SENATE

**APPROVED Minutes:
Wednesday 7th February
2024**

Present:	Principal
	Professor S MacGregor, Dr A Huang, Professor A Galloway, A Paddison, A Mendes, Dr A Toumpis, Professor B Wagner, Professor B Wynne, Dr B McMillan, Dr B McNeil, Dr C Verdier, C Whitley, C Robb, Dr C White, Professor C Mahn, Professor C Cassidy, Dr C Gonzalez-Longo, Professor D Hillier, D Reat, Dr D Robertson, Dr D Roxburgh, D Finn, Professor D Brodie, E McKee, Dr E Henderson, E Curran, Dr G MacIntyre, Professor G Acheson, Dr I Moore, Professor I Rivers, J Carey, Professor J MacBryde, J McQuarrie, Professor K Boyle, Dr K Johnston, Dr K Pyper, Professor K Chen, L Reaney, Dr L Gibson, Dr L Williams, Dr M Cunningham, Dr M Neal, M Gorrie, Professor M Hannon, Professor M Revie, Dr M Harker, M McHugh, Professor N Quinn, Dr O Ganilova, R Okoh, S Day, Dr S Morrissey, Dr S Oterkus, Professor S McArthur, Professor S Reid, T Hari, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Bedford, Professor T Sharpe, Professor A Gachagan, C Wilson, Y Doong, Professor Y Perrie, Dr Z Rattray.
Attending:	Professor B Green, S Currie, M Middlehurst, B Lawton, C Milligan, C Cannon, Professor D Willison, G Watt, G Docherty, Professor J Race, K Barton, Dr L Bonnar, L McKean, L Noble, Professor M Grealy, Professor P McKenna, Dr S Fancey, Professor S Howick, Professor P Connolly, Dr W Hasty.
Apologies:	Dr A Colson, Professor A Wilson, W Rennison, Professor R Maguire, D A Tonner, Professor A Maier, Dr A Ates, C Carroll, Professor D Graham, Professor E Oterkus, Professor E Boulougouris, Professor J Sefcik, Dr L Caspani, Professor M Halvey, Professor S Kuhr, Dr S Brough.

<u>OPEN BUSINESS</u>

12841. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the third meeting of Senate in AY 2023-24 which was held fully online.

12842. Minutes of the meeting of 7th February 2024 (Paper S23-24-43)

The minutes of the meeting of 7th February 2024 were approved as an accurate record.

12843. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

12844. Senate Business Committee Report (Paper S23-24-44)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 18th January 2024. 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 15th November 2023 the CPA Subgroup had processed six agreements, two of which were reviewed out of cycle and reported 'for information' in the relevant Faculty reports to Senate. All six agreements were renewals or additions to existing partnerships, with five being articulation agreements and one a validation.

2. The New Awards Recommendation Group (NARG) reviewed a proposal from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences by circulation on 11th January 2024 and detailed in the HaSS Report to Senate (Paper S23-24-57). The Award of the Certificate of Continuing Education operates at SCQF level 7, 8 & 9/ Strathclyde levels 1, 2 & 3 and is therefore presented to Senate for endorsement and onward approval at Court and listing in the University's Ordinances. A search of past Senate records dating back to 1992 did not find a record of approval of this Award and it does not currently appear in the Ordinances. Senate Business Committee recommended the new Award to Senate for endorsement and recommendation to Court for approval.

   Senate ENDORSED the Award of Certificate of Continuing Education and recommended this to Court for approval and inclusion in the University's Ordinances.

3. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate's meeting on 7th February 2024. The Strath Union President was asked to provide a verbal update on recent Strath Union business. It was agreed that Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal Education Systems and Enhancement, would present to Senate on preparations in place for NSS 2024 with a short verbal update on specific Faculty preparations being provided by the Executive Deans. Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal Academic Quality and Student Experience would provide Senate with an overview of the PGR Monitoring Framework noting that the Framework was also provided as a paper on the Senate Agenda, Paper S23-24-61. Dr Lizann Bonnar, Convener of Expert Working Group on Generative AI – Teaching Learning and Assessment, Karen Barton, Deputy Director Education Enhancement and Dr William Hasty, Learning Enhancement Advisor would be invited to present on Generative AI, specifically in relation to ongoing activities in this area within the University, the opportunities it presents and approaches to assessment. Finally, Senate would receive a recruitment update from Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategic Planning and a financial update from Lucy Noble, Chief Financial Officer.

4. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and were recommended to Senate by Senate Business Committee.

5. 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 12852-12876).

6. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of

Senate as outlined in Paper S23-24-45 since the last Senate meeting:

- Renewal of an existing agreement between the Faculty of Engineering and North China Electric Power University (Paper S23-24-58)
- Renewal of an existing articulation agreement between the Faculty of Science and South China Agricultural University (Paper S23-24-59)
- Initial Guidance on the use of Generative AI in Learning, Teaching and Assessment (Paper S23-24-66)
- Personal Circumstances and Academic Appeals Procedure: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-67)
- Policy on Invigilation of Examinations: minor amendments (Paper S23-24- 68)
- Withdrawal of student from a registered programme under the University's Fitness to Practice Procedure (Paper S23-24-70)

12845. Principal's Report
The Principal provided a comprehensive report on news and items of interest since the last meeting, covering the following topics:

Key Updates
The Principal informed Senators of the passing of Professor Arthur Midwinter, former Dean of Arts and Social Sciences. Reflections on the remembrance event celebrating the life of Professor Sir John Arbuthnott were shared, and Senate noted the invaluable contributions of both of these individuals to the University.

There are a number of challenges facing the sector at present, in particular the policy around immigration and the resultant visa restrictions which are impacting international recruitment across all HEIs. Senators were encouraged to read PWC's UK Higher Education Financial Sustainability Report.

Strathclyde 2030
The new University Strategy 2030 was launched, the launch event was very well attended. The shaping of the Strategy has have benefitted from an unprecedented level of connectivity across the Strathclyde community. The Principal extended thanks on behalf of Senate to all involved in its development and launch.

Strathclyde People
Three Strathclyde colleagues were recognised in the New Year's Honours List for their contribution to their professional fields, including an OBE for Professor Gavin Halbert, Director of the Cancer Research UK Formulation Unit in the Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences, and MBEs for Professor Roma Maguire, Director of Health and Care Futures at Strathclyde, and Professor Yvonne Perrie, Head of the Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences.

Professor Tim Bedford has been elected as Vice President of CESAER, the European universities group that provides a strong and united voice for the universities of science and technology in Europe.

Professor Roma Maguire has been appointed to the role of Deputy Associate Principal, Health and Care Futures, where she will take strategic leadership in health and care futures, an important area of development for the University.

Queen's Award 2023

The University was awarded Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education for recognition of the work in the field of Photonics. This is the third successive Queen's Anniversary Prize the University has won in recent years – making us one of only a handful of institutions to have achieved such a feat – and it is our fourth award in total.

Living Wage
The University has reaffirmed its ongoing commitment to the Voluntary Living Wage. The increased Living Wage took effect from 1 December 2023. This has resulted in an increase in the hourly rate of our Grade 1 staff from £11.18 per hour to £12 per hour. Those colleagues on Grade 2 and those on the points in the normal range of Grade 3 now also receive a Living Wage Allowance to ensure that pay rates reflect the differing levels of responsibility between these grades. The revised pay scales outlining the new hourly rates can be found on our [website](#).

Successful Recognition
The University received positive recognition in a number of rankings, including: Strathclyde Business School being the highest-placed business school in Scotland in the Financial Times; the Leiden Open Rankings ranked Strathclyde 3rd out of 1,200 institutions, with 91.7% of research output being published through Open Access; and the University was placed in the top decile, at 107th out of 1,397 institutions across 95 countries, in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Sustainability Rankings 2024.

LGBT+ History Month and Race Equality Week
A full programme of events has been organised and hosted by the University and Strath Union for February's LGBT+ History Month and Race Equality Week.

