SENATE

Minutes: Wednesday 31st May 2023

Present: Principal

Professor S MacGregor, Dr A Huang, Professor A Marshall, A Paddison, A Mendes, Dr A Toumpis, Dr A Ates, Professor B Fawcett, Professor B Wagner, Professor B Wynne, Dr B McNeil, C Cannon, C Carroll, D Roxburgh, D Finn, Professor D Brodie, Dr E Henderson, J Carey, Dr K Pyper, Dr L Bonnar, Dr L Caspani, L McDermott (Strath Union), Dr M Neal, Dr M Harker, Professor P McKenna, R Welch (Strath Union), Dr S Brough, Professor S McArthur, Professor S Reid, Dr S Oterkus, Professor T Bedford, Professor T Hafford- Letchfield, Professor F Brennan, J McQuarrie, R Collins, K Doong (Strath Union), Dr A Coulson, E McKee, J Kardasz (Strath Union), Professor A McGann, Dr O Ganilova, Dr F Scott, Professor J MacBryde, Professor T Tuttle, Dr M Cunningham, M Gorrie, Dr C Ganzalez-Longo, Dr Z Rattray, Dr N Rattray, Professor D Murphy.

Attending: B Lawton, B Green, L Noble, Dr S Fancey, G Watt, C Milligan, S Currie, M Middlehurst, G Docherty, Professor D Willison, R McHugh.

Apologies: Professor A Gachagan, Dr C Verdier, C Robb, Dr C White, Professor D Hillier, Professor D Graham, Professor E Shaw, Professor I Rivers, Professor J Sefcik, Professor J MacKenzie, Dr J Race, Dr K Johnston, Dr K Savage, L McKean, Dr L Williams, Professor M Halvey, Professor M Revie, Professor P Connolly, Professor R Maguire, S Day, Dr S Walker, Professor S Kuhr, Professor V Phoenix, Professor T Sharpe, L Brownlow, Dr L Pritchard.

OPEN BUSINESS

12769. Welcome

The Principal welcomed all members to the final meeting of Senate in AY 2022/23.

12770. Minutes of the meeting of 29th March 2023 (Paper S22-23-79)

The minutes of the meeting of 29th March 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

12771. Matters Arising

In relation to Item 7.5 on the agenda, Nominations for Honorary Degrees to be conferred, members were asked to review the nominations and submit comments to the Senate Manager (educationenhancement-quality@strath.ac.uk) by Wednesday 14th June. Members were asked to respect the confidential nature of the process and not share the nominations more widely.

There were no other matters arising.

12772. Report from Senate Business Committee (Paper S22-23-80)
The Vice Principal invited Senate to note the report of the Senate Business Committee which had met on 18th May 2023. The Committee had scrutinised the following:

1. The report of the Collaborative Provision Agreement (CPA) Subgroup, noting that since the last meeting of Senate on 29th March 2023 the CPA Subgroup had processed eight agreements, one of which was an addendum to an existing agreement with Chiang Mai University (as outlined in the Principal's Report, Paper S22-23-81). The Committee noted two University-wide Study Abroad agreements which were appended to the Business Committee report, for which Senate approval is sought. Senate APPROVED the two University-wide Study Abroad agreements with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) and Keuka College.

2. The Committee agreed the business agenda of Senate's meeting of 31st May 2023. The Vice President Sport, Strath Union (standing in for the Strath Union President) was asked to provide a verbal update to Senate on recent Strath Union business. It was agreed that Senate would receive a presentation that would incorporate updates on: recent developments with the National Students Survey; the work of the recently established New Academic Year Planning and Logistics Group; the Industrial Action Planning Group and the ongoing actions to minimise disruption to students caused by the marking and assessment boycott; and, an update on the Quality Enhancement and Standards Review, following the QAA's review visit on 11th May 2023. The University Secretary would provide an update on the progress with the Strategic Plan 2030 following the University-wide consultation which took place in April. This would also incorporate an update on the recently published new edition of the Scottish Code of Good HE Governance. Finally, Senate would receive a financial update from the Chief Financial Officer as well as a recruitment update from the Director of Strategy and Planning.

3. Senate Business Committee welcomed the change in nomenclature from schools to departments within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (PAPER S22-23-93). Senate ENDORSED this proposal and RECOMMENDED it to Court for approval.

