

**ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE
May 2017**

SCHOOL of ENGINEERING and PHYSICAL SCIENCE

There are **FOUR** candidates standing for the **THREE** vacancies for Senators from the School (in reverse alphabetical order):

Candidate	Nominated by:	
Dr Thomas Ward	Dr Noorysmiza Yusoff	Dr Yap Tze Chuen
<p>I am very honoured to be considered as an EPS candidate for the Senate. If elected, I will work hard to improve and extend Heriot-Watt University’s global reputation and impact. I bring a unique international and industry perspective that is difficult to match by any other candidate. As an American most of my education is from US universities, although my second MSc is from Loughborough University (UK). I worked as an engineer in the US for 14 years and in London (UK) for 4.5 years, leading teams and programmes. Twelve years ago, I made the shift to academia, after being recruited by a Malaysian university to start a new engineering degree programme and research institute. I worked as an Associate Professor at the Universiti Teknologi MARA (largest university in Malaysia) for 6 years and then for the University of Malaya (top-ranked research university in Malaysia) for 4 years. I started at Heriot-Watt University Malaysia last year, where I currently serve as an Associate Professor in EPS. I am very experienced in starting or improving academic programmes. As principal investigator, I have pioneered and led several high impact, multidisciplinary research programmes. My years of industry experience enabled and inspired me to form industrial partnerships for both my research and academic projects. I am very eager to use my unique expertise to strategize, build consensus, plan and improve the global impact of Heriot-Watt University in this rapidly changing world.</p>		
Dr Mehdi Nazarinia	Mr Mounif Abdallah	Dr Rehan Ahmed
<p>I joined the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences, Department of Mechanical Engineering at Heriot-Watt University, Dubai campus in February 2012 and currently hold the position of Associate Professor. I currently lead the delivery and enhancement of the Mechanical Engineering programme in Dubai campus. I also serve in, lead and represent the Dubai campus and my School in different committees such as VLE Management, EPS Teaching Innovation, Global Challenge Research. I have been the first staff in Dubai to establish the cross-campus collaboration through learning and teaching enhancement projects which were financially supported by the QAA/HWU Enhancement Theme Fund in a University wide competitive call. I support the international agenda of HWU with a “Multi-Campus Undergraduate Research Group” where students based in Dubai and Edinburgh collaborate synergistically in a research-led learning environment.</p> <p>Prior to joining the Heriot-Watt University, I worked as sessional lecturer at Monash University (Australia), Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Wind Tunnel Engineer in Monash Wind Tunnel at Monash University, Melbourne, Australia.</p> <p>I have always promoted and followed our University’s strategies and if I’m selected as a Senator, the experience I have in academia, which spans over 10 years in teaching, administration and research, will allow me to contribute effectively to the University.</p>		

Candidate	Nominated by:	
Dr Jim Cameron	Prof Alan Welch	Prof Kevin McCullough
<p>I am a Senior Lecturer in Chemistry in the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences. I have been an academic member of staff at Heriot-Watt University since 1984 and I was appointed in 2016 to be the School's Director of Academic Quality.</p> <p>I have previously served on Senate so I am familiar with the importance of the role and I can bring a wealth of experience from my various roles as the Head of Discipline in Chemistry, Year 1 Chemistry Director of Studies, and as Chemistry Admissions Tutor. I am also familiar with working across campuses through my membership of the EPS Learning & Teaching Committee and chairing the School Studies Committee.</p> <p>Through this experience, I consider myself well qualified to act as a member of Senate as I have extensive knowledge of University procedures, policies and approval processes and their implementation within the School.</p>		
Dr Nasir Al Lagtah	Dr Mutasim Nour	Dr Fadi Ghaith
<p>I joined Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus (HWUDC) in 2016 and currently hold the position of Assistant Professor in Chemical Engineering. Before joining HWUDC, I was an academic member of staff at Newcastle University in Singapore, the University of Manchester and Queen's University Belfast in the UK. I was the Director of Undergraduate Studies at the School of Chemical Engineering and Analytical Science in the University of Manchester. My duties included planning, organising, developing and implanting undergraduate teaching activities corresponding to the strategic, aims and objectives of the School.</p> <p>I believe my wide experience in the academia in the UK and overseas that spans over 10 years in teaching, administration and research, will allow me to contribute effectively to the University Senate.</p> <p>I am standing for election to Senate because I am passionate about furthering the values of our University of pursuing excellence, outward looking and shaping the future. If I am elected to the University Senate, I will work on enhancing the work environment, transparency and communication among our different campuses around the world. I believe that one of our University priorities is to achieve a better balance between teaching, research and services and I will be advocating such a priority.</p>		

Notes:

- Nominations were sought between 26 April 2017 and 12 May 2017.
- All candidates had the opportunity to submit statements in support of their candidacy.
- The election contest shall be held according to the stipulations of Ordinance C1.
- Ballot papers and instructions on the election have been emailed to all eligible voters.
- All completed ballot papers must reach [Kate Wright](#) by **Wednesday 31 May 2017 (4.00pm UK time)**.
- John McDermott can provide more information on request.