



SENATE

**Approved Minutes:
Wednesday 15th November
2023**

Present: Principal

Professor S MacGregor, Dr A Colson, Professor A Wilson, Professor A Gachagan, Professor A McGann, Dr A Ivaturi, Dr A Ates, Professor B Wynne, Dr B McMillan, Dr C Verdier, C Wilson, Professor C Mahn, C Carroll, Dr C Gonzalez-Longo, D Reat, Dr D Roxburgh, Professor D Brodie, Professor D Graham, E McKee, Dr E Henderson, Professor E Boulougouris, E Curran, Dr I Moore, J Carey, J Kardasz, Dr K Johnston, Professor K Chen, L Reaney, Dr L Gibson, Dr L Williams, Dr M Salamati, M McHugh, R Okoh, R McHugh, Dr S Oterkus, Professor S McArthur, Professor T Tuttle, Professor T Bedford, Professor T Sharpe, Professor T Hafford-Letchfield, W Rennison, Y Doong, Dr Z Rattray.

Attending: B Green, B Lawton, C Milligan, G Watt, Dr L Bonnar, L Noble, Professor D Willison, G Docherty, H Gould, Professor M Grealy, M Middlehurst, Professor P Connolly, Professor P McKenna, S Currie.

Apologies: Dr A Huang, Professor A Galloway, Dr A Tonner, Professor A Marshall, A Paddison, Professor A Maier, A Mendes, Dr A Toumpis, Professor B Fawcett, Professor B Wagner, Dr B McNeil, C Whitley, C Robb, C Cannon, C Okpala, Dr C White, D Araujo, Professor D Hillier, Professor D Murphy, Dr D Robertson, D Finn, Dr E Finnegan, Professor E Oterkus, Dr F Scott, Professor G McConnell, Dr G MacIntyre, Professor G Acheson, Professor I Cunningham, Professor I Rivers, Professor J Sefcik, Dr J Olszynko-Gryn, Professor J MacBryde, J McQuarrie, Dr J Young, Professor J Byrne, Professor J Race, Dr K Pyper, L McKean, Dr M Cunningham, Professor M Halvey, Dr M Neal, M Gorrie, Professor M Revie, Dr M Harker, Dr O Ganilova, Professor R Maguire, S Day, Dr S Morrissey, Professor S Kuhr, Dr S Brough, Dr S Fancey, Professor S Reid, Professor S Howick, Professor V Phoenix, Professor Y Perrie.

OPEN BUSINESS

12813. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the second meeting of Senate in AY 2023-24 held for the first time in the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland (NMIS).

12814. Minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2023 (Paper S23-24-21)

The minutes of the meeting of 6th September 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

12815. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

12816. Senate Business Committee Report (Paper S23-24-22)

The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report from Senate Business Committee which met on 26th October 2023. 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 6th September 2023 the CPA subgroup had processed four agreements. One agreement, a renewal with the Engineering Academy, was considered by the CPA Subgroup out of cycle and is detailed within the Engineering Report to Senate (Paper S23-24-35).
2. The Committee agreed the business agenda for Senate's meeting on 15th November. The Strath Union President was asked to provide a verbal update to Senate on recent Strath Union business and speak to Senate about the development of the Strathclyde Strategic Alliance. It was agreed that the University Secretary, Dr Stuart Fancey, and Wesley Rennison, Director of Strategic Planning would verbally present an update to Senators on the progress of the 2030 Strategic Plan. And as the November meeting of Senate was to be held at NMIS, it was considered appropriate that Senate received a presentation from on the Innovation Districts. Finally, Senate would receive a recruitment update from the Director of Strategic Planning and a financial update from the Acting Chief Financial Officer.
3. All reports submitted for the Senate meeting had been reviewed and were recommended to by the 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 12822-12837).
5. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in Paper S23-24-23 since the last Senate meeting:
 - Withdrawal of student from registered programme under the University's Fitness to Practice Procedure (Paper S23-24-40)
 - Regulation waiver for student within the Department of Mathematics and Statistics (Paper S23-24-36)

12817. 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

Senators were informed about the recent visit to institutions in Canada and North America led by the Principal and senior colleagues. The focus of many of the conversations was the role of arts and social sciences in a technological university.