4. Senate Business Committee recommended to Senate the Proposal to Establish and Confer New Honorary Titles (PAPER S22-23-106), noting that the proposal is a fitting means of recognising the Chancellors and Principal & Vice-Chancellors since 1964 ahead of the University's Diamond Jubilee in 2024. Senate ENDORSED the proposal to establish honorary titles of Chancellor Emeritus/ Emerita and Principal/ Vice Chancellor Emeritus/ Emerita, and ENDORSED the honorary title of Chancellor Emeritus upon Lord Hope of Craighead, and the honorary title of Principal and Vice Chancellor Emeritus upon Professor Andrew Hamnett and RECOMMENDED to Court for approval.

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

6. Requests for Senate's attention and approval were highlighted; with a recommendation that Senate give its formal approval to reports as noted below (Minute ref 12779-12795).

7. Senate homologated the following Convener's Actions approved by the Principal on behalf of Senate as outlined in [Paper S22-23-81](#) since the last Senate meeting:
    i. Addendums to existing collaborative agreement between Strathclyde Business School and Chiang Mai University ([PAPER S22-23-92](#))
    ii. Minor amendment to the Policy on the Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer ([PAPER S22-23-99](#))
    iii. Revised disruption to studies documents ([PAPER S22-23-100](#))
    iv. Student Accommodation Allocation Policy ([PAPER S22-23-101](#))
    v. Amendments to the Policy and Procedure on Programme and Module Approval ([PAPER S22-23-102)](#)

12773. Principal's Update

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 be leaving their Executive roles were thanked for their partnership working approach throughout AY 2022-23.

The Principal welcomed Acting Chief Financial Officer, Lucy Noble, and Professor Martin Halvey, new Head of Department in Computer and Information Sciences, to their first meeting of Senate.

Young Strathclyder

The Principal presided over the first graduation ceremony for the Young Strathclyder programme in the morning of 31st May, which replaces the University's previous involvement in the Glasgow Children's University. This programme has seen 404 Primary 6 pupils and 417 Primary 7 pupils from 10 schools from across the city take part in a full day of participation in engaging and interactive activities, either on campus or at school. More than 300 young people attended the graduation ceremony, alongside 200 parents and carers.

Stakeholder Updates

The First Minister, Humza Yousaf, will join the Principal and others from the University, alongside our partners, to open the National Manufacturing Institute Scotland, on 21 June. It was noted that the November meeting of Senate will take place at NMIS. The Principal will meet Humza Yousef on Monday 5th June, noting that a new Innovation Strategy is expected to be announced, a link will be sent to Senators once confirmed. The [Wind Energy Science Conference](#) took place from 23rd to 26th May within the Technology and Innovation Centre and saw over one thousand people attend from academia and industry.

Global Talent Attraction Programme (GTAP)

The Strathclyde Chancellor's Fellowships were established 10 years ago, a programme designed to attract the brightest and the best academics to join Strathclyde. 23 posts for early-career academics in areas of strategic priority have been created, a further indication of the University's investment in its people. It was agreed that a further update on academic growth in relation to GTAP and the Chancellor's Fellowships would come to Senate in AY 2023-24.

Industrial Action

Members of UCU are continuing to take Action Short of a Strike which involves a marking and assessment boycott which took effect from 20 April 2023. An Industrial Action Planning Group, chaired by the Vice Principal, which includes representative from all faculties, meets on a weekly basis. The Group ensures institution-wide coordination of mitigation for any potential impacts reported at Faculty level. The University has contingency plans in place to minimise the disruption for students and ensure

that impacted students are able to progress and graduate as normal. The Principal thanked the Vice Deans (Academic), Cathy Milligan, Director of Education Enhancement, Brian Green, Deputy Associate Principal, Academic Quality and Student Experience, and Helyn Gould, Deputy Associate Principal, Learning and Teaching, for their efforts in progressing guidance for Boards of Examiners in relation to the marking and assessment boycott, and to Heads of Departments and Schools, Vice Deans Academic and Professional Services colleagues in ensuring the disruption to students impacted by the boycott is minimised.

May Court Meeting
Court heard presentations on the University's Safe 360° initiative, which covered the University's Safeguarding commitments, the measures in place to support the diversity of the student community, the draft Wellbeing Strategy and pilot Departmental Wellbeing Reviews, and creating a culture of Dignity & Respect.

Family-Friendly Research Leave
Following a recent review the Family Friendly Research Leave Policy has been updated and enhanced in a number of ways. These improvements will both support gender-based equality and better support staff to re-engage with their research and scholarship duties following their return from leave. The Policy is now named the Family Friendly Research & Scholarship Leave Policy to widen its scope to now include learning and teaching staff and provides greater clarity on the entitlements for eligible staff. The revised Policy and supporting documents are now available on our Family Friendly Policy and Procedure website page.

