



Electronic Senate

Confirmed Report of e-Senate held 28 January-11 February 2026

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1 Conferment of the title of Professor Emeritus / Emerita - e-S 25/26 3A

Senate approved the conferment of the title of Professor Emeritus on the following professors:

- Professor Tim Aitman, School of Genetics and Cancer
- Professor Stuart Anderson, School of Informatics
- Professor Alan Archibald, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
- Professor Karen Blissitt, Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies
- Professor Val Brunton, School of Genetics and Cancer
- Professor Peter Doerner, School of Biological Sciences
- Professor Stephen Gilmore, School of Informatics
- Professor Chris Gregory, School of Regeneration and Repair
- Professor Simon Harley, School of GeoSciences
- Professor Ian Harper, School of Social and Political Science
- Professor Andrew Hudson, School of Biological Sciences
- Professor Lesley McAra, School of Law
- Professor Velda McCune, Moray House School of Education and Sport
- Professor John Mason, School of Neurological and Cardiovascular Research
- Professor Dies Meijer, School of Neurological and Cardiovascular Research
- Professor Stewart Mercer, School of Population Health Sciences
- Professor Simon Parsons, School of Chemistry
- Professor Sheila Riddell, Moray House School of Education and Sport
- Professor Perdita Stevens, School of Informatics

Senate noted the special minutes provided for the Professors listed above.

Three members commented on this item.

One member communicated their approval. Another member named a retiring Professor listed in the paper.

One member extended their special congratulations to current and recent members of Senate who are transitioning to emeritus roles. The member observed a large number of emeritus conferrals and requested an update to the information provided by HR on relationship between retiring professors and the University's Voluntary Severance and Voluntary Retirement schemes. The member also noted concern with the emeritus status of a senior member of the University's former Institute for Academic Development (IAD) in light of Senate's business on the IAD. The comments on this item will be passed to the Senate Business Committee.

2 Court Resolutions - e-S 25/26 3B

To comment.

Senate noted the Court Resolutions

Two members commented on this item.

One member confirmed their approval of the Resolutions.

One member raised questions regarding the proposal for the Chair in Large-Scale Database Systems and queried whether the expertise could be met within existing staff in the context of current recruitment constraints and that justification should be provided for creating a new post. The member also raised questions regarding the funding arrangements for the position, including how the funding is to be allocated to the post, whether the appointment is influenced by the funder and the funders current and long-term expectations in relation to the position and associated resource.

The comments on this item were passed to the paper author.