Spring Graduation Ceremonies
New spring graduation ceremonies have been organised to support international students who may be unable to attend the ceremonies traditionally held in the summer months.

Research Awards
Award made to Professor Will Shu in Biomedical Engineering
Project title: Real-time Digital Twin Assisted Surgery
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 10-Nov-2023

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 08-Nov-2023

Award made to Professor Iain Bomphray in Lightweight Manufacturing Centre
Project title: DIGF-CRAD-06277: Stratellite - Space & Photonics Glasgow Impact Accelerator
Innovate UK, awarded on 29-Nov-2023

Award made to Stephen Fitzpatrick in National Manufacturing Institute Scotland
Project title: ReMake Glasgow Innovation Accelerator
Innovate UK, awarded on 07-Dec-2023

Award made to Professor Graeme Burt in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Project title: UKRI DER - DER Centre Scotland ER-19
Innovate UK, awarded on 16-Nov-2023

Award made to Professor Sir James McDonald in Principal's Office, led by Professor Churnjeet Mahn in English
Project title: Cultures of Collaborative Research in a Socially Progressive Technological University

Wellcome Trust, awarded on 15-Dec-2023

Award made to Dr Louise Brown Nicholls in Psychology
Project title: Strategy training to support healthy cognitive ageing: behavioural neuroimaging and real-world investigations
ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council), awarded on 05-Dec-2023

Award made to Professor Duncan Graham in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Ubiquitous Optical Healthcare Technologies 9ubOHT) Programme Grant
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 18-Dec-2023

Award made to Dr Paul Murray in Electronic and Electrical
Engineering
Project title: Nuclear Fuel-debris Characterisation via Multimodal Spectroscopy and Analytics (NuFAMSA)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 17-Nov-2023

Award made to Sandeep Pandey in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Plastic Waste Derived Graphene Nanosheets Based Efficient Photosupercapacitors (Newton International Fellowship Sandeep Pandey)
Royal Society, awarded on 13-Oct-2023

Award made to Professor Stuart McIntyre in Economics
Project title: ESCoE 2.0
UK Statistics Authority including ONS, awarded on 25-Oct-2023

12846. Student Voice
Eva Curran, Strath Union's President, presented the Strath Union update which reflected on the success of Refreshers, the new spring graduation ceremonies, and the build up to the upcoming student elections. The University and Union Executive Teams had met and discussed a number of themes related to the Strategic Alliance, including student spaces on campus and equity of access, and how to better engage students in building community post-COVID-19. It was noted that the upcoming student engagement events on the report into the University's historic links to the transatlantic slave trade would be a good opportunity to continue this work of community building. Strath Union are working with NUS Scotland to challenge the cuts made by the Scottish Government to the HE and FE Budget, and they are working with Glasgow Student Forum to campaign for a Council Tax grace period for recent graduates.

12847. NSS 2024
In Helyn Gould's absence Brian Green presented on University preparations for NSS 2024. This included reflections on the positive and stable results from 2023, and a timeline of key dates for 2024. This was followed by a brief verbal update from the Executive Deans on preparations specific to each Faculty. New initiatives to encourage completion of the NSS included newsletters, coffee and chat sessions, and 'you said we did' communications. The focus of each Faculty was improvement in the Student Voice and Assessment & Feedback areas of the NSS.

12848. PGR Monitoring Framework Update
Brian Green updated Senators on the Postgraduate Research (PGR) Monitoring Framework. The Framework is designed to outline minimum expectations for PGR study, and support colleagues to share examples of best practice taking place across the institution. It is hoped that embedding a high-quality PGR student experience in combination with academic excellence will support the objective to expand the PGR community.

12849. Generative AI – opportunities, resources and assessment
Dr Lizann Bonnar, Karen Barton and Dr William Hasty provided Senate with a presentation around the opportunities associated with Generative AI in learning, teaching and assessment, while recognising its challenges. The Expert Working Group on Generative AI has so far produced guidance for colleagues, delivered a number of well attended staff sessions, released several micro-CPD modules, and is engaging in a JISC sponsored pilot of a teaching support AI tool. Colleagues reflected that whilst there is concern in this area around academic integrity and the range of work that need to be undertaken to support assessment, that there are many opportunities to use Generative AI to innovate across the institution.

