyde College
 - Ocean University of China

New policy for approval

13138. Student Disability and Neurodivergence Inclusion Policy (Item 6.1, Paper S25-26-39)

This policy enables staff, students and other relevant parties to understand their rights and responsibilities, and to support the University in promoting disability inclusion, preventing discrimination, and fulfilling its duties under the Equality Act 2010 and public sector equality duty in Scotland. This policy supersedes the current Disability Policy.

Senate APPROVED the Student Disability and Neurodivergence Inclusion Policy.

Revised policies for endorsement

There were no items submitted.

Papers for homologation

These items relate to papers progressed out of cycle and approved by the Principal via Chair’s action on the recommendation of Senate Business Committee.

13139. Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure (Item 8.1, Paper S25-26-40)

Senate was informed that a new [Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure](#) has been approved which supersedes the Personal Circumstances & Academic Appeals Procedure. The new policy and procedure more clearly reflects current practice and aims to help students in their engagement with the appeals process and encourage more consistent advice and decision making across the institution. This Policy and Procedure is accompanied by a standalone [Personal Circumstances Procedure](#) and new [Personal Circumstances Evidence Guidelines](#).

The Academic Appeals Policy and Procedure was APPROVED via Convener's action on the recommendation of Senate Business Committee on 23rd September.

Any other business: for information

There were no items submitted.

Reserved business: for information

13140. Student Business Report (Item 9.1 Paper S25-26-40)

Senate **noted** this report.

13141. Student Discipline Report (Item 9.2, Paper S25-26-41)

Senate **noted** this report.

13142. Criminal Convictions Appeals Report (Item 9.3, Paper S25-26-42)

Senate **noted** this report.