

**ELECTIONS TO THE SENATE
May 2017
SCHOOL of SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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

Candidate:	Nominated by:	
Dr Marion Winters	Prof Isabella Perez	Ms Christine Wilson
Senate is concerned with “the direction, regulation, and promotion of learning and teaching, research, knowledge exchange, and scholarship”. As member of Senate for the past three years, I have represented academic staff of LINCS and SoSS and if voted in again, I will continue to do my best to get our voice heard.		
Dr Mo Sherif	Dr Shumei Gao	Dr Hao Li
I am currently an Associate Professor with 11 years of experience and have received several nominations for the HW Teaching & Learning Award and indeed was the proud recipient of the Graduate's Teaching Award in 2011 and 2014. As part of my current duties I hold several key leading roles which include overseeing the third year Accounting & Finance students in SoSS and a Director of all Taught Postgraduate Programmes in Finance (DTPG Finance). I have active input into aspects of undergraduate study including programme maintenance, student skills development, disseminating employability opportunities, engagement with external examiners and dealing with any day to day issues that may arise during the third year of study; including providing advice on additional assessment opportunities, suspension of studies, discipline action or appeals. As such I have developed a good understanding of both the student needs and University operational requirements with respect to ensuring maintenance of quality standards in the undergraduate programmes. In my role as DTPG (Finance) I am responsible for the recruitment, day to day management of five MSc programmes, programme maintenance, communications with external and any issues that may arise with respect to alleged misconduct by a student on their programme of study. Being of foreign nationality I have over the years developed a great appreciation of the differing needs and cultural expectations of our diverse body of MSc students and have put in place support and information sessions into the programmes to aid students to comply with the University's policy and procedures.		
Dr James Richards	Dr Yen Tran	Dr Lakshman Wimalasena
I would like my colleagues in SoSS to vote for me in my quest to seek re-election to Senate. Since being elected to Senate three years ago I have used my privileged position to defend and further the interests of both my School and my wider University colleagues. I have significant other experience in representing staff interests, collectively and individually, and would be honoured to be able to continue to serve academic staff with a further term on Senate.		
Dr Kevin Muldoon	Dr Alan Gow	Dr Anna Sedda
I joined the Psychology Department at Heriot-Watt in 2004. Since then, my roles have ranged from Admissions Officer, to Programme Director and Head of Department. As a member of various School-level committees, and in the role of Dean's representative, I have been involved in many of the University's Quality Assurance-related activities. Regarding the international dimensions to the School's operations, I am the Director of ALP Programmes for Psychology, and was responsible for securing accreditation by the MQA of UG programmes in Malaysia. Additionally, I have overseen the external accreditation by the British Psychological Society. Thanks to this experience, I would be able to contribute actively to the different processes of the Senate, such as development and review of regulations and policies in respect of academic quality assurance and the student experience.		

<p>In summary, I see and appreciate the importance of enhancement processes to the University's ambitions, whilst also recognizing the need to have appropriate checks and balances in place to ensure those ambitions are achievable. I believe I have the right set of skills to participate in the discussions around academic practice in relation to both students and staff alike, and that the breadth of my roles and responsibilities makes me a suitable candidate for appointment to Senate.</p>		
<p>Dr John-Paul Marney</p>	<p>Ms Kate Clements</p>	<p>Dr Akira Yonekura</p>
<p>No one can doubt my boundless enthusiasm and approachability. I would happily bring these qualities to Senate business.</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.