



SENATE

Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 28th January
2026

- Present:** Principal, Professor S McArthur.
Professor S MacGregor, A Edvaldsson, A Guda, Dr A Colson, Dr A Arnold, Dr A Huang, Dr A Moreno-Rangel, A Corrigan, Professor A Maier, A Mendes, Professor A Gachagan, Dr A Ivaturi, Dr A Ates, Professor B Wagner, Professor C Booth, Professor C Johnstone, C Pattinson, C Whitley, Professor D Hillier, Dr D Reat, Dr D Roxburgh, Dr D Ramsay, Professor D Brodie, Professor D Graham, Professor E Shaw, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Boulougouris, F Brown, H Gould, Dr G MacIntyre, Dr I Moore, Professor I Rivers, J McKee, Professor K Boyle, Dr K Johnston, Professor K Chen, L Gil Dorta, L Reaney, Dr L McNally, L Phillips, Dr M Williams, Professor M Parra Rodriguez, Professor M Smith, Dr M Harker, Dr M Dobрева, Professor N Quinn, Professor N MacKenzie, N Steinback, O Musa, O Nnamoko, Dr Q Hong, R McHugh, R Collins, Professor S Oterkus, Dr T Masood, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Bedford, W Rennison, Professor W Shu, Dr Z Rattray.
- Attending:** Professor A Galloway, Professor B Green, C Breslin, C MacDonald, C Milligan, Professor C Mahn, Dr E Robertson, Dr L Bonnar, Dr L Gibson, L Noble, M Middlehurst, S Currie, Dr S Fancey.
- Apologies:** Professor A Fletcher, Dr B McMillan, Dr C Verdier, C Robb, Professor C Lindsay, C McLaughlin, Professor D Robinson, Professor F Henriquez-Mui, G Watt, G Docherty, J Carey, Dr J Young, Dr J El Gemayel, Professor J Race, Dr K Pyper, Professor L McElroy, Professor M Halvey, Dr O Ganilova, Professor R Maguire, Dr S Day, Professor S Kuhr, Professor T Scotto.

OPEN BUSINESS

13143. Welcome

The Principal welcomed everyone to the third meeting of Senate for AY 2025/ 26.

13142. Minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2025 (Item 1.1, Paper S25-26-44)

The minutes of the meeting of 12th November 2025 were approved as an accurate record.

13143. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

13144. Senate Business Committee Report (Item 1.4, Paper S25-26-45)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 15th January 2026. 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 30th September 2025 the Subgroup had processed four agreements as follows:
 - Association for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scotland (AKFA) (Humanities and Social Sciences) – renewal of two existing validation agreements, one for the Postgraduate Certificate in Relative Matters and the other for the Postgraduate Certificate in Securing Children’s Futures (Paper S25-26-59)
 - Nanjing Institute of Technology (NJIT), China (Engineering) – a renewal of an existing agreement for UG and PGT articulation pathways and jointly supervised PhDs (Paper S25-26-60)
 - Inner Mongolia University of Technology (IMUT), China (Engineering) - a renewal of an existing agreement for UG and PGT articulation pathways, jointly supervised PhDs and academic visitors (Paper S25-26-60)
 - 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 28th January 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 on the Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER) from Professor Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal (Academic Quality and Student Experience), comprising an update on TQER activities and milestones following the TQER Main Review Visit on 1-4 December. Caroline Breslin, Head of Education Insight, Beth Robertson, Teaching Fellow, Engineering, and Kate Jack, Senior Strategic Planner, would then present to Senate on the Power BI dashboards available to programme staff. In particular they will focus on the Pulse Check, Student Journeys and NSS dashboards. Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal (Education, Systems and Enhancement), would follow this with an overview of the University’s preparations for NSS 2026, including the key milestones leading up to the launch of the survey and activities taking place to promote the survey as well as a brief overview of results from NSS 2025. 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 13151 - 13164).

5. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S25-26-46 since the last Senate meeting:
- Two collaborative agreements between Nanjing Agricultural University and the Faculty of Science (Paper S25-26-61)
 - Management of Student Academic Debt Policy (Paper S25-26-62)

13145. 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 a welcome to colleagues and new Senate members; congratulations were offered to Dr Lizann Bonnar and Dr Emma Henderson on their recent appointments as Deputy Associate Principals.
- The Principal noted the recent [Quality Assurance Agency Targeted Peer Review](#) report related to the University of Glasgow. Senators were informed that the Scottish Funding Council have signalled a national review which will impact across the sector.
- An update on the status of the University's Transformation Project and related Union and industrial action activity was provided.
- Key highlights from the Scottish Government Budget were presented, noting that the Principal and University Secretary had been engaging with the Scottish Government via Universities Scotland on the direction of travel of the [Tertiary Education and Training Bill](#).
- University Court is currently recruiting for a [Lay Member](#). Senators were encouraged to share this vacancy with their networks.
- In very welcome news the ERASMUS+ scheme will reopen to UK students from 2027.
- A number of Strathclyde People were celebrated, including Professor Graeme West for his contribution to the 100th Anniversary coverage of John Logie Baird's demonstration of the television; Professor Rebecca Lunn's award of a Green Future Fellowship; and Professor Jennifer Hastie being named on UNESCO's Quantum 100 list.
- The Principal noted that there had been a number of significant research awards made to colleagues across the University.

