

STEERING COMMITTEE OF SENATE (SCS)

Terms of Reference:

- To prepare the agenda package for Senate meetings.
- To act as a clearing house for material being prepared by the Senate committees and to ensure the orderly and timely conduct of Senate business.
- To consider and rule upon requests by Senators for leaves of absence longer than three consecutive ordinary meetings (see Handbook 3(h)(iii)).
- To review and recommend changes on matters relating to the governance of Senate, its Committees and the Senate Handbook.
- From time to time, in consultation with the Board of Governors, to establish an *ad hoc* committee to govern, keep in proper order and advise on real property, buildings and structures of the University.
- To serve as the Senate standing committee empowered to consider and refer to Senate, or to the appropriate Senate committee, all matters that may be referred to the Senate by the Board.

Membership:

President (as Chair of Senate)
Vice Chair of Senate
Provost
Two Faculty Senators
One Student Senator
One Lay
Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

Chair: President

Committee Secretary: Secretary of Senate

Recording Secretary: Governance Officer

Quorum: Majority, including the Chair or Vice Chair of Senate

POSITION	INCUMBENT	EXPIRY DATE
President (as Chair of Senate)	Geoff Payne (Chair)	N/A
Vice Chair of Senate	Maik Gehloff	09/28/2025
Interim Vice President Academic & Provost	Bill Owen	N/A
Faculty Senator	Julius Bankole	03/31/2026
Faculty Senator	Christine Ho Younghusband	03/31/2026
Student Senator	Maria Tavares †	08/31/2025
Lay Senator	Claudia Barreira	03/31/2027
Secretary of Senate (non-voting)	Kimberly Read	N/A

Note: The symbol "†" denotes that an appointment by Senate is pending.