

SENATE

Approved Minutes: Wednesday 1st June 2022

Present: Principal

Professor S MacGregor, Professor T Bedford, Professor D Brodie, Professor A Incecik, Professor I Rivers, Professor D Hillier, Professor S McArthur, Professor D Graham, Professor A Gachagan, Professor S Reid, Professor A Galloway, Professor T Sharpe, Professor J Sefcik, Professor Y Perrie, Professor J MacKenzie, Professor S Kuhr, Professor B Wagner, Professor G Acheson, Professor A Morton, Professor B Fawcett, Professor C McDiarmid, Dr S Brough, C Carroll, R McHugh, W Rennison, C Cannon, B Rapson, S Kritharidou, N Malone, L McDermott, C Gonzalez-Longo, Dr E Henderson, Professor R Maguire, Professor G McConnell, Dr M Cunningham, Dr L Pritchard, Dr E Simmons, H Gould, A Paddison, J Carey, Dr A Huang, Dr I Moore, D Roxburgh, Dr C White, Dr G West.

Attending: S Wallace, S Currie, B Green, Dr C Mahn, Professor D Willison, Dr J Race, C McLaughlin (for Professor S Howick), Dr L Bonnar, L McKean, G Docherty, B Lawton.

Apologies: C Milligan, G Watt, Dr E Simmons, Professor W Kerr, Professor E Shaw, Professor A Maier, Professor T Tuttle, Professor J MacBryde, Professor I Wooton, L Brownlow, Professor T Hafford-Letchfield, R Wallace, K Bannatyne, S Day, Professor A Fletcher, Dr K Johnston, Dr H Grierson, Dr D Harle, Dr S Strachan, Dr T Tezdogan, Dr Demirel, Dr L Gibson, Dr A Nordon, Dr F Scott, Dr S Walker, Dr N Rattray, Dr Z Rattray, M Gorrie, Dr A Ates, Dr A Colson, A Mendes, Dr S Murdy, J McQuarrie, Dr C Verdier, Dr M Neal, Dr E Finnegan, Dr D Robertson, Dr E Compton-Daw, Dr K Savage, Professor S Howick, Dr L Williams.

OPEN BUSINESS

12641. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the last meeting in the 2021/22 Academic Year of Senate, taking place fully in-person on campus.

12642. Minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2022 (Paper S21-22-73)

The minutes of the meeting of 23rd March 2022 were approved as an accurate record.

12643. Matters Arising

No matters arising were raised.

12644. Report from Senate Business Committee (Paper S21-22-74)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report of the Senate Business Committee which had met on 19th May 2022. The Committee had scrutinised the following:

1. The report of the Collaborative Provision Agreement Subgroup. Senate Business Committee noted that, since the last meeting of Senate on 23 March 2022 the CPA Subgroup had processed seven agreements, four of which were new agreements and three were renewals to existing agreements. Of the renewals, one was a renewal where the academic terms and conditions had not changed. In line with the CPA Subgroup's Terms of Reference, a review of this renewal was undertaken by the Quality Enhancement and Assurance Team who provided the necessary confirmation to the CPA Subgroup that the appropriate academic due diligence had been undertaken.
2. Senators were asked to note that an effectiveness review of Senate will be undertaken over the summer months and will report to the September meeting of Senate.
3. Senate was also notified that in response to the growing number of collaboratively delivered programmes that the University enters into, work will be undertaken to update our governance processes to ensure that the appropriate level of oversight and scrutiny of programmes, programme regulations, fees, Data Sharing Agreements and collaborative agreements, is undertaken *before* Senate is asked for its approval.
4. Senate endorsed the QAA's [Academic Integrity Charter](#), detailed in the Education Strategy Committee Report to Senate (Paper S21-22-79). This will now be progressed with the QAA.
5. The Committee agreed the business agenda of Senate's meeting of 1st June 2022 and welcomed a presentation from the Deputy Associate Principal (Learning and Teaching) and the Vice Deans (Academic) on e-FIRST (education – Future Innovation and Reflection on Strathclyde Teaching). It was agreed that the emphasis of this item would be on transition arrangements for returning to campus in 2022/23, assuring Senators that preparation for on-campus teaching is well underway. The Student President was asked to provide a verbal update to Senate on recent StrathUnion business. Senate would receive a general update on the University's financial position from S Wallace, Chief Financial Officer. And finally, it was agreed that the Executive Dean of Engineering, Professor Stephen McArthur and the Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange Services, Claire Carroll would be invited to present the results of the Research Excellence Framework 2021 to Senate.
6. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and, subject to minor refinements, approved by the Senate Business Committee.
7. Requests for Senate's attention and approval were highlighted; with a recommendation that Senate give its formal approval to reports as noted below (Minutes 12650-12665).
8. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S21-22-75 since the last Senate meeting:

- i.* a request from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to approve a new programme titled MSc in Applied Translation
- ii.* a request from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences to amend an existing programme titled PG Cert Educational Issues and Impact
- iii.* a request from the Faculty of Engineering for a Posthumous Aegrotat Degree Award to be conferred to a fourth year BEng student
- iv.* a request from the Faculty of Science for a Posthumous Aegrotat Degree Award to be conferred to a third year BSc student
- v.* an update to the Guidance and Procedure for Boards of Examiners in the Event of Disruption
- vi.* the Procedure for Managing Students with Criminal Proceedings and Unspent Criminal Convictions and associated addition to the University's Constitutional Regulations

12645. Principal's Report and Update

Senate Elections

Nominations are now open to staff for election to Senate for 2022-23. Nominations are welcome from academic, research, teaching and knowledge exchange staff by the closing date of 14 June 2022. Colleagues can find all the information about the process in Inside Strathclyde.

The Principal thanked all those Senators demitting office this year for their valuable contributions to the work of Senate. In particular, those members of the Student Executive who will not return to their Executive roles in AY 2022-23 were thanked for their cooperative approach throughout AY 2021-22.

New Senior Colleagues

The Principal also welcomed new colleagues, namely: Louise McKean as the University's first Compliance Officer; Wesley Rennison as the Director of Strategy and Planning; Charlotte Cannon as the new Director of Safety, Health and Wellbeing; Claire Carroll has been confirmed as the new Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange Services; Dr Churnjeet Mahn started as Deputy Associate Principal Research and Knowledge Exchange on 1st May and Professor Patricia Connolly is starting her position as Deputy Associate Principal Research and Knowledge Exchange on 1st June. In addition, the Principal informed Senate that Professor Debra Willison has been appointed as Deputy Associate Principal Online Learning and Teaching and will commence her new role on 1st August 2022, and Brian Green, currently Deputy Associate Principal Learning and Teaching, will commence his new role as Deputy Associate Principal Academic Quality and Student Experience, also on 1st August 2022.

It was noted that Dr Stuart Fancey will commence his position as the University Secretary on 6th June. The Principal thanked Gordon Scott for fulfilling his role as Acting University Secretary alongside his role as Chief People Officer. The Principal thanked Gordon on behalf of Senate.

REF 2021

The Principal thanked everyone involved in the collective efforts around the successful REF 2021 submission. The University had a strong performance in the latest national assessment with almost 90% of our research rated 'world-leading' or 'internationally-excellent'.

External Recognition

It was noted that Gillian Docherty, Chief Commercial Officer, has been appointed to the Scottish Government's National Strategy for Economic Delivery Board. Professor Mairi Spowage, Director of the Fraser of Allander Institute, has been appointed as a committee member of the new National Statistician's Committee for Advice on Standards for Economic Statistics which has been set up by the

UK Statistics Authority. And Professor Martin Dawson has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS).

Awards

StrathUnion colleagues were recognised at The Herald Higher Education Awards in the Widening Access category for their development of the role of an Access and Participation Coordinator, the first of its kind in a Student Union, with the role funded by the University as a strategic project proposal.

In April, the University was recognised as Scotland's best large employer at the S1 Jobs Recruitment Awards.

The University has retained the EU HR Excellence in Research Award for a further two years, following an internal review marking a decade as part of the programme.

As part of the development of Glasgow City Innovation District, the University is leading an ambitious project to deliver a 100% renewable climate-neutral and climate-resilient area within the District. The project, the Climate Neutral Innovation District, has been selected as a winner in this year's [International Sustainable Campus Network Excellence Awards](#) in the Partnerships for Progress category. The project was also named winner in the Collaboration in Net Zero category of the Industry Awards presented by CeeD (Centre for Engineering Education and Development), a network of business and academia which delivers peer-to-peer best practice sharing.

Strategic Court

The Principal informed Senators that University Court met for a strategic session as we look beyond Vision 2025. The meeting was used to consider progress against the current strategic plan. Early discussions also took place around 'Strathclyde 2030' in the context of key institutional priorities and opportunities.

Accountability and Development Review

The ADR process has commenced for this year. The Principal informed Senators that he and the Executive Team have completed their reviews.

Safe Return to Campus

A recent communication from Gordon Scott, Chief People Officer advised colleagues that as we transition towards the next Academic Year, from the week commencing 20 June, all staff will be expected to have an on-campus presence each week. For full time staff it is expected that this will be a minimum of two to three days a week. It was noted that the University wants to retain the benefits that we have realised over the last two years through opportunities for agile and hybrid working. The agile working toolkit is key to how this approach is managed at a local level.