Research Awards

- Award made to Dr Binoy Paulose Nadappuram in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Dynamic Multiomics Profiling of Single-Synapses for Understanding Learning and Memory Formation
Leverhulme Trust, awarded on 13-Jan-2026
- Award made to Professor Katherine Smith in Social Work and Social Policy (Subject) Project title: ESRC Centre for Lifecourse Health Equality (ICLS-Equalise)
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 15-Dec-2025
- Award made to Dr Xiaolei Zhang in Chemical and Process Engineering
Project title: Global Center for Sustainable Bioproducts (GCSB)
BBSRC (Biotech & Biological Sciences Research Council), awarded on 20-Jan-2026
- Award made to Professor Katherine Smith in Social Work and Social Policy (Subject) Project title: THRIVING Food Futures
MRC (Medical Research Council), awarded on 19-Jan-2026

- Award made to Dr Alison Nordon in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Inspiremed
Innovate UK, awarded on 01-Nov-2025
- Award made to Professor Selda Oterkus in Naval Architecture Ocean and Marine Engineering
Project title: CRDT-Port: Developing a Crisis and Resilience Digital Twin for UK Port-centric Transport Systems
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 12-Nov-2025
- Award made to Professor Malcolm Macdonald in Electronic and Electrical Engineering Project title: Precision Inter-satellite Coupling of orbits and Time-Synchronisation for Alternative Navigation
UK Space Agency, awarded on 18-Nov-2025
- Award made to Dr Peter Kirton in Physics
Project title: Multimode Cavity QED
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 12-Nov-2025
- Award made to Dr Stefanie Reher in Politics
Project title: Disability and Political Parties
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 24-Nov-2025
- Award made to Professor Jillian MacBryde in Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship Strategy and Innovation
Project title: People - Led Net Zero: Accelerating our Transition
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 05-Nov-2025

13146. Student Voice

The Strath Union President, Fraser Brown, presented the Strath Union update which briefed Senate on key matters from the Student Union. This included the recent democracy review which has led to changes in the role titles and job descriptions for the elected full and part time officers. The Union is focussing on promoting voting rights for the upcoming Scottish election. The Sports Union's Get Active Fund is now receiving applications and this is being promoted. There are a range of events taking place over February to celebrate LGBT+ History Month. Employability Week is also taking place in February with a range of talks and sessions for students. Ticket sales for the Sports Ball are available and selling quickly, noting that the Burn's Night ceilidh had already sold out. The Fight For the Night March was well attended as part of the 16 Days of Action activity. Movember fundraising raised over £25,000 towards men's physical and mental health causes. Finally, awards nominations are open for the Sports Ball, Teaching Excellence, and Student Achievement and Recognition Awards.

13147. Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review – update

Professor Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal (Academic Quality and Student Experience), provided Senate with an update on the Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review (TQER). The Main Review Visit took place from 1-4 December 2025, following the Initial Review Visit held in October. The University was deemed to be effective, with a number of commendations and recommendations made. The full TQER report will be published in early March 2026.

13148. Dashboards and Analytics

Caroline Breslin, Head of Education Insight, Beth Robertson, Teaching Fellow, Engineering, and Peter Black, Strategic Planning Manager, presented to Senate on the Power BI dashboards available to programme staff. In particular they focused on the Pulse Check and Student Journeys dashboards and provided an overview of the dashboards and some examples of how these are used in practice by programme staff.

13149. NSS 2026

Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal (Education, Systems and Enhancement), provided a short presentation on University preparations for NSS 2026, including the key milestones leading up to the launch of the survey and activities taking place to promote the survey for 2026.

13150. 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 January 2026 were presented. Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer, presented Senate with an overview of the financial statements for 2024-25, the timetable for the 2026-27 budget process, and some key observations from the newly implemented Management of Student Academic Debt Policy.

All presentations made to Senate are available [here](#).

Items for information

13150. Timetable for Senate Elections and Committee Nominations (Item 3.1, Paper S25-26-47)

It was noted that this paper provides advance notice of the timetable for Senate Elections 2026. All those nominating individuals for membership of Senate were asked to ensure there is a broad representation of departments across their Faculty. Details of Senate membership highlighting those members due to complete their first term of office and eligible for re-election and those demitting office is appended to the paper. It was noted that there are 10 vacancies in AY 2026-27. Of these, eight have served on Senate for one term and are eligible for re-election for one further term of three years. Senators were reminded of the revised process in place for re-nomination for a second term, as outlined in [Paper S23-24-46](#).

