

Council Membership

Council Membership 2025/2026 as at 1 September 2025
University Charter, paragraph 8, prescribes the Council membership as follows:

<i>(a) Sixteen persons external to the University:</i>	
Chair of the Council:	Mark Preston (1.08.2023 to 31.7.2026 as Chair).
Deputy Chair of the Council/Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee	Andrew Newell (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
	Mayuri Lakhani (01.10.2021 to 31.7.2027)
	Mark Downs (01.06.2023 to 31.7.2026)
	Paul Pugh (01.06.2023 to 31.7.2026)
	Tom Hyner (28.11.2023 to 28.11.2026)
	Julie Kelly (05.12.2024 to 04.12.2027)
	Nick Ratcliffe (26.06.2025 to 25.06.2028)
	Phil Jordan (26.06.2025 to 25.06.2028)
	Jonathan Steel (26.06.2025 to 25.06.2028)
<i>(b) Two persons elected from among their number by the academic staff of the University:</i>	
Academic staff:	Dr Balihar Sanghera (1.08.2023 to 31.7.2026)
	Professor Shujun Li (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
Academic-related staff and other staff:	Daniel Knox (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
	Jahanara Ahmed (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
<i>(d) One person elected from among their number by students of the University:</i>	
For 2025/2026:	TBC
<i>(e) The Vice-Chancellor and President:</i>	
	Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura
<i>(f) Up to two officers of the University, appointed by Council following consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chancellor:</i>	
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance	Professor Claire Peppiatt-Wildman
Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Education and Student Experience	Professor Richard Reece
<i>(g) The President of the University of Kent Students' Union and the sabbatical officer for postgraduate students:</i>	
President of Kent Union:	Himadri (for 2025/26)
Vice-President Education	Claudia Moreira (for 2025/26)

- Note:**
- (a) Total prescribed membership: 25 members
 - (b) Council members - [Trusteeships 2022-2023](#) (Trusteeships 2025/26 to be shared once available)
 - (c) Queries should be addressed to the University Secretary, (email CouncilSec@kent.ac.uk)