Senators were asked to encourage colleagues to familiarise themselves with the three new policies in relation to Gender Based Violence, Safeguarding and Child Safeguarding, available [here](#). The University actively encourages reporting of any incidence of inappropriate behaviour, so that it can be challenged and addressed, and appropriate support provided. This can be done through the [Report and Support](#) system.

Principal's Engagement Sessions

The Principal has recently completed a round of Engagement Sessions which saw 1300 colleagues participating in the online events. 250 operational staff from Estates attended a recent face-to-face session in The Barony.

Graduation Celebrations

Summer graduations will commence from Monday 20 June to Friday 1 July 2022. A total of 19 ceremonies will take place.

Research Wins

The Principal highlighted a number of significant recent research wins, notably:

Award made to Professor Walter Michie in Electronic and Electrical Engineering.
Project title: Digital Dairy Value-Chain for South-West Scotland and Cumbria (Strength in Places Fund).
Innovate UK, awarded on 22-Apr-22

Institutional award.
EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account - University of Strathclyde 2022.
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 25-Mar-22

Award made to Heidi Vironen in European Policies Research Centre.
Project title: Improving the Quality of Structural Funds Management through Exchange of Experience (IQ-Net 8).
Stichting EPRC Delft, awarded on 28-Mar-22

Award made to Dr Mariana Fazio in Biomedical Engineering.
Project title: Next generation optical coatings to fully open the window on the gravitational Universe (STFC Ernest Rutherford Fellowship - Dr Mariana Fazio / BME).
STFC Science and Technology Facilities Council, awarded on 20-May-22

Award made to Dr Jillian MacBryde in Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship.
Project title: Made Smarter Network+.
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 22-Mar-22

Institutional award.
Open Access Block Award (UKRI Block Awards).
Research Councils UK (Now UKRI), awarded on 04-Apr-22

Award made to Dr Liu Yang in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.
Project title: Products from Recycled Glass Fibre at Economic and Sustainable Scale (Progress).
Innovate UK, awarded on 18-Mar-22

Award made to Dr Patrick Bayer in Politics.
Project title: The Politics of Science in International Climate Cooperation.
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 15-Mar-22

Award made to Professor John Quigley in Management Science.
Project title: Nunavut Search and Rescue (NSAR) Project: Supporting Inuit Health and Well-Being
Food Security Economic Development and Community Resilience
NERC (Natural Environment Research Council), awarded on 06-May-22

Award made to Professor John Liggat in Pure and Applied Chemistry.
Project title: KTP - RUA. Embed an understanding of polymer chemistry rheology and process engineering for the in-house development of medical devices.

12646. e-FIRST – update covering: review of AY 21-22, transition and support planning for AY 22-23, and preparation for on-campus teaching for AY 22-23

The Deputy Associate Principal (Learning and Teaching) introduced a presentation to Senate on the readiness and transition to on-campus learning from the start of AY 2022/23. This introduction incorporated teaching room preparation, and the additional teaching and study space that is now available. It was noted that the full teaching estate would be available for AY 2022/23 as no buildings would be out of commission for upgrading works. Each of the Faculty's Vice Dean Academics (or nominee) was then asked to provide Senate with a brief overview on reflections from AY 2021/22, their Faculties' transition and support planning in place for AY 2022/23 and an outline of their preparations for on-campus teaching next academic year. It was noted that the e-FIRST group will continue to meet on a weekly basis to ensure continued good communication and early intervention if necessary.

Senate welcomed the e-FIRST overview and reassurance of the planning underway for return to campus and the extensive preparations for the forthcoming academic year.

12647. Student Voice

The StrathUnion President reported to Senate that over the last academic year, students have been well supported by StrathUnion and the University. The new Learning and Teaching Building has made a big difference in welcoming students back on to campus. The [Guidance and Procedure for Boards of Examiners in the Event of Disruption](#) has been particularly welcomed by StrathUnion and demonstrates the University's commitment to the continued support of students. Looking forward, the President noted the much welcome return to campus and noted students' enthusiasm for an on-campus experience. The new Student Executive team will commence their new roles on 1st July 2022 and are keen to build on the partnership approach that has worked well over the last academic year.

12648. Financial Update

The University's Chief Financial Officer presented Senate with an update on the current year forecast, noting that the Quarter 3 forecast has been prepared and will be presented to Court for approval on 16th June. A further improvement from the Q2 Forecast position was highlighted, with underlying surplus position in line with Budget. The 2022/23 budget is in the final stages of completion, with the final budget position to be presented to Court on 16th June. The current geo-political events have raised the risk profile for the coming academic year, specifically the impact of inflation. Managing that risk, while maintaining focus on the University's strategic vision, will be critical.

