

The Glasgow School of Art

Academic Council - Remit and Membership 2025-26

1. Remit

The remit of Academic Council is specified in the Articles of Association and represents delegated functions from the Governing Body, namely:

- the function of advising the Director in relation to the overall planning, co-ordination, development and supervision of the academic work of the institution; and
- such other functions of the Governing Body as may be assigned to the Academic Council by the Governing Body.

The functions specified shall be discharged by the Academic Council subject to the general control and direction of the Governing Body. In discharging the functions specified, the Academic Council shall have all the powers and duties of the Governing Body in relation to those functions and shall have the power to make any recommendations to the Governing Body on such matters relating to those functions as the Academic Council may think fit.

2. Membership

- Director (Convenor)
- Deputy Director Academic
- Deputy Director Research & Innovation
- Academic Registrar
- Head of Library Services
- Head of Learning, Teaching and Enhancement
- Heads of the Schools
- Head of Research
- President of the Students' Association
- Vice-President of the Students' Association
- Secretary and Registrar
- The Elected Academic Staff Governor on the GSA Board of Governors
- Sixteen members, elected by and from members of the part-time and full-time academic staff, who are not otherwise permanent members or co-opted members. Elected staff members shall serve for a period of three years (with possible re-election for a further two terms, up to a maximum of nine years).
- Four students, elected by students from among the students. Elected student members shall serve for a period of one year (with possible re-election for a further one term, up to a maximum of two years).
- Up to three co-opted members, two of whom shall normally be representatives of the University of Glasgow

In line with the GSA Code of Procedure for Appeals, staff members of Academic Council may be invited to sit on a Joint Glasgow School of Art/University of Glasgow Appeals Committee, when convened.

Members of GSA's Board of Governors, with the prior agreement of the Academic Council Convenor, may be invited to attend any meeting of Academic Council as an observer.

Secretary: A member of staff from the Academic Quality Office.

3. Frequency of meetings

It is expected that the Committee will meet at least four times per academic session.

4. Quorum

A minimum of ten members, to include at least three elected members and a student representative.