

SENATE: 24 JUNE 2026**REPORTED BUSINESS**1. Chair of Senate's Action

On 20 January 2026, the Vice-Chancellor and President took Chair's action on behalf of Senate to grant the title of Emeritus Professor on Professor Tim Cheetham (Institute of Translational and Clinical Research).

2. Chair of Council's Action

On 8 June 2026, the Chair of Council took Chair's action on behalf of Council to approve the new clinical academic salary scales for England with effect from 1 April 2026.

3. Deaths

1 May 2026

Rachael Oyston. Rachael joined the University in 2011 as a Clerical Assistant in Quality in Learning and Teaching (QuILT), which later became the Learning and Teaching Development Service, staying with the team until 2024 when she left the University due to ill health. Rachael was an exceptionally positive and friendly person, who lit up the office with her happy demeanour. She was regarded with love and affection by colleagues both within the team and beyond. Her warmth lifted everyone who was close to her and will be impossible to forget. Even during her recent challenges with cancer, Rachael continued to face life with remarkable positivity, surrounded by her loving family and supported by her LTDS friends and her Church.

15 February 2026

Dr Xu Deng (Daisy). Daisy, a NUAcT Fellow in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, was a bright and talented academic and a kind and thoughtful colleague. Our thoughts are with her family, and with our colleagues and students in the School of Engineering who worked closely with her. Daisy will be greatly missed within EEE and across the wider University.

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