

## Council Membership

### Council Membership 2025/2026 as at 27 January 2026

**University Charter, paragraph 8, prescribes the Council membership as follows:**

<i>(a) Sixteen persons external to the University:</i>	
Chair of the Council:	<a href="#">Mark Preston</a> (1.08.2023 to 31.7.2026 as Chair).
Deputy Chair of the Council/Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee	<a href="#">Andrew Newell</a> (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
	<a href="#">Kim Lowe</a> (11.10.2025 to 10.10.2028)
	<a href="#">Paul Pugh</a> (01.06.2023 to 31.7.2026)
	<a href="#">Tom Hyner</a> (28.11.2023 to 28.11.2026)
	<a href="#">Julie Kelly</a> (05.12.2024 to 04.12.2027)
	<a href="#">Nick Ratcliffe</a> (26.06.2025 to 25.06.2028)
	<a href="#">Phil Jordan</a> (26.06.2025 to 25.06.2028)
	<a href="#">Jonathan Steel</a> (26.06.2025 to 25.06.2028)
	<a href="#">Nicola Berry</a> (3.12.2025 to 2.12.2028)
	<a href="#">Daniel Mensah</a> (3.12.2025 to 2.12.2028)
	<a href="#">Jason Davies</a> (3.12.2025 to 2.12.2028)
<i>(b) Two persons elected from among their number by the academic staff of the University:</i>	
Academic staff:	<a href="#">Dr Balihar Sanghera</a> (1.08.2023 to 31.7.2026)
	<a href="#">Professor Shujun Li</a> (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
Academic-related staff and other staff:	<a href="#">Daniel Knox</a> (1.08.2024 to 31.7.2027)
	<a href="#">Jahanara Ahmed</a> (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:	<a href="#">Daniel Cope</a> (for 2025/26)

*(e) The Vice-Chancellor and President:*

[Professor Georgina Randsley de Moura](#)

*(f) Up to two officers of the University, appointed by Council following consultation with the Chair and the Vice-Chancellor:*

Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Academic Strategy, Planning and Performance

[Professor Claire Peppiatt-Wildman](#)

*(g) The President of the University of Kent Students' Union*

President of Kent Union:

[Himadri](#) (for 2025/26)

**Note:**

- (a) Total prescribed membership: 25 members
- (b) Council members - [Trusteeships 2024-2025](#) (Trusteeships 2025/26 to be shared once available)
- (c) Queries should be addressed to the University Secretary, (email [CouncilSec@kent.ac.uk](mailto:CouncilSec@kent.ac.uk))