The Principal thanked all three speakers for such an informative and engaging session on Generative AI and asked that this topic be presented to Senators again in the near future.

12850. Recruitment and Financial Update
In Wesley Rennison's absence the University Secretary, Dr Stuart Fancey provided Senate with a recruitment update, noting that whilst PGT overseas applications numbers were steady this had not translated into registrations. The sector wide factors that have impacted the student recruitment market, including changes to UKVI rules were discussed in relation to 2023/24 recruitment numbers. The Chief Financial Officer, Lucy Noble presented Senate with an overview of income and expenditure movements noting that whilst the recruitment and market challenges were having an impact that this had been mitigated by strategic savings in other areas and the University remains is a strong financial position. The budget for 2024/25 is currently being reviewed and will be presented to Court at its June meeting.

All Senate presentations can be found here.

Items for Information

12851. Timetable for Senate Elections (Paper S23-24-46)
Senate was asked to note the timetable for elections to Senate in AY 2024/25.

There are 20 vacancies on Senate to be filled for AY 2024/25. The majority of those vacancies are currently filled by members who have only completed one three year term of Senate and therefore, in accordance with the University's Statutes, are eligible for a further term. To make the process for re-election for a second term an effective one and in keeping with the Statutes and continued good governance, a pilot proposal was recommended to Senate for approval. It is proposed that Senators whose first term on Senate is coming to an end may be nominated for a second three year term by their Faculty representative on the Senate Business Committee, in consultation with the Senator, and their Executive Dean, and proposed to the Senate Business Committee. This will negate the need to submit a newly completed and signed nomination form.

Senate APPROVED the pilot proposal noting that Senate will be provided with a report on how successful the pilot has been at the September Senate.

Items for Approval without Discussion

12852. Higher Doctorate (Paper S23-24-47)
Senate approved the Higher Doctorate Committee's recommendation to award the Degree, Doctor of Letters (DLitt) to Professor Ronald Crawford, for his work on 18th Century Scottish History.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

12853. Executive Team Report (Paper S23-24-48)
Senate **noted** the report.

12854. Court Report (Paper S23-24-49)
Senate **noted** the report.

12855. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S23-24-50)
Senate **noted** the report appended to which was the PGCert in Researcher Professional Development Review Plan.

12856. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S23-24-51)
Senate **noted** the report.

12857. Learning Enhancement Committee Report (Paper S23-24-52)
Senate **noted** this report.

12858. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Paper S23-24-53)
Senate **noted** this report.

12859. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S23-24-54)
Senate **noted** this report.

12860. Research and Knowledge Exchange Report (Paper S23-24-55)
Senate **noted** this report.

12861. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S23-24-56)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **recommended** that the change of department name from the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship to the Hunter Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Strategy to Court for approval from session 2024/25
- **noted** the review of the MBA

12862. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S23-24-57)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programmes:
  - LLM/MSc Law, Technology and Innovation
  - LLM Global Environmental Law and Governance with a specialisation in Ocean Law – new pathway
  - CCEd in Mandarin
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programmes:

- LLM Competition Law
- LLM Internet Law and Policy
- LLM Information Technology and Telecommunication Law
- MSc Applied Public Policy
- MSc Psychology with specialisation in Business (flexible)
- MSc Psychology with specialisation in Health (flexible)
  - **approved** the following collaborative agreement
    - Validation Agreement with Family Therapy Training Network – Renewal
  - **recommended** the Certificate in Continuing Education to Court for approval.