Strathclyde Medals

The Strathclyde Medal Awards 2023 are open for nominations. To date, the University has presented 109 Individual awards, 76 Team awards and eight Principal's Special Awards; the latter category was introduced in 2020. The Principal encouraged colleagues to think of individuals and teams that best exemplify the Values and put them forward for these awards. Nominations for the 2023 awards can be made until 9 June using the online nomination form. Winners will be presented with their Medals at an in-person ceremony on 17 November.

Diamond Jubilee 2024
The University's Diamond Jubilee will be an opportunity to celebrate Strathclyde's unique contribution to the world since the granting of our Royal Charter in 1964 and over the period since the foundation of Anderson's Institution in 1796. The Director of Marketing and Development Services, Ray McHugh, updated Senators on planned activities noting that it will be a year-long celebration of the past, present and future of Strathclyde delivered by and for all constituencies – staff, students, alumni, partners and civic. The Diamond Jubilee will also be used as a vehicle to look to the future with the development of the new strategy for Strathclyde 2030.

Strathclyde People
Lucy Noble has been appointed to the role of Acting Chief Financial Officer. Lucy has served as Director of Finance since joining Strathclyde in February 2020, a role in which she has excelled.

Meryl Levington has been appointed as the new Director of Innovation and Industry Engagement. Meryl was previously Managing Director at Actif, and formerly worked at Teesside University where she was Head of Student Futures and latterly Associate Dean of Enterprise and Business Engagement.

Research Awards

Award made to Professor Harald Haas in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Project title: Realising Enabling Architectures and Solutions for Open Networks REASON
Department for Digital Culture Media and Sport, awarded on 16-May-2023.

Award made to Dr Min Zhang in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Project title: Superconducting propulsion Machines for zero emission Aviation (E RC-2022-STG)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 24-Mar-2023.

Award made to Dr Marco Fossati in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Project title: INtegration and Digital demonstration of low-emission aIrcraft technoloGies and airport
Operations (INDIGO) (Horizon Europe CL5)
Innovate UK, awarded on 23-May-2023

Award made to Alan Slevin in Information Services
Project title: Open Access Block Award (UKRI Block Awards)
Research Councils UK (Now UKRI), awarded on 24-Apr-2023

Award made to Professor Graeme Burt in Electronic and Electrical Engineering
Project title: Smart Transformation for Resilience And community services Through digitAl grid layers
(STRATA)
Scottish Enterprise, awarded on 20-Mar-2023

Award made to Dr Christie Maddock in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
Project title: ASTRAIOS Analysis of Skills Training Research and Innovation Opportunities in Space
(Horizon-CL4-SPACE)
Innovate UK, awarded on 05-Apr-2023

Award made to Dr Jennifer Pestana in Mathematics and Statistics
Project title: EPSRC-SFI Krylov subspace methods for non-symmetric PDE problems: a deeper
understanding and faster convergence
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 19-Apr-2023

Award made to Professor Stuart Reid in Biomedical Engineering
Project title: Quantum-enhanced Interferometry for New Physics (QTFP)
STFC Science and Technology Facilities Council, awarded on 08-Mar-2023

Award made to Dr David Palmer in Pure and Applied Chemistry
Project title: Metal-containing Radical Enzymes (MetRaZymes): HORIZON-MSCA-2021-DN-01
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 04-Apr-2023

Award made to Dr Katherine Duncan in Strathclyde Institute of Pharmacy and Biomedical Sciences
Project title: MAGic_MOLFUN MAtching Genes with MOLecules for FUNctional Analysis (MCSA
Doctoral Network)
EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council), awarded on 23-May-2023

Award made to Dr Martin Ferry in European Policies Research Centre
Project title: Democratising Just Sustainability Transitions (DUST)
Innovate UK, awarded on 12-May-2023

Award made to Dr Brian Garvey in Work Employment and Organisation
Project title: The unauthorised biographies of globalised commodity chains
British Academy, awarded on 29-Mar-2023

12774. Student Voice

Ronan Welsh, Strath Union's Vice President for Sport, presented the Student Union update, noting that StrathUnion had been voted number 3 in the UK at the WhatUni Awards (number 1 in Scotland), and in the recent British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) ranking Strathclyde gained one place to finish 31st out of 147. Student engagement is at record levels with the Sports Union growing in membership by 13% since the start of the academic year. Student events are expanding in number and quality which is having a knock on effect on facilities and funding. Thanks were expressed to the Alumni Fund for their continued support. Awards season is commencing with the Teaching Excellence Awards and the STAR (Student Achievement and Recognition) awards soon to be announced. Thanks were given to University catering for providing free breakfasts to students during their exams this year. Finally it was noted that through the strategic alliance Strath Union and the University have formed an excellent working relationship.

