

REGISTER OF INTERESTS - 2025/26

including independent, elected, nominated and ex officio – lay members of governance committees and the Senior Management Team (SMT)

Name	Position	Term of Office	Current employment and any previous employment in which you continue to have a financial interest	Appointments (voluntary or otherwise) e.g. trusteeships, directorships, local authority membership, tribunals etc.	Membership of any professional bodies, special interest groups or mutual support organisations.	Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, major shareholdings of more than 1% of issued capital and beneficial interests.	Gifts or hospitality offered to you by external bodies and whether these were declined or accepted in the last six months.	Any contractual relationship with the University, its subsidiaries or associated ventures.	Any other conflicts that are not covered by the above.
UNIVERSITY COURT									
Iona FYFE	Rector	01/01/25 to 31/12/27	Self-employed professional musician, vocal piano tutor, touring and recording artist	VOLUNTARY CURRENT APPOINTMENTS • Ordinary Committee Member - Oor Vyce • Director - Traditional Music and Song Association • Regional Committee Member of Musicians Union Scotland and Northern Ireland Branch • Committee Member of Ivor Novello Scotland Committee • Folk Alliance International Globalization Committee	• Member of The Musicians Union • Member of the Ivor Novello Academy • Member of Mechanical Copyright Protection Society • Member of the Scottish National Party • Member of the Performing Rights Society • Patron of the Music Venues Trust	Sole director/shareholder of Cairnie Music Ltd	Nil	Nil	Have previously performed at Wayword Festival, run by the University. Have previously delivered workshops/talks for the Elphinstone Institute and been paid for both
Peter EDWARDS	Principal and Vice-Chancellor*; [Acting Senior Vice-Principal & Vice-Principal Regional Engagement]	*01/11/25 to 31/10/27; [to 30/09/25]	University of Aberdeen	Trustee, University of Aberdeen Superannuation and Life Assurance Scheme (UASLAS);	Fellow of the British Computer Society (also designated CITP); Fellow of the Institution of Engineering & Technology; Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce	Nil	Accepted: South China Normal University (SCNU) – Dinner, 19 June 2025; South China Normal University (SCNU) – gift of framed paper art; 19 June 2025. Dinner – Ye Shanghai Restaurant, Hong Kong, 21 June 2025; I was guest of a University alumnus. Lunch – Ladies Recreation Club, Hong Kong, 22 June 2025; I was guest of a University alumnus.	Nil	Child is a student at the University of Aberdeen
Gary MCRAE	Interim Senior Governor (from 17/12/25) / Independent Member	01/10/19 to 30/09/22; 01/10/22 to 30/09/25; 01/10/25 to 30/09/26	See appointments	Non-Exec Director – Frimley Health FT Non-Exec Director – FAC Technology Ltd Non-Exec Director - Edinburgh Innovations Ltd	Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS – 15050)	FAC Technology Limited > 5%	Nil	Nil	Nil
Martin BARKER	Elected Academic Staff Member	01/11/23 to 31/07/26	University of Aberdeen	President of the Friends of the Cruickshank Botanic Garden (SC004350) 24/06/21-10/04/25	Member of the Royal Society of Biology	Nil	Nil	Member of staff	Nil
Helen MARTIN	Academic Trade Union Nominated Member	01/11/20 to 31/10/23; 01/11/23 to 31/07/26	University of Aberdeen	Scottish Qualification Authority (Advanced Higher Pure Mathematics Marker)	Edinburgh Mathematical Society; Mathematical Association; Education in the North Journal (Chair)	Nil	Nil	Child is student at the university	Nil
Owen COX	Non-Academic Trade Union Nominated Member	01/08/20 to 31/07/23; 01/08/23 to 31/07/26	University of Aberdeen	Trustee of the University of Aberdeen Superannuation and Life Assurance Scheme (UASLAS); Chairperson of Unison (trade union)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Karen SCOTT	Assessor - Senatus	01/10/25 to 30/09/29	University of Aberdeen	Board member of ISAPP (International Scientific Association of Probiotics and Prebiotics) - unpaid academic role	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Trevor STACK	Assessor - Senatus	01/10/25 to 30/09/29	Professor of Spanish and Latin American Studies and Director, Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law (CISRUL), School of Language, Literature & Visual Culture, University of Aberdeen	Member, Local Empowerment Group (Central Aberdeen), Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership	Nil	Nil	Nil	See current employment	Nil