12863. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S23-24-58)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the withdrawal of the following programmes:
  - BEng Hons Civil Engineering Degree Apprenticeship
  - BEng Hons Chemical Engineering Degree Apprenticeship
- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
  - Mahidol University, Thailand
  - Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), India
- **noted** the collaborative agreement with North China Electric Power University (NCEPU), China, approved out of cycle

RESERVED BUSINESS
Senate approved the regulation waiver for the MSc Supply Chain Management

12864. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S23-24-59)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following amendments to programmes:
  - Data Analytics
  - Mathematics/Statistics/with Teaching/with Teaching (International)
  - Mathematics and Computer Science
  - Mathematics and Physics
  - Mathematics, Statistics and Accounting
  - Mathematics, Statistics and Business Analysis
  - Mathematics, Statistics and Economics
  - Mathematics, Statistics and Finance
  - Applied Statistics
- **noted** the following:
  - Change of Assessment: Department of Computer and Information Sciences (Appendix 1)
  - Collaborative Agreement: South China Agricultural University (SCAU) (Appendix 2)
  - Appointment of new Associate Dean (Learning Enhancement)

New of Revised Policy

12865. University Timetabling Policy (Paper S23-24-60)
Senate noted that the University's Timetabling Policy has been updated to reflect current practice and to provide updated guidance for staff on the University's teaching timetable, the provision of facilities to support teaching and the booking of central pool teaching space for non-teaching activities. Senate **approved** the amendments to this Policy for immediate introduction.

12866. Postgraduate Research Monitoring Framework: Core Expectations for PGR Monitoring and Review (Paper S23-24-61)
The Framework is designed to align with current practice in the University and offer a clear, consistent approach that can be applied to all PGR students across the Institution. Senate **approved** this Framework for immediate introduction.

12867. Education for Sustainable Development Mainstreaming Guidance for Programmes, Departments and Faculties (Paper S23-24-62)
This Guidance proposes some initial steps that can be taken at programme, department and Faculty level from 2024 as the University works towards mainstreaming ESD throughout all programmes. Senate **approved** this Guidance for immediate introduction.

12868. Policy on the Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-63)
Amendments have been made to the Application Form which is appended to the Policy on the Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer, approved at Senate in November 2021. The amendments provide additional detail which departments are asked to complete when progressing an RPL/ credit transfer application. Senate **approved** the amendments to the RPL and Credit Transfer Application Form for immediate introduction.

12869. Policy and Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research Study: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-64)
The Policy and Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research Study has been updated to reflect and cross-reference the recently approved [Supervisory Agreement for Postgraduate Researchers and their Supervisors](). Senate **approved** the amendments to the Policy and Code of Practice for immediate introduction.

12870. Research and Data Management Policy: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-65)
An amendment was made to this Policy to clarify for students when a Data Management Place should be implemented for their project. Senate **approved** the minor amendment to this Policy.

Any other business: for information

12871. Initial Guidance on the use of Generative AI in Learning, Teaching and Assessment (Paper S23-24-66)
This Guidance aims to address the immediate concerns of staff about the role of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen-AI) in teaching, learning and assessment. These amendments were considered by Senate Business Committee reviewed this paper out of cycle and recommended it to the Principal to approve on behalf of Senate, with approval being granted on 15th January 2024.

12872. Personal Circumstances and Academic Appeals Procedure: minor amendments (Paper

S23-24-67)
The Procedure was updated to reflect current practice in relation to recording personal circumstances. Senate Business Committee reviewed this paper out of cycle and recommended it to the Principal to approve on behalf of Senate, with approval being granted on 27th November 2023.

12873. Policy on Invigilation of Examinations: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-68)
The Policy was updated to reflect current practice in relation to students' ID. Senate Business Committee reviewed this paper out of cycle and recommended it to the Principal to approve on behalf of Senate, with approval being granted on 21st December 2023.

12874. Nominations for Honorary Degrees to be conferred (Paper S23-24-69, tabled)
A paper listing the nominations for Honorary Degrees to be conferred was tabled at the meeting. Senators were asked to observe the confidential nature of this business, and were asked to feedback comments to the Senate Office by 15th February 2024.

Reserved business: for approval without discussion
12875. Student Business Report (Paper S23-24-70)
Senate **noted** this report.

12876. Student Discipline Report (Paper S23-24-72)
Senate **noted** this report