Colleagues were informed of the upcoming celebration of the life of the late Professor Sir John Arbuthnott. The event takes place at the Barony on 29th November.

It was noted that Professor Jillian MacBryde, recently appointed as Associate Principal (Entrepreneurship and Enterprise) and Ray McHugh, Director of Marketing and Communications, had been appointed to the Executive Team.

The Re-Appointment of the Vice Principal

University Court unanimously approved the re-appointment of the Vice Principal for an extended period of office. The extension will enable the University to benefit from the Vice Principal's ongoing contributions to academic and institutional leadership.

Industrial Action

The Universities UK and the Universities and Colleges Union have issued a joint statement on finalising the USS pension scheme 2023 valuation. Both organisations agree to recommend, subject to appropriate consultation processes, that members' benefits are returned to pre-April 2022 levels. In addition, a formal proposal will be made to the USS Trustees to reduce contribution rates from 9.8% to 6.1% from 1st January 2024.

University Dinner 2023

The University hosted its annual University Dinner for around 250 business and industry leaders, supporters, alumni and colleagues. The event was the first since 2019 and allowed the University to showcase recent achievements and thank those present for their contribution to our success.

Strathclyde's Historical links with Transatlantic Slavery

A report was published which found some historical links between enslavers and the University's predecessor's governing body. Staff and the student body will now work on shaping the University's response over the longer term.

Black History Month

Throughout October the University and Strath Union celebrated under-represented lives and their contribution to the world with a series of events, culminating in Professor Jackie Kay officially opening the Jackie Kay Plaza, named in her honour, on 26th October 2023.

Times Higher Education World University Ranking

The Times Higher Education World University Ranking ranks Strathclyde in the 301-350 range, up from 401-500. The University is now ranked 36th in the UK out of 104 institutions.

Wellcome Trust Research Funding

Strathclyde has been successful in securing almost £1m in funding from the Wellcome Trust call for Institutional Funding for Research Culture. This two year grant will support 'Cultures of Collaborative Research in a Socially Progressive Technological University' project which will launch on 1st March 2024.

Research Awards

Award made to Professor Mark Cummins in Accounting and Finance
Project title: Centre for Innovation in Financial Regulation (Innovation Accelerator)
Innovate UK, awarded on 01-Sep-2023

Award made to Professor Harald Haas in Electronic and Electrical

Engineering

Project title: platform driving The ultimate connectivity (TITAN) (Future Communications Systems Hub)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 07-Sep-2023

Award made to Dr Paul Griffin in Physics

Project title: Chip-scale Atomic Systems for a Quantum Navigator (Programme Grant)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 29-Oct-2023

Award made to Professor Osman Turan in Naval Architecture Ocean and Marine Engineering

Project title: Technology Innovation in Defence-platform Energy-efficiency
BAE Systems plc, awarded on 18-Oct-2023

Award made to Professor Feng Dong in Computer and Information
Sciences

Project title: Causal Counterfactual visualisation for human causal decision making – A case study in
healthcare
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 06-Nov-2023

Award made to Professor Robert Stewart in Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Project title: Towards Ubiquitous 3D Open Resilient Network (Tudor).
Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport, awarded on 13-Oct-2023

Award made to Professor Stuart Reid in Biomedical Engineering

Project title: STFC/UKRI Infrastructure Call - 3rd generation gravitational wave detector infrastructure
development fund
STFC Science and Technology Facilities Council, awarded on 03-Nov-2023

Award made to Dr Michele Zagnoni in Electronic and Electrical Engineering

Project title: Mechanobiology-based medicine / Mechanomeds
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 16-Oct-2023

