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SENATE

A meeting of the Senate of the University will be held in the Keeton Lomas Lecture Theatre, Armstrong Building on Wednesday 23 September 2026 from 2.00-5:00pm. Tea and Coffee will be available in the Armstrong Reception Rooms from 1.30pm.

There shall be no discussion at Senate on any items in Section 5 of the agenda unless the Vice-Chancellor determines otherwise or unless a member of Senate notifies the Vice-Chancellor or the Registrar at least twenty-four hours before the meeting of their wish to have such discussion.

16 September 2026

Dr C Campbell
Registrar

AGENDA

Any member of Senate who has a pecuniary, family or other personal interest in any matter under discussion at any meeting of Senate shall as soon as practicable disclose that fact to the meeting. The Chair shall determine whether the member shall withdraw from the discussion. A member is not, however, considered to have a pecuniary or personal interest in matters under discussion merely by being a member of staff or a student of the University.

1. Preliminary business

1.1. Minutes

For decision: Senate is asked to approve the Minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 24 June 2026. **(Document A)**

1.2. Matters arising from the Minutes

1.3. Vice-Chancellor and President's Business

For information: The Vice-Chancellor and President's report is attached as **(Document B)**

1.4. Summary Report from Council, 6 July 2026

For information: To receive the summary report from the meeting of Council that took place on 6 July 2026. **(Document C)**

2. Strategic items

2.1. Academic Shape: Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

For decision: To receive a presentation from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. **(Document D)**

3. Monitoring of academic performance

3.1. Minutes from Committees of Senate

For information: A verbal update covering recent business will be provided by the committee Chairs. Copies of approved minutes from each committee are provided for information.

- a) University Education Committee: 13 May and 1 July 2026 **(Document E)**
- b) University Research and Innovation Committee: 12 May and 23 June 2026 **(Document F)**

3.2. National Student Survey Results

For discussion: To receive a paper from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Education. **(Document G)**

3.3. Leading Edge Curriculum

For information: To receive an update from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Education. **(Document H)**

3.4. White Space

For discussion: To receive a paper on Sabbatical Officers' Priorities from the 2026-27 Newcastle University Students' Union. **(Document J)**

Members of Senate are invited to raise other academic matters for further investigation and consideration. The Chair will propose how such matters should be addressed.

4. Reserved Business

4.1. Academic distinctions – title of Professor Emeritus (Statute 29(4))

For decision: In accordance with Statute 29(4), Senate may accord the title of Professor Emeritus on professors retiring from the University.

Senate is asked to approve the proposal in the attached report from the Vice-Chancellor, following consultation with the Faculty Pro-Vice-Chancellor, for the conferment of the title of Professor Emeritus. **(Document K)**

[Document L is classified as 'strictly confidential' and is being circulated only to members of Senate. The contents should not be divulged to any person who is not a member of Senate.]

5. Other Business

5.1. Senate Effectiveness

For discussion: To receive the effectiveness survey results. **(Document L)**

5.2. University Regulations

For information: Key changes to the University Regulations for 2026-27. **(Document M)**

5.3. Annual Report from Research Ethics Committee

For information: The minutes from the meeting held on 21 April 2026. **(Document N)**

5.4. **Research Culture Programme Annual Review**

For information: The annual review.

(Document O)

5.5. **Membership of Senate**

For information: The Senate membership for 2026-27.

(Document P)

5.6. **Senate Delegation of Powers**

For information: Senate's Delegation of Powers.

(Document Q)

5.7. **Standing Orders of Senate**

For information: The Standing Orders of Senate.

(Document R)

5.8. **Reported Business**

For information: A report of action taken in accordance with agreed procedures, approved where necessary by the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of Senate and/or the Chair of Council on behalf of Council, and by other University bodies and Chairs.

(Document S)