Items for approval

13151. Higher Doctorate (Item 4.1, Paper S25-26-48)

Senate APPROVED that the award of Doctor of Science (DSc) be awarded to Professor N Rowan for their work on *'Studies on Disease Prevention and Control, Decontamination and Sterilisation, Microbial Adaptive Responses and Survival, Alternative Therapies, and Sustainability* in accordance with [University Regulation 1.3.13](#).

13152. Nomination of Honorary Degree to be conferred (Item 4.2, Paper S25-26-49 – Tabled paper)

A paper listing a nomination for an Honorary Degree to be conferred was tabled at the meeting. Senators were asked to observe the confidential nature of this business and to feedback comments to the Senate Manager by 4th March.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

13153. Executive Team Report (Item 5.1, Paper S25-26-50)

Senate **noted** the report.

13154. Court Report (Item 5.2, Paper S25-26-51)

Senate **noted** the report.

13155. Education Strategy Committee Report (Item 5.3, Paper S25-26-52)

Senate **noted** the report.

13156. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Item 5.4, Paper S25-26-53)

Senate **noted** the report.

13157. Learning Experience Committee Report (Item 5.5, Paper S25-26-54)

Senate **noted** this report.

13158. Student Experience Committee Report (Item 5.6, Paper S25-26-55)

Senate **noted** this report.

13159. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Item 5.7, Paper S25-26-56)

Senate **noted** this report.

13160. Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee Report (Item 5.8, Paper S25-26-57)

Senate **noted** this report.

13161. Strathclyde Business School Report (Item 5.9, Paper S25-26-58)

Senate:

- **noted** the report
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MSc in Human Resource Management and People Analytics
 - MSc in Economics and Finance – Bahrain
 - MSc in Finance – Bahrain (Full-time)
- **approved** the following amendments to existing programmes:
 - MRes in Research Methodology in Business and Management (MRes in Business Analysis)
 - MSc in Business Analysis and Consulting (with Project Management)
 - MSc in Marketing

13162. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Item 5.10, Paper S25-26-59)

Senate:

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MFA in Creative Writing
 - PhD in Culture, Heritage and Museum Studies
 - Postgraduate Certificate in Practice Education
- **approved** the following amendments to existing programmes:
 - MSc Digital Journalism
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:

- Validation Agreement with Association for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scotland - Postgraduate Certificate in Securing Children's Futures – Renewal
- Validation Agreement with Association for Fostering, Kinship and Adoption Scotland - Postgraduate Certificate in Relative Matters – Renewal

13163. Faculty of Engineering Report (Item 5.11, Paper S25-26-60)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following amendments to existing programmes:
 - MSc Chemical Technology and Management
 - MSc Energy Systems Innovation
 - MSc 5G Advanced Communications
 - MSc Biomedical Engineering
 - MSc Engineering Project Management (Online)
- **approved** the following programme withdrawal:
 - MRes Building Design and Management for Sustainability
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
 - Inner Mongolia University of Technology (IMUT), China
 - Nanjing Institute of Technology (NJIT), China
- **noted** the following:
 - Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS), Indonesia MoU
 - University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), China MoU
 - Erasmus Exchange Agreement with TU Delft

13164. Faculty of Science (Item 5.12, Paper S25-26-61)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following new programmes:
 - MSc Financial Mathematics and Data Science
 - BSc (Hons) Computer Science (NAU)
 - BSc (Hons) Mathematics and Statistics (NAU)
- **approved** the following programme withdrawals:
 - PhD in Applications of Next Generation Accelerators
 - MSc Applied Statistics and Data Science (on campus version)
 - PgCert in Fundamentals in Forensic Science
- **noted** the following:
 - Two collaborative agreements with Nanjing Agricultural University, noting that these are International Joint Education Programmes covering two programmes, namely the BSc Hons Computer Science and the BSc Hons Mathematics and Statistics

New policy for approval

There were no items submitted.

Revised policies for endorsement

There were no items submitted.

Papers for homologation

13165. Management of Student Academic Debt Policy (Item 8.1, Paper S25-26-62)

It was noted that the new Management of Student Academic Debt Policy establishes a framework for managing student academic debt. This Policy governs the collection and management of student academic debt within the University. Senators noted that the implementation of the policy continues to be monitored.

The Management of Student Academic Debt Policy was approved via Convener's action on the recommendation of Senate Business Committee on 19th December.

Any other business: for information

There were no items submitted.

Reserved business: for information

13166. Student Business Report (Item 9.1 Paper S25-26-63)

Senate **noted** this report.

13167. Student Discipline Report (Item 9.2, Paper S25-26-64)

Senate **noted** this report.