12775. e-First and Updates

The Deputy Associate Principals for Learning and Teaching and Student Experience and Academic Quality, provided Senate with an update on the following: an update on the NSS, noting that the survey closed on 30th April with results expected late summer; the aims and responsibilities of the New Academic Year Planning and Logistics Group, outlining its membership and reporting structure; an update on industrial action, noting that a subgroup of the Industrial Action Planning Group is currently meeting on a weekly basis to consider the impact of the marking and assessment boycott on students and to ensure Boards of Examiners are supported in their decision making where not all marks are available; and, the Quality Enhancement and Standards Review (QESR), noting that the QESR review event took place on 11th May, and QAA Scotland will confirm the outcome of the Review on 1st June. It was agreed that a further update on QESR will come to Senate in September.

12776. 2030 Strategic Plan Update

The University Secretary provided an update to Senate on progress with the Strategic Plan 2030 following the University-wide consultation process, that consisted of a consultation document, local and Principal-led engagement sessions, focus groups and an online survey with both staff and students. Of note was the high levels of constructive, frank and honest engagement across the University in particular from students, noting that the consultation took place during the exam period. The Principal expressed his thanks to the University Secretary and the Director of Strategy and Planning and the team in particular, for their work on the Plan so far. The University Secretary also updated Senate on the recently published revised edition of the Scottish Code of Good HE Governance, being assured that the revisions were minor in nature and that we remain compliant with the revised Code.

12777. Recruitment and Financial Update

The Chief Financial Officer presented an overview of the Quarter 3 forecast for 2022/23, noting that the draft budget for 2023-24 will be presented to Court at its meeting on 22nd June. The Director of Strategy and Planning presented a Quarter 3 2022-23 recruitment update to Senators, providing an overall picture across the University and broken down by Faculty. Senate was also informed that the University

has successfully met the deadline for completing the annual data collection return for HESA Futures. Colleagues in the Directorate of Strategy and Planning and Information Services Directorate were congratulated on this effort.

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

Items for Information
12778. Senate Election Results (Paper S22-23-82)
Senate noted the membership of Senate for AY 2023-24. The Senate Office will now commence the process of filling the vacancies on Senate committees. Those Senators not already on a Senate committee are encouraged to nominate themselves.

Items for Approval Without Discussion
12779. Update to General PGR and PGT Regulations (Paper S22-23-83)
Senate APPROVED the proposed changes to the General Postgraduate Research and Postgraduate Taught Regulations noting that this paper had been recommended to Senate by Education Strategy Committee.

Committee and Faculty Reports to Senate

12780. Executive Team Report (Paper S22-23-84)
Senate **noted** the report.

12781. Court Report (Paper S22-23-85)
Senate **noted** the report.

12782. Education Strategy Committee Report (Paper S22-23-86)
Senate
- **noted** the report
- **approved** the following:
  - Update to General PGT and PGT Regulations (Paper S22-23-83)
  - Policy for Student Mobility (Paper S22-23-95)
  - Learning Analytics Policy (Paper S22-23-96)
  - Student Discipline Procedures: Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct (Minor Amendments) (Paper S22-23-97)
  - Review and approval of AY dates for AY 2027-28 and AY 2036-37 to AY 2044-45 (Paper S22-23-98)

Noted the Generative Artificial Intelligence briefing paper and the Thematic Review Update paper within the appendices of the report.

12783. Quality Assurance Committee Report (Paper S22-23-87)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the following moratorium requests (beyond the max 3 years):
  - An exceptional additional five-year extension to an existing moratorium for a thesis.
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12784. Learning Enhancement Committee Report (Paper S22-23-88)
Senate **noted** the report.

12785. Student Experience Committee Report (Paper S22-23-89)
Senate **noted** the report.

12786. Strathclyde Online Learning Report (Paper S22-23-90)
Senate **noted** the report.

12787. Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee Report (Paper S22-23-91)
Senate **noted** the report.

12788. Strathclyde Business School Report (Paper S22-23-92)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the introduction of the following collaborative agreement:
  - Mahidol University
- **noted** the following collaborative agreement:
  - Chiang Mai University – addendums to existing agreement, approved out of cycle via Convener's action.

RESERVED BUSINESS
Senate approved the regulation waiver of Master of Business Administration regulations.

