

Council

'the supreme governing body of the University' – as described in the University's Charter
As a charity, Council is our Board of Trustees

Responsibilities

- Strategic direction.
- Monitoring effectiveness and performance.
- Safeguarding assets.
- Ensuring solvency.
- Appointing senior executive officers.

Professor Karen Holford

responsible to Council for the University's day-to-day operations



Sub-committees deal with detailed Council business:

- Finance
- Audit
- Remuneration
- Nominations

Recent activities

- Approved the University budget 2023/2024.
- Considered opportunities and risks associated to Cranfield's capabilities around AI.
- Approved the Financial Statements and signed off annual assurance reports including EDI, Prevent Duty and Environment.



17-19
members



Members serve for 3 years
(eligible for re-election)
to ensure a dynamic
and diverse Council



Meets 4x
a year

Members

Chair



Pro-Chancellor,
Iain Ferguson
Chair and Non-Executive
Director portfolio

Vice-Chancellor,
Professor Karen Holford

Independent members

Caroline Carter
Dean, University of Law;
formerly Ashursts LLP

Lesley Chen Davison
Head of Commercial
Strategy, GoSpace AI

Colin Day
Non-Executive
Independent Director,
Meggitt Plc (alumnus)

Ian Hart
Senior Investment
Banker

Alice Hynes
Senior Consultant
and Director of
APC Futures Ltd

Jo Price
Chair of Board, University
College of Osteopathy;
former VC at Royal
Agricultural University

Simon Rowlands
Founder, Africa
Platform and retired
co-founder, Cinven

Jaz Saggu
Chair and
Non-Executive
Director portfolio
(Financial Services)

Claire Stokes
former Senior Partner,
PwC

Peter Watkins
former Director
General, MOD

Phil Zeidler
Entrepreneur;
co-founder, Deadhappy

Staff

Professor Helen Atkinson
Pro-Vice-Chancellor –
Aerospace, Transport
and Manufacturing

Connie Greening
Senior Assistant
Registrar (Registry
Services)

James Hill
Communications
Manager

Jane Hubble
Head of Technical
Services (SWEE)

Student

Ehizuelen Imafidon
CSA President