12649. Research Excellence Framework 2021

Professor Stephen McArthur, Executive Dean Engineering, presented the results of the University's REF 2021 submission. The excellent result achieved was the culmination of 7 years work. Academic and Professional Services colleagues were thanked for their collegiate approach to preparing and working towards this submission. The University's performance in the REF 2021 was solid and robust. It was noted that one of the main differences between our submission in 2014 and 2021 was the number of staff submitting to the REF (an increase of 40%), which demonstrates the quality of our staff and reflects well our strategy of recruiting and retaining outstanding academic staff, researchers and students.

The Principal thanked all colleagues involved in the REF 2021, and in particular colleagues within the Research and Knowledge Exchange Directorate.

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

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

12650. Executive Team Report (Paper S21-22-77)

Senate **noted** the report.

12651. Court Report (Paper S21-22-78)

Senate **noted** the report.

12652. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S21-22-79)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following:
 - the Minor Amendments to UG and PGT General Regulations;
 - the Student Discipline Procedures;
 - the Review and Approval of Academic Year Dates for AY 2026-27
 - the Procedure for Managing Students with Criminal Proceedings and Unspent Criminal Convictions
- **noted** the following:
 - Academic Integrity Charter for UK Higher Education
 - University Calendar of Dates
 - Management and Oversight of Academic Policies and Procedures.

12653. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S21-22-80)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following moratorium extension requests:
 - a 3-year extension to an existing moratorium for a thesis.
 - a 2-year extension to an existing moratorium for a thesis.
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 - a 1-year extension to an existing moratorium for a thesis.
 - a 2-year extension to an existing moratorium for a thesis.
 - a 3-year extension to an existing moratorium for a thesis.

12654. Learning Enhancement Committee Report (Paper S21-22-81)

Senate **noted** the report.

12655. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S21-22-82)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programmes:
 - Certificate in Applied Business Skills (Forming Futures)
 - Master in Financial Technology (FinTech) SWUFE version
 - Master in Financial Technology (FinTech) SWUFE version, double degree award
- **approved** the collaborative agreements with:
 - International Skills Development Corporation (ISDC)

12656. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S21-22-83)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programmes:
DProf Advanced Practice (with pathways)
LLM Professional Legal Practice
- **approved** the collaborative agreements with:
Validation and Articulation with Glasgow Kelvin College
Validation with Human Development Scotland
Joint Delivery Agreement with Middle East University
Validation with Arab Mediation Center
- **noted** the introduction of the following new programme:
MSc Applied Translation
- **noted** the amendment to the following programme:
PgCert Educational Issues and Impact

12657. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S21-22-84)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programme:
BEng (Honours) Civil Engineering – Degree Apprenticeship
- **noted** the Aegrotat Award conferred to a BEng Hons student within the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering.

12658. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S21-22-85)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programme:
BSc IT: Management for Business
- **approved** the amendments to the following programmes:
BSc Digital and Technology Solutions
MSc Advanced Computer Science with Data Science
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programme:
MSc Enterprise Information Systems
- **approved** the regulation waiver to the BSc (Hons) Data Analytics regulations
- **noted** the following:
the Aegrotat Award conferred to a BSc student within the Department of Computer and Information Sciences
Appointment of new Associate Dean Knowledge Exchange
Appointment of new Associate Dean Postgraduate Research

Policies, Procedures and Regulations

12659. Student Discipline Procedures (Paper S21-22-86)

Senate **approved** these Procedures for introduction in AY 2022/ 23.

12660. Minor amendments to UG and PGT General Regulations (Paper S21-22-87)

Senate **approved** these minor amendments.

12661. Review and approval of academic year dates for AY 2026-27 (Paper S21-22-88)

Senate **approved** the academic year dates.

Any other business

No items were listed under this heading.

Any other business: for information

12662. Guidance and Procedure for Boards of Examiners in the Event of Disruption (Paper S21-22-89)

Senate **noted** this Guidance and Procedure, which is now available [here](#).

12663. Procedure for Managing Students with Criminal Proceedings and Unspent Criminal Convictions (Paper S21-22-90)

Senate **noted** this Procedure and noted that the proposed amendments to the Constitutional Regulations will be progressed separately via Court.

RESERVED BUSINESS

12664. Student Business Report (Paper S21-22-91)

Senate **noted** this report.

12665. Senate Discipline Report (Paper S21-22-92)

Senate **noted** this report.