Award made to Dr Catherine Weetman in Pure and Applied Chemistry

Project title: Developing a Future Green Chemical Economy through Aluminium Bimetallics
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 03-Oct-2023

Award made to Dr Paul Hoskisson in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences

Project title: Taming of the Streptomyces: Understanding the rules of domestication in antibiotic-producing
bacteria BBSRC (Biotech & Biological Sciences Research Council), awarded on 07-Sep-2023

Award made to Dr Martin Ferry in European Policies Research Centre

Project title: Ex post evaluation of Cohesion policy programmes 2014-2020 financed by the ERDF. Work
Package 13 - Integrated territorial development
European Commission - Other, awarded on 21-Sep-2023

12818. Student Voice and Strathclyde Strategic Alliance

Eva Curran, Strath Union's President, presented the Strath Union update which focused on the recent closure of the Advice Hub to new appointments due to the large volume of students using the service, noting that many students sought help from the Advice Hub in relation to academic and housing matters.

From 25th November Strath Union will take part in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence which will include a Fight for the Night March on 29th November to demand action to make Glasgow's streets safer.

The Principal and the Strath Union President took the opportunity to sign the Strathclyde Strategic Alliance in front of Senate. The Alliance will be published on the University web pages imminently. The Principal thanked the President and the Student Executive team for their professionalism and enthusiasm in taking the Alliance forward.

12819. Strathclyde 2030: strategic plan progress

The Director of Strategic Planning, Wesley Rennison provided Senators with an update on progress with the 2030 Strategic Plan, noting that a draft copy of the Plan, which was circulated to Senators in advance of the Senate meeting, would be shared with Court at its meeting on 30th November for final approval following review by Court Business Group at its meeting on 16th November. Senators were reminded of the journey undertaken to develop the strategy, including the extensive consultation exercise with both students and staff. Senators were very positive in their feedback of the draft plan and considered that the strategy encompasses what is distinctive about Strathclyde. Senators endorsed its presentation to Court for approval.

12820. Update on Innovation Districts

Senators were presented with an overview of the Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District (AMIDS) and Glasgow City Innovation District (GCID), from Gillian Docherty, Chief Commercial Officer, Professor Tim Bedford, Associate Principal, and Stephen Fitzpatrick, Director – Digital Factory at NMIS. The construction work completed to date within AMIDS was highlighted noting the significant investment that had been made by Renfrewshire Council and partner organisations. The membership of the AMIDS Strategic Advisory Group was set out with Senators being informed of the Group's key objectives, one of which includes securing inward investment. Renfrewshire Council has created a joint venture development with Buccleuch Property which will serve to further strengthen this objective. The phases of AMIDS development were presented noting that the development of Phase 1 will continue at pace to ensure momentum and secure increased economic benefit to the area.

Senators were shown a schematic outlining the key features of the GCID, including completed developments and development sites, noting that the University is at the heart of the innovation district. The financial gift to the University from Charles Huang in September 2021 is being utilised to strengthen Strathclyde's position within the GCID.

12821. Recruitment and Financial Update

The Director of Strategic Planning, Wesley Rennison provided Senate with a recruitment update noting that PGT overseas recruitment is in part being impacted by the UKVI's approach to student visas, highlighting that this is a sector-wide issue. The Acting Chief Financial Officer, Lucy Noble presented Senate with an overview of income and expenditure movements noting that the University's financial strength was necessary to underpin our excellent academic performance, which will drive Strathclyde 2030.

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

Items for Approval without Discussion

12822. Supervisory Agreement for Postgraduate Researchers and their Supervisors (Paper S23-24-24)

Senate noted that this Agreement had been formed in recognition of the sensitive and complex dynamic of the postgraduate research supervisory relationship and that it aimed to provide clarity on roles at Department, Faculty and Institutional level, and the discharging of responsibilities within these. Senate **approved** the Agreement.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

12823. Executive Team Report (Paper S23-24-25)

Senate **noted** the report.

