

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 and Risk
- Remuneration
- Nominations

Recent activities

- Appointed Baroness Brown of Cambridge, Dame Julia King, as Chancellor of Cranfield University.
- Approved amendments to the University Laws to effect a change to the academic constituent units of the University.
- Endorsed the Health & Safety Annual Report 2023/2024.



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

Lesley Chen Davison
Chief Operating Officer,
Telford Homes; former
Head of Commercial
Strategy, GoSpace AI

Colin Day
Non-Executive Portfolio

John Greatrex
Group HR Director,
Unipart Group

Ian Hart
Senior Investment
Banker

Solomon Osagie
General Counsel &
Company Secretary,
Zempler Bank

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

Rachna Upadhya
Founder of
Lifespanology Ltd;
AI & Healthcare
Specialist

Peter Watkins
former Director
General, MOD

Phil Zeidler
Entrepreneur;
co-founder, Deadhappy

Staff

Professor Helen Atkinson
Deputy-Vice-Chancellor,
Faculty of Engineering
and Applied Sciences

Connie Greening
Senior Assistant
Registrar (Registry
Services)

James Hill
Defence and Security
Programme Manager

Jane Hubble
Head of Technical
Services (SWEE)

Student

Muhammet Sen
CSA President