Iliia XYPOLIA	Assessor - Senatus	03/10/22 to 30/09/23; 01/10/23 to 30/09/27	University of Aberdeen; small income from publishing related work	External Examiner, University of Edinburgh, UK (2024-2028) (paid); External Evaluator, Malta Further and Higher Education Authority, Malta, (2023-2024) (paid); Advisory Board, Institute for Alternative Policies, Greece (unpaid)	Member, British International Studies Association; Fellow, Higher Education Academy	Nil	Nil	Nil	Partner also works for the University of Aberdeen;
Christina SCHMID	Student nominated by Students' Association	01/07/24 to 30/06/25; 01/07/25 to 30/06/26	AUSA Student President	Chair of the AUSA Trustee Board	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Volunteer at BECYCLE
Karim HURTIG	Student nominated by Students' Association	14/07/25 to 30/06/26	Employed at the Aberdeen University Students' Union as Vice President for Welfare. The charity is mostly funded by UoA	Students' Union Board Trustee				Students' Union Officer and Trustee	Nil
Lesley May BIRSE	Independent Member	31/08/24 to 30/08/27	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Neil Douglas CALVERT	Independent Member	26/09/25 to 30/09/28	Nil	Commission for Local Administration in England (The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman): Independent Advisory Board Member and Chair of the Remuneration and Appointments Committee since 2024; Derbyshire Local Government Pension Board: Independent Chair since 2023; The Nursing and Midwifery Council: Member of Investigating Committee since 2021 (and Panel Chair since 2025); The General Optical Council: Member of Investigation Committee since 2023; The Architects' Registration Board: Member of Professional Conduct Committee since 2024; The General Pharmaceutical Council: Reserve Deputy Chair of Fitness to Practise Committee since 2024; Cambridge University Press and Assessment: Member of OCR Appeals Committee since 2025	Institute of Directors: Member; Pensions Management Institute: Professional Member and Accredited Lay Trustee	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Ewan Douglas CAMERON	Independent Member	01/08/24 to 31/07/27	Snoonu Trading & Services WLL, Doha, Qatar, Deputy CEO	Director, TriDoha LLCG, Qatar	Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Donall Joseph CURTIN	Independent Member	26/09/25 to 30/09/28	Nil	Independent Non-Executive Director & Member of the Audit & Risk Committee of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and Artists Copyright Society Ltd Registers of Scotland Irish College Leuven (The Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe ivzw) (chair) Member of the Audit & Risk Committee of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institute and Faculty of Actuaries Student Loan Company Bar Council/Bar Standards Board(chair) Chartered Society of Physiotherapy Screenskills Equality & Human Rights Commission Northern Ireland Assembly Commission Member Finance & Planning Committee of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Pharmaceutical Council Chartered Accountants Ireland Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy 	Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Institute of Directors Irish Fund Directors Association Institute of Risk Management Institute of Internal Auditors The Chartered Governance Institute The Institute of Leadership & Management Institute of Regulation Chapter Zero, the Directors' Climate Forum Association of Chairs Association for Coaching Chartered Institute of Housing European Movement Ireland Royal Society for Arts	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Luke HALLIDAY	Independent Member (Senior Independent Member)	01/10/23 to 31/08/26	(Former) CIO for John Wood Group Plc	Nil	Nil	Nil	Accepted 2 x VIP hospitality passes for Tall Ships Aberdeen on 19/07/25 (granted to UoA as sponsorship partner of event)	Nil	Nil
