

## Membership of the Senate - Session 2025-26

Ex Officio Members		
<b>Principal and Vice-Chancellor</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Richard A Williams</a>	Chair of the Senate	
<b>Vice-Principal and Provost</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Steve McLaughlin</a>	Vice-Chair of the Senate	
<b>Deputy Principals</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Gillian Murray</a>	Deputy Principal for Enterprise and Business	
<a href="#">Professor Chris Turney</a>	Deputy Principal for Research and Impact	
<a href="#">Professor Tadhg O'Donovan</a>	Deputy Principal for Education and Student Life	
<a href="#">Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer</a>	Deputy Principal for Global Sustainability	
<b>International Campuses</b>		<b>Appointed to:</b>
<a href="#">Professor Mushtak Al-Atabi</a>	Vice-Principal and Provost Heriot-Watt University Malaysia	31/07/27
<a href="#">Professor Dame Heather McGregor</a>	Vice-Principal and Provost Heriot-Watt University Dubai	31/07/27
<b>Elected Deans of the University</b>		
<a href="#">Dr Yvonne McLaren</a>	'Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences'	31/03/29
<a href="#">Dr Alistair McConnell</a>	'Science and Engineering'	31/12/26
<a href="#">Ms Jenny Coady</a>	'Pan-University Constituency'	28/10/28
<b>Heads of Primary Academic Units</b>		
<a href="#">Mr Matthew Smith</a>	School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society (Interim)	
<a href="#">Professor Angus Laing</a>	School of Social Sciences	
<a href="#">Professor Igor Guz</a>	School of Engineering and Physical Sciences	
<a href="#">Professor Sara Lombardo</a>	School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences	
<a href="#">Professor Fiona Grant</a>	School of Textiles and Design (Acting)	
<a href="#">Professor Anna Fenge</a>	Heriot-Watt Global College	
<b>Chairs of Senate Committee(s) and Joint Committees of the Court and Senate</b>		
<a href="#">Dr Yvonne McLaren</a>	University Committee for Quality and Standards	31/07/26
<a href="#">Professor Mehdi Nazarinia</a>	University Discipline Committee	31/12/26
<a href="#">Mr Peter Ridges</a>	Ordinances and Regulations Committee	31/07/26
<b>Student Members</b>		
<a href="#">Mr Cameron Fields</a>	Student Union President	31/05/26
Vacant	Student Union Vice-President for Community	31/05/26
<a href="#">Ms Holly McAdams</a>	Student Union Vice-President for Education	31/05/26
<a href="#">Mr Kevin Antony Sahayaraj</a>	Dubai Student Council President	31/05/26
<a href="#">Ms Hannah Ann Kurian</a>	Dubai Student Council Academic Executive	31/05/26
<a href="#">Ms Pearlyn Tee</a>	Malaysia Student Association President	31/05/26
<a href="#">Ms Sabrina Syed</a>	Malaysia Student Association Academic Vice-President	31/05/26
Mr Ben Gustafson	Student Union Postgraduate Research Member of Parliament	31/05/26

Mr Theo Koppenhöfer	Student Union Postgraduate Taught Member of Parliament	31/05/26
Mr Harrison Porritt	Student Union Undergraduate Student Representative	31/05/26

### Elected Staff Members

#### School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society

17 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit

Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<a href="#">Dr Demitrios Cotsovos</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Yasemin Nielsen</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Rabee Rustum</a>	31/07/26	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Alex MacLaren</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr George Vasdravellis</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr Craig Kennedy</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Hassam Chaudhry</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Taha Elhag</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Noor Zainab Habib</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr M Shadi Mohamed</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Hai Chen Tan</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Professor Michel Kaiser</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Karen Alexander</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Hannah Menke</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Ms Ruzanna Abd Rahman</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Manuel Cresciani</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Mr Matthew Myers</a>	31/07/28	

#### School of Engineering and Physical Sciences

22 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit

Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<a href="#">Dr Florence Chiao Mei Choong</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Professor Martin McCoustra</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Richard McCracken</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Hendrik Nahler</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr David Ellis</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Professor Paul Dalgarno</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Tze Cheun Yap</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Ruaraidh McIntosh</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Yun li Go</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Adnan Ilyas</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Barbara Keating</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Mohammed Saleh</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Robin Westacott</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Carlos Ferreiro-Rangel</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Farnaz Mohsenpour</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Vahid Razaviarani</a>	31/07/28	

<a href="#">Dr Stephen Mansell</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Mubbashar Mehmood</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Senthil Muthukumaraswamy</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Juan Casanova</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Hebatallah Shoukry</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Mesfin Woldetensay</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Phil Renforth</a>	31/07/28	

### School of Textiles and Design

6 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit

Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<a href="#">Dr Lucy Robertson</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Euan Winton</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr Britta Kalkreuter</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr David Cavallaro</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Syed Andrabi</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Dima Alkawadri</a>	31/07/28	

### School of Social Sciences

19 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit

Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<a href="#">Dr Erkal Ersoy</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Professor Reza Kouhy</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr Katriona Myhill</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr Monica Tamariz</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr Ross Curran</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Louise Delicato</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Christopher Dodd</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Professor Joanna Drugan</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr April Henning</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Ramon Inglada</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Suzanne Lampert</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Jia (Lucy) Lu</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Shereen Nassar</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Florian Scheuring</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Professor Ian Baxter</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Rofayda ElHout</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr David Brown</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Yasaman Sarabi</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Professor Mercedes Sheen</a>	31/07/28	

### School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences

15 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit

Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<a href="#">Professor Lehel Banjai</a>	31/07/28	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Ms Andrea Sneddon</a>	31/07/26	

<a href="#">Dr Kathrin Stark</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Professor Christian Saemann</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr Thomas Methven</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Mr Adrian Nathai</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Stefano Padilla</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Marta Romeo</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Ryad Soobhany</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Mr Karamjeet Singh K.Ranthir Singh</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Marta Vallejo</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Professor Beatrice Pelloni</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Ms Jenny Coady</a>	31/07/28	
<a href="#">Dr Abrar Ullah</a>	31/07/28	

**Heriot-Watt Global College**

7 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit

Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<a href="#">Dr Yousef Al-Gumaei</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Mr Andrew Hock Cheong Lee</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Ms Jasmine Low</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Ms Devanshi Sharma</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Mr Nader Shouly</a>	31/07/26	
<a href="#">Dr Nazia Talat</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Ms Judith Gorham</a>	31/07/28	

**In Attendance***(can be varied from time to time)*

- Ms Ruth Moir, University Secretary
- Ms Samantha Kane, Global Director of Student Experience and Academic Registrar
- Professor Martha Caddell, Director of the Learning and Teaching Academy
- Dr Maggie King, Head of Academic Quality
- Ms Sue Collier, Global Director of Governance and Legal Services
- Ms Kirsty Scanlan, Director of Strategic Planning, Performance and Projects
- Ms Megan Morgan, Governance Officer (Clerk)
- Mr Fraser Muir, Global Director of Information Services

**Notes on composition and membership**

<p>In accordance with the <a href="#">Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016</a>, and as provided for in <a href="#">Statute 5</a> and the <a href="#">Ordinances</a>, the Senate should be constituted in such a way that:</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p><i>The Ordinances &amp; Regulations Committee is conducting a review of the Senate's composition to ensure that the requirement for (b) above can be met.</i></p>	<p>The present structure delivers capacity for 115 Senators, comprised of:</p> <p>19 ex officio positions;</p> <p>10 members who are elected by the Students from among the Students; and</p> <p>86 members who are elected by the academic Staff from among the academic Staff in Schools.</p>
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