

## **David Jenkins: Supporting Statement**

I am currently looking to return to Senate for my second term as an EGIS Senator. Based in the Institute of Sustainable Building Design, I have been at Heriot-Watt for 15 years (working in the field of energy and buildings) and understand well the challenges and successes experienced by the University over this time. The last three years have demonstrated to me the importance of Senate as a chain of communication between senior University management and academic staff, whilst also allowing for changes to be reviewed and critiqued by academic representatives. In order for Senate to function in this way, Senators need to be engaged, vocal and committed. I feel I have met these criteria in the last three years and am keen to continue this work in a second term as Senator. Over the last three years, there has been considerable change across the University and the wider sector. I have been one of the more active Senators during this period, offering constructive criticism and support across a range of issues that have impacted both EGIS and, just as importantly, the wider University. In relation to this latter point, I feel it is important that Senators show this wider interest in matters that go beyond their own institute and School, and the questions I have regularly raised in Senate reflect this.

I would therefore be immensely grateful to receive your vote to continue my position in Senate for another three years. If re-elected, I will continue to make sure staff concerns are well reflected in Senate and improve communication between management and academics.