12824. Court Report (Paper S23-24-26)

Senate **noted** the report.

12825. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S23-24-27)

Senate **noted** the report appended to which were the Quality Enhancement and Standards Review Action Plan, Quinquennial Review Summary and Generative AI Expert Working Group Terms of Reference.

12826. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S23-24-28)

Senate **noted** the report.

12827. Learning Enhancement Committee Report (Paper S23-24-29)

Senate **noted** this report.

12828. Strathclyde Online Learning Committee Report (Paper S23-24-30)

Senate **noted** this report, appended to which was the Online Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy.

12829. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S23-24-31)

Senate **noted** this report.

12830. Research and Knowledge Exchange Report (Paper S23-24-32)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **recommended** the following for Court approval:
 - Research Integrity Concordat Annual Statement 2022-23
 - Researcher Development Concordat Annual Statement 2022-23

12831. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S23-24-33)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programmes:
 - MSc Economics and Policy of Energy and Climate Change (online programme)
 - MBA Executive (Jordan)
 - MSc in Strategic FinTech (Jordan)
- **approved** the following programme amendment:
 - MSc in Strategic Financial Technology (FinTech) changed to MSc in Strategic FinTech

- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
 - International Centre (Malaysia)

12832. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S23-24-34)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following programmes:
 - MSc Adolescent Mental Health and Resilience
 - PhD/MPhil/MRes in Physical Activity and Public Health
 - PhD/MPhil/MRes in Obesity and Public Health
 - PhD/MPhil in Translation Studies
- **approved** the following programme amendments:
 - MSc Counselling and Psychotherapy
 - To rename PhD/MPhil/MRes in Physical Activity for Health to PhD/MPhil/MRes Physical Activity and Health
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement
 - University of Shanghai for Science and Technology

12833. Faculty of Engineering Report (Paper S23-24-35)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved the following collaborative agreements:**
 - Chennai Institute of Technology (CIT), India
 - Sri Venkateswara College of Engineering (SVCE), India
 - Engineering Academy

RESERVED BUSINESS

Senate approved the regulation waiver to replace a compulsory module within the MSc Urban Design

12834. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S23-24-36)

Senate

- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following programmes:
 - MSc Cyber Security
 - MSc in Chemistry with Data Science
 - MSc in Chemistry with Artificial Intelligence
 - MChem Chemistry with Data Science
- **approved** the following programme amendment:
 - to rename the MSc Advanced Software Engineering programme to MSc Advanced Computer Science with Software Engineering.

RESERVED BUSINESS

Approve the regulation waiver requested by Mathematics and Statistics to accommodate a student's personal circumstances.

New of Revised Policy

12835. Institutional Rights Retention Policy (Paper S23-24-37)

This new policy was reviewed and endorsed by the Research Sub-committee on 7th September 2023, and the Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee on 19th September 2023, prior to submission to Senate. Senate **approved** this Policy.

12836. Research Code of Practice: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-38)

Senate noted the minor amendments to this paper, which had first been approved by Senate at its meeting on 29th March 2023. The updates were reviewed and endorsed by the Research & Knowledge Exchange Committee on 19th September 2023, prior to submission to Senate. Senate **approved** the minor amendments to this Code of Practice.

12837. Policy on the Academic Year and Teaching Calendar: minor amendments (Paper S23-24-39)

This Policy has been updated in consultation with University Timetabling colleagues. Senate **approved** the minor amendments to this Policy.

Reserved business: for approval without discussion

12838. Student Business Report (Paper S23-24-40)

Senate **noted** this report.

12839. Student Discipline Report (Paper S23-24-41)

Senate **noted** this report

12840. Criminal Convictions Proceedings Report (Paper S23-24-42)

Senate **noted** this report.