Ayten HAJIYEVA	Independent Member	03/12/24 to 31/07/27	BP Exploration (Caspian Sea)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fiona ISLAM-CHOUDHURY	Independent Member	01/08/24 to 31/07/27	Royal Bank of Canada	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Caryn MILLER	Independent Member	31/10/21 to 30/10/24; 31/10/24 to 31/07/27	Partner of CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP	Member, CMS Cameron McKenna LLP; Member, CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP; Director, DW Director 1 Limited; Designated Member, CMS (UAE) LLP; Director, Twenty-eight Nominees Ltd; Director, Dundas & Wilson Staff Pension Trustee Ltd; Director, Dundas & Wilson (Holdings) Ltd; Director, Dundas & Wilson CS Ltd; Director, DW Company Services Ltd; Director, DW Property Aberdeen Ltd; Director, D&W Limited; Director, DW Property Edinburgh Ltd; Director, DW Property Glasgow Ltd; Director, DW Property London Ltd; Director, Dundas & Wilson Services; Designated Member, Dundas & Wilson LLP; Designated Member, Dundas & Wilson CS LLP	Law Society of Scotland; Law Society of England & Wales	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lorenzo MORETTI	Independent Member	19/11/24 to 31/07/27	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alison RANKIN	Independent Member	01/10/23 to 31/08/26	Crown Estates (from 16/09/24); Resigned from Schroders Plc 30/06/24	Director - CoreNet Global UK	RICS; CoreNet UK Chapter	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Adaku UFERE	Independent Member	01/10/23 to 31/08/26	Nil	Nil	Nigerian Bar Association; Chartered Institute of Arbitrators	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Donna LEITH	Governance Apprentice (in attendance)	01/09/25 to 31/08/26	OFGEM	Nil	Member of Chartered Management Institute (CMI)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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EXTERNAL LAY MEMBERS OF COURT COMMITTEES									
Kevin D REYNARD	Independent Member of Audit & Risk Committee	01/11/22 - 31/10/25; 01/11/25 - 31/10/28	No current employment. Former partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (retired June 2022)	Chair - Robert Gordons College; Trustee - Aberdeen Endowments Trust Director - Scottish Orienteering 6 Day Event Company Limited Chair - ARC of Scottish Swimming (not a Board Member)	ICAS	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Duncan FRASER	Independent Member of Finance and Resourcing Committee	01/02/24 - 31/01/27	Chief Operating Officer, Stronachs LLP	Chairperson, Scottish Football Benevolent Trust	Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS)	No	No	No	No
Sandy BATHO	Independent Member of Governance & Nominations Ctte; Remuneration Committee	01/04/24 - 31/03/27	Nil	Trustee of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland; Trustee of the Scottish Unionist Association	Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development (CIPD)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Stuart PORTEOUS	Independent Member of Audit & Risk Committee	01/04/24 - 31/03/27	Chief Risk Officer, Castle Community Bank	Non Executive Director, Glasgow Clyde College	Nil	Director, Edinburgh Risk Consulting	Nil	Nil	Child studying Medicine at the University.
Shona L RUSSELL	Independent Member of Remuneration Committee	26/09/25 - 30/09/28	John Lewis Partnership	Nil	Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Gavin STEEL	Independent Member of Commercialisation Committee	01/04/24 - 31/03/27	Company Director, G&M Scotia Ltd; Senior Executive Advisor to PwC Middle East	School Governor, Morrison's Academy	Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)	50% shareholder in G&M Scotia Ltd	Nil	Nil	Nil
George YULE	Independent Member of Commercialisation Committee	01/04/24 - 31/03/27	Nil	UoA Development Trust; Russell Anderson Foundation	Nil	Nil	Nil [Mr & Mrs Yule-UoA guests at AFC v Celtic match 04/12/24]	Nil	Son is a final year student (MA Finance) at UoA 2024/25