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There are currently just seven senators at the Dubai campus yet they represent a wide mix of nationalities & discipline areas; I would like to see further elected Senators from the Dubai campus (and our campus in Malaysia) to extend even further our University's diversity. I'm currently the only female Senator from the Dubai campus and whilst I have always felt nothing but equal and held in regard by my colleagues, it would be great to see this extend to more women joining the Dubai Senators!

I believe my membership of Senate provides a unique contribution & value based on my experience & knowledge within the setting I conduct business from for the School and for the University; I was the original founding staff member for SoTD in 2009 at the Dubai Campus where I was brought in to set up SoTD operations and as a University management team member. I understand the MENA region and Heriot-Watt's position within that context, as well as our global standing. I have also seen the continued growth of the Dubai Campus during an unsteady yet vital period of economic & cultural change. I participate with the wider University on various committees, forums & working groups.

The roles of academic staff at the Dubai campus, whilst predominantly Learning & Teaching orientated, are also developed further to include a strong contribution to delivering the targets for growth in recruitment, thus ensuring sustainability of our community & business. My understanding & leadership of this integral requirement, whilst upholding our quality & standards and academic strategies, provides a potentially different perspective to Senate discussion.

The extension of the school's portfolio of Undergraduate & Postgraduate programmes has permitted me to develop & contribute towards our future whilst overseeing the operations for the School in Dubai; I am keen to further participate at Senate to develop our new global strategies ahead for learning & teaching, growth, quality & standards and research expansion, that benefit all our campuses & locations and our new College framework.