

## Membership of the Senate - Session 2024-25

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	
VACANCY	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 McConnel</a>	'Science and Engineering'	31/12/26
<a href="#">Dr Dan Hale</a>	'Pan-University Constituency'	31/03/27
<b>Heads of Primary Academic Units</b>		
<a href="#">Professor P.A. Muhammed Basheer</a>	School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society (Acting)	
<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 Committees of the Court and Senate</b>		
<a href="#">Professor Fiona Waldron</a>	University Committee for Quality and Standards	31/07/26
<a href="#">Professor Mehdi Nazarinia</a>	University Discipline Committee	31/12/26
<a href="#">Professor Fiona Waldron</a>	Ordinances and Regulations Committee	31/07/26
<b>Student Members</b>		
<a href="#">Mr Cameron Fields</a>	Student Union President	31/05/25
<a href="#">Ms Rachel Poole</a>	Student Union Vice-President for Wellbeing	31/05/25
<a href="#">Ms Holly McAdams</a>	Student Union Vice-President for Education	31/05/25
<a href="#">Ms Ridhima Shivkumar</a>	Dubai Student Council President	31/05/25
<a href="#">Ms Angela Justin</a>	Dubai Student Council Academic Executive	31/05/25
<a href="#">Ms Pearlyn Tee</a>	Malaysia Student Association President	31/05/25
<a href="#">Mr Fujiawara Jun</a>	Malaysia Student Association Academic Vice-President	31/05/25
<a href="#">Mr Joshua Ahurome Eseigbe</a>	Student Union Postgraduate Research Member of Parliament	31/05/25
<a href="#">Mr Muhammad Umer</a>	Student Union Postgraduate Taught Member of Parliament	31/05/25

Elected Staff Members		
<b>School of Energy, Geoscience, Infrastructure and Society</b>		
14 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<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	
<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="#">Mr M Shadi Mohamed</a>	31/07/27	
<a href="#">Dr Hai Chen Tan</a>	31/07/27	
<b>School of Engineering and Physical Sciences</b>		
19 Senators permitted to be elected from this Primary Academic Unit		
Senator's Name	Elected to	Notes
<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	
<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 Ruairaidh Mcintosh</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Mr Mohamed Al-Musleh</a>	31/07/27	
<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	

<b>School of Textiles and Design</b>		
6 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 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	
<a href="#">Dr Britta Kalkreuter</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<a href="#">Dr David Cavallaro</a>	31/07/27	Serving second successive term
<b>School of Social Sciences</b>		
16 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 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	
<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="#">Mr 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	
<b>School of Mathematical and Computer 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="#">Professor Lehel Banjai</a>	31/07/25	
<a href="#">Dr Alistair McConnell</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	
<a href="#">Dr 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	

<b>Heriot-Watt Global College</b>		
6 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	
<a href="#">Dr Nazia Talat</a>	31/07/27	

<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	Mr Fraser Muir, Global Director of Information Services

<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 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 103 Senators, comprised of:</p> <p>19 ex officio positions;</p> <p>9 members who are elected by the Students from among the Students; and</p> <p>75 members who are elected by the academic Staff from among the academic Staff in Schools.</p>