

**Membership of the Senate  
Session 2023-24**

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>		
To be appointed	(Vice-Chair of the Senate)	
<b>Deputy Principals</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Gillian Murray</a>	Deputy Principal for Enterprise and Business	
<a href="#">Professor Steve McLaughlin</a>	Deputy Principal for Research and Impact	
<a href="#">Professor Malcolm Chrisp</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-Hankin</a>	'Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences'	31/03/26
<a href="#">Dr Alistair McConnell</a>	'Science and Engineering'	31/12/26
<a href="#">Dr Daniel Hale</a>	'Pan-University Constituency'	31/03/27
<b>Heads of Primary Academic Units</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Basheer Muhammed</a>	School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society	
<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 Julian Malins</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 Committee of Senate and the Court</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Fiona Waldron</a>	University Committee for Quality and Standards	31/07/26
<a href="#">Professor Fiona Waldron</a>	Ordinances and Regulations Committee	31/07/26
<a href="#">Professor Mehdi Nazarinia</a>	University Discipline Committee	30/12/26
<b>Student Members</b>		
<a href="#">Mr Scott Anderson</a>	Student Union President	31/05/24
<a href="#">Ms Georgia Noble</a>	Student Union Vice-President for Wellbeing	31/05/24
<a href="#">Mr Connel Greenhorn</a>	Student Union Vice-President for Education	31/05/24
<a href="#">Ms Anaswara Pradeep</a>	Dubai Student Council President	31/05/24
Ms Josephine Jo	Dubai Student Council Academic Executive	TBC
<a href="#">Mr Ryan Koh</a>	Malaysia Student Association President	31/05/24
<a href="#">Ms Joleen Chong Si Cheng</a>	Malaysia Student Association Academic Vice-President	31/05/24
Ms Dilip Naidu Govind	Student Union Postgraduate Taught MP	TBC
<a href="#">Ms Celia M Silva</a>	Student Union Postgraduate Research MP	TBC

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

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

<b>In Attendance</b> <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	

<b>Notes on composition and membership</b>	
<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 is 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>The present structure delivers capacity for 83 Senators, comprised of:</p> <p>19 ex officio positions;</p> <p>8 members who are elected by the Students from among the Students; and</p> <p>56 members who are elected by the academic Staff from among the academic Staff in Schools.</p>