

Membership of the Senate

Session 2023-24

Ex Officio Members		
Principal and Vice-Chancellor		
Professor Richard A Williams	(Chair of the Senate)	
Vice-Principal and Provost		
To be appointed	(Vice-Chair of the Senate)	
Deputy Principals		
Professor Gillian Murray	Deputy Principal for Enterprise and Business	
Professor Steve McLaughlin	Deputy Principal for Research and Impact	
Professor Malcolm Chrisp	Deputy Principal for Education and Student Life	
Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer	Deputy Principal for Global Sustainability	
International Campuses		Appointed to:
Professor Mushtak Al-Atabi	Vice-Principal and Provost Heriot-Watt University Malaysia	31/07/27
Professor Dame Heather McGregor	Vice-Principal and Provost Heriot-Watt University Dubai	31/07/27
Elected Deans of the University		
Dr Yvonne McLaren-Hankin	'Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences'	31/03/26
Dr Alistair McConnell	'Science and Engineering'	31/12/26
Dr Daniel Hale	'Pan-University Constituency'	31/03/27
Heads of Primary Academic Units		
Professor Basheer Muhammed	School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society	
Professor Angus Laing	School of Social Sciences	
Professor Igor Guz	School of Engineering and Physical Sciences	
Professor Sara Lombardo	School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences	
Professor Julian Malins	School of Textiles and Design (Acting)	
Professor Anna Fenge	Heriot-Watt Global College	
Chairs of Senate Committee(s) and Joint Committee of Senate and the Court		
Professor Fiona Waldron	University Committee for Quality and Standards	31/07/26
Professor Fiona Waldron	Ordinances and Regulations Committee	31/07/26
Professor Mehdi Nazarinia	University Discipline Committee	30/12/26
Student Members		
Mr Scott Anderson	Student Union President	31/05/24
Ms Georgia Noble	Student Union Vice-President for Wellbeing	31/05/24
Mr Connel Greenhorn	Student Union Vice-President for Education	31/05/24
Ms Anaswara Pradeep	Dubai Student Council President	31/05/24
Ms Josephine Jo	Dubai Student Council Academic Executive	TBC
Mr Ryan Koh	Malaysia Student Association President	31/05/24
Ms Joleen Chong Si Cheng	Malaysia Student Association Academic Vice-President	31/05/24
Ms Dilip Naidu Govind	Student Union Postgraduate Taught MP	TBC
Ms Celia M Silva	Student Union Postgraduate Research MP	TBC

Elected Staff Members		
School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society 12 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
Dr Craig Kennedy	31/07/24	
Dr Ross Alexander	31/07/24	
Dr Helen Lewis	31/07/24	
Ms Cheng Siew Goh	31/07/24	
Dr Demitrios Cotsovos	31/07/25	
Dr Shameel Muhammed	31/07/25	
Dr Yasemin Nielsen	31/07/25	
Professor Joanne Porter	31/07/25	Serving second successive term
Dr Harpreet Seth	31/07/25	
Dr Rabee Rustum	31/07/26	Serving second successive term
Dr Alex MacLaren	31/07/26	
Dr George Vasdravellis	31/07/26	
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences 15 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
Professor Paul Dalgarno	31/07/24	
Dr Tze Cheun Yap	31/07/24	
Dr Ruairaidh Mcintosh	31/07/24	
Professor Helinor Johnston	31/07/24	
Dr Fadi Ghaith	31/07/24	
Dr Nasir Al Lagtah	31/07/25	
Dr Anne Bernassau	31/07/25	
Dr Florence Chiao Mei Choong	31/07/25	
Professor Annie Hill	31/07/25	
Professor Martin McCoustra	31/07/25	
Dr Richard McCracken	31/07/25	
Dr Hendrik Nahler	31/07/25	
Dr Humphrey Yiu	31/07/25	
Dr Bill MacPherson	31/07/25	Serving second successive term
Dr David Ellis	31/07/26	
School of Textiles and Design 5 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit (one vacancy)		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
Dr Britta Kalkreuter	31/07/24	
Dr Lucy Robertson	31/07/25	
Mr Lee Miles	31/07/25	Serving second successive term
Dr Euan Winton	31/07/26	

School of Social Sciences		
14 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
Dr Marion Winters	31/07/24	Serving second successive term
Mr Jose M Conde	31/07/24	
Dr Linda Buchan	31/07/24	
Dr Chris Rutherford	31/07/24	
Dr Cakil Agnew	31/07/24	
Dr Kathryn Waite	31/07/24	Serving second successive term
Dr Kirin Hilliar	31/07/24	
Dr Min-Hsiu Liao	31/07/24	
Dr Katerina Strani	31/07/25	Serving second successive term
Dr Ian Grant	31/07/25	
Dr Erkal Ersoy	31/07/25	
Professor Reza Kouhy	31/07/26	
Dr Katriona Myhill	31/07/26	
Dr Monica Tamariz	31/07/26	
School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences		
10 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit (one vacancy)		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
Professor Dugald Duncan	31/07/24	Serving second successive term
Mr Larry O'Brien	31/07/24	Serving second successive term
Dr Christian Saemann	31/07/24	
Professor Hind Zantout	31/07/24	
Professor Lehel Banjai	31/07/25	
Dr Timothy Johnson	31/07/25	
Dr Neamat El Gayar	31/07/26	
Ms Andrea Sneddon	31/07/26	
Dr Kathrin Stark	31/07/26	
Heriot-Watt Global College		
5 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
Dr Yousef Al-Guamei	31/07/26	
Mr Andrew Hock Cheong Lee	31/07/26	
Ms Jasmine Low	31/07/26	
Ms Devanshi Sharma	31/07/26	
Mr Nader Shouly	31/07/26	

In Attendance <i>(can be varied from time to time)</i>	
Ms Ruth Moir, University Secretary	Ms Sue Collier, Global Director of Governance and Legal Services
Ms Samantha Kane, Global Director of Student Experience and Academic Registrar	Ms Kirsty Scanlan, Director of Strategic Planning, Performance and Projects
Professor Martha Caddell, Director of the Learning and Teaching Academy	Mr Mark Hamid, Senior Governance Officer (Clerk)
Dr Maggie King, Head of Academic Quality	

Notes on composition and membership	
In accordance with the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016, and as provided for in Statute 5 and the Ordinances, the Senate is constituted in such a way that: (a) more than 50% of its members are either persons appointed by being elected by the academic Staff from among their own number, or persons appointed by being elected by the Students of the institution from among the Students of the institution; and (b) at least 10% of its members are persons appointed by being elected by the Students of the institution from among the Students of the institution.	The present structure delivers capacity for 83 Senators, comprised of: 19 ex officio positions; 8 members who are elected by the Students from among the Students; and 56 members who are elected by the academic Staff from among the academic Staff in Schools.