

THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

TRAC Oversight Group

TRAC Oversight Group – Remit and Membership 2025-26

Reporting to the Research Committee, the TRAC Oversight Group¹ is responsible for promoting the clear understanding of the requirements of TRAC, managing its implementation and overseeing related reporting to external bodies.

REMIT

The remit of the TRAC Oversight Group is to provide guidance on GSA's ongoing use of a transparent approach to costing its research and related activities to ensure that finances are managed sustainably.

To ensure that costing and pricing processes are firmly embedded in the School's financial and academic decision making processes through implementing the requirements of TRAC/Full Economic Costing (FEC), as originally laid out in the Joint Costing & Pricing Steering Group (JCPSG) Guidance manual, and maintained via Office for Students guidance on Financial Sustainability and TRAC, which is managed by the TRAC Development Group.

MEMBERSHIP

Convener	Colin Kirkpatrick (Head of Research Support Services) or nominee
Member	Alistair Storey (Deputy Chief Financial Officer)
Member	Gayle Lang (Management Accountant)
Member	Research Accountant
Member	Professor Sally Stewart (Head of MSA), or nominee
Member	Professor Martin Newth (Head of SoFA), or nominee
Member	Professor Stephen Bottomley (Head of SoD), or nominee
Member	Professor Gordon Hush (Head of SIT), or nominee
Member	Professor Steve Love (Senior Researcher, SIT)
Member	Professor Lynn McHattie (Programme Director, SIT)
Member	Dr Helen McCormack (Research Lead, SoD)
Member	Dr Aude Le Guennec (Research Lead, MSA)
Member	Dr Nicky Coutts (Research Lead, SoFA)
Member	Heather Allan/Carol Johnstone (Research)
Member	Terry Fox (Chief Financial Officer), may opt to attend as appropriate

¹ Formerly full Economic Costing / Transparent Approach to Costing – fECTRAC – Steering Group

Member	Professor Sarah Smith (Head of Research), may opt to attend as appropriate
Secretary	Frances Kennedy
By invitation	Academic support managers (or equivalent) for any Schools or areas of GSA undertaking TAS survey in the current or forthcoming academic year.

OVERALL INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY

The strategy will link in with areas which are considered to be of prime importance by the School.

- Clarity of Planning and Management
- Institutional Structures and Processes
- Openness of information and Improved Communication
- Research – Improving our Profile
- Financial stability.

GSA's comprehensive Costing and Pricing Strategy should satisfy the following requirements: -

- Transparency review accountability to Government
- Full economic costing for projects
- Improved costing for research fund applications and improved reporting on the use of research funds
- Need for management information to aid planning
- Information in pricing all activities
- Improving data collection by amending our chart of accounts and embedding the data collection into the School's financial procedures.