12789. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Report (Paper S22-23-93)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** the amendments to the following programme:
  - Open Studies Certificate in Health and Risk Management
- **approved** the following collaborative agreement:
  - Northeast Normal University
- **endorsed** the proposed change in nomenclature of Academic Schools as of AY 2023/24 for onward approval at Court.

12790. Faculty of Engineering Report
No report submitted.

12791. Faculty of Science Report (Paper S22-23-94)
Senate
- **noted** the report;
- **approved** amendments to the following programmes:
  - CS957, Research Methods, and CS985, Machine Learning for Data Analytics

- **approved** the following collaborative agreements:
  - International Medical University (IMU), Malaysia
  - Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT), Sri Lanka
- **noted** the appointment of the new Associate Dean (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion)

RESERVED BUSINESS

Senate approved the two regulation waivers for the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Policies (new and revised)

12792. Policy for Student Mobility (Paper S22-23-95)
On the recommendation of Education Strategy Committee and Senate Business Committee, Senate APPROVED the Policy for Student Mobility for introduction AY 2023-24.

12793. Learning Analytics Policy (Paper S22-23-96)
It was noted that the Implementation of Learning Analytics project is developing tools to help staff support students and deliver an enhanced learning experience. A key output of the project is a Learning Analytics Policy, which provides guidance for the fair and ethical use of learning analytics data within the University. On the recommendation of Education Strategy Committee and Senate Business Committee, Senate APPROVED the Learning Analytics Policy for introduction in AY 2023-24.

12794. Student Discipline Procedures: Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct (Minor Amendments) (Paper S22-23-97)
The revised Student Discipline Procedures for Academic and Non- Academic Misconduct were approved at Senate on 1st June for implementation in AY 2022-23. In accordance with good practice and following feedback from colleagues who have implemented the procedures, the procedures have been revised to incorporate some minor amendments. It was noted that only the Student Discipline Procedure: Academic Misconduct was submitted, the same amendments will apply to the Non-Academic Misconduct procedure. On the recommendation of Education Strategy Committee and Senate Business Committee, Senate APPROVED the minor revisions to the Student Discipline Procedures: Academic and Non-Academic Misconduct for introduction in AY 2023-24.

12795. Review and approval of AY dates for AY 2027-28 and AY 2036-37 to AY 2044-45 (Paper S22-23-98)
On the recommendation of Education Strategy Committee and Senate Business Committee, Senate APPROVED the review and approval of AY dates.

Any Other Business: for information

12796. Minor amendment to the Policy on the Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer (Paper S22-23-99)
It was noted that this Policy was first approved at Senate on 15th September 2021. A minor amendment was required to accommodate students looking to transfer internal credits that are above the credit limits specified in the Policy. The revision was approved out of cycle via Convener's action, and the updated version is available [here](#).

12797. Revisions to the University's Procedures and Guidance Relating to Significant, Widespread Disruption to Studies (Paper S22-23-100)
It was noted that this paper incorporated four revised documents, namely the Procedure for Markers and Boards of Examiners in the Event of Disruption, Formal Assessment Period – Guidance in the Event of Significant, Widespread Disruption, Guidelines to Support the Learning and Teaching of Students During Periods of Disruption, and Covid 19 Impact Statement for PGR Thesis Submission. These documents have been revised to become standing procedures and guidance to be utilised in any future periods of disruption. These revisions were approved out of cycle via Convener's action and are available [here](#).

12798. Student Accommodation Allocation Policy (Paper S22-23-101)
The Accommodation Allocation Policy outlines the way in which the University processes and prioritises applications for accommodation. The policy has been reviewed and updated to bring greater clarity and transparency to the process. The Policy was approved out of cycle via Convener's action and is available here.

12799. Policy and Procedure on Programme and Module Approval (Paper S22-23-102)
A minor update of the Policy and Procedure has been undertaken to bring the published version of the policy in line with current approved practice. It was noted that a substantive review of this Policy and Procedure is planned to take place in the future and will involve significant consultation with colleagues in the Faculties and Professional Services directorates, as outlined in the paper to Senate (Paper S22-23-18) in September 2022. The Policy was approved out of cycle via Convener's action and is available here.

12780. Nominations for Honorary Degrees to be conferred (Tabled paper, Paper S22-23-103)
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 Manager by 14th June.

RESERVED BUSINESS

12781. Combined Student Business Report (Paper S22-23-104)
Senate **noted** this report.

12782. Student Discipline Report (Paper S22-23-105)
Senate **noted** this report.

12783. Proposal to Establish and Confer New Honorary Titles (Paper S22-23-106)
Senate RECOMMENDED this proposal to Court.