

SENATE: 25 JUNE 2025

REPORTED BUSINESS

1. Chair of Senate's Action

On 11 June 2025, the Vice-Chancellor and President took Chair's action on behalf of Senate to grant the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Richard Collier (School of Law).

2. Newcastle University Students' Union Sabbatical Officers, 2025-26

The elected sabbatical officers for the next academic year are as follows:

Ilsa Hartley	(MA in Curating Art)	President
Lily Allan	(BA Media, Communication and Cultural Studies)	Wellbeing & Communities Officer
Gina Tindale	(BA English Literature)	Academic Officer
Libby Griffiths	(BA Journalism, Media and Culture)	Student Media Officer
Alex Duggan	(BSc Zoology with Placement Year)	Sports Officer
James Geary	(BSc Mathematics)	Opportunities Officer

3. Deaths

17 May 2025

Ken Young. Ken was appointed Administrative Assistant in the Establishments Section of the Registrar's Office in 1980. He transferred to the Admissions Section in 1982 and was appointed Admissions Officer in 1984, a post he held until his retirement in 2003. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St George's Church, Jesmond NE2 2TF on Saturday 14th June at 2pm, which colleagues are invited to attend. Please [email us to confirm](#) your attendance by Friday 6th June. Anyone wishing to make a donation in Ken's memory might like to consider The People's Kitchen Newcastle, The People's Dispensary for Sick Animals or The Book Trust. All of these charities support causes that Ken cared about deeply.

19 April 2025

Albert Edward Wraith. Albert was appointed Lecturer in Extraction Metallurgy in the Department of Metallurgy in 1961 and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1970. In 1977, He undertook a part-time Consultancy position for the British Steel Corporation alongside his role within the Department for Metallurgy and Engineering Materials. In Spring 1985 and Spring 1986, Albert took up a Visiting Fellowship and Research Fellowship at McGill University, Montreal. Through the International Advisory Panel of the Chinese Provincial Universities Development Project, Albert visited Shanghai Technical University to assist in strengthening the teaching and research programme in the field of modelling of refining processes in 1989. In 1989, the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Department of Metallurgy and Engineering Materials merged to become the Department of Mechanical, Materials and Manufacturing Engineering. Albert continued as Senior Lecturer until his retirement in 1997. He retired to Exeter and, still following his quest to understand the fundamental of the origins of quality-lowering defects in modern Steels using modern imaging techniques, was awarded a Royal Society research grant with Tata Steel (Port Talbot) and the University of Swansea.

5 February 2025

R.I. (Bob) Moore. We are sad to announce that R.I. (Bob) Moore, MA, FRHistS, Professor Emeritus of Medieval History, has died, on 5th February 2025. Born 8th May 1941, he came to Newcastle in 1994, after thirty years at Sheffield University, where he was remarkable for leading curriculum reform, which he continued here, and was briefly Head of Department. He retired early, in 2003. He had had two visiting professorships in the USA (Chicago 1989, Berkeley 2004), was a Corresponding Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America from 2002, and the 2004 Creighton Lecturer (the Creighton series being 'one of the great lectures in history in the British Isles'). He was General Editor and originator of the *Blackwell History of the*

World series, and founding editor of Blackwell's earlier series *New Perspectives on the Past*. Besides *World History*, his research focussed on eleventh- and twelfth-century Europe, and European dissent, especially so-called heresy and what have been termed Catharism and Cathars from around 1000, and popular religion. His works have been hugely influential. His most famous, *The Formation of a Persecuting Society: Power and Deviance in Western Europe, 950-1250* (1st edition 1987, 2nd 2006) features in the History curriculum of more than one university. The themes that he tackled all had contemporary resonance, his research 'underpinned by a deep political concern for the present', and fuelled by 'an ideal ... of freedom from arbitrary and bullying authority'. It attracted great esteem, though his conclusions about the 'dynamic persecutor' and the Cathars went down very badly in some quarters. In 2009 he was termed probably the most celebrated British medieval historian outside the UK, notably in North America. A volume of papers about his work appeared in 2006, and there is to be a long memoir in *Speculum* (the journal of the Medieval Academy of America) in 2025 or 2026, drawing on many contributors. He was remarkable for his strategic vision, generosity of spirit and willingness to help, support and advise, to learn from and acknowledge and collaborate with others, and for his fairness, and modesty. He is survived by his (second) wife, fellow Newcastle historian Anne Elizabeth Redgate, his three children and a grandson, and his sister.

Senate records its deep regret and sympathy for the relatives concerned.