Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers

The Advisory Committee on Degree Awarding Powers (ACDAP) considers applications for degree awarding powers.

Below are details of the current members.

Members (between them) also have experience in research into science, technology, humanities or new ideas.

Dr Vanessa Davies  
Director General, Bar Standards Board  
**Category of membership:**  
Co-Chair, Independent QAA Board member  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Alumna and former employee of Kings College London (KCL) (1981-1997). Family members connected to KCL as alumni and an emeritus professor position. Family member connected by employment to Newcastle University, 2019 onwards.  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Director General of the Bar Standards Board - regulatory body for barristers, which gives a connection to most law schools in England and Wales and a direct supervisory and contractual relationship with the following universities: Cardiff, Northumbria, Manchester Metropolitan, West of England, Nottingham Trent, City, University of Law, BPP. Close working relationships with Solicitors Regulation Authority.  
**Connections with other bodies:**  

Mr Andrew Ramsay  
Former Chief Executive Officer, Engineering Council  
**Category of membership:**  
Co-Chair, independent of the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Governor, University of the Creative Arts  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Fellow, Institution of Engineering and Technology; Companion, Chartered Institution of Building Services Engineers; Honorary Fellow, Society of Public Health Engineers  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Fellow, Institution of Secretaries and Administrators; Trustee of two employment-based pension funds
Professor Robert Allison  
Vice-Chancellor and President, Loughborough University  
**Category of membership:**  
Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
None  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Royal Geographical Society  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Board member, Leicester and Leicestershire Local Enterprise Partnership; Shadow Board member, East Midlands Development Corporation

Professor Phil Cardew  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Leeds Beckett University  
**Category of membership:**  
Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
None  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
None

Mr Ian Dunn  
Provost, Coventry University  
**Category of membership:**  
Member co-opted by the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
None  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Ministry of Justice, Justice of the Peace; Board membership of several multi-academy trusts; charity trusteeship

Mr Charles Hunt  
Vice-Chancellor, University College of Osteopathy  
**Category of membership:**  
Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Partnership with the University of Bedfordshire for Prof Doc validation  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Chair, Osteopathic International Alliance; Director, Council of Osteopathic Education Institutions; Member of Register of General Osteopathic Council; Member of Osteopathic Development Group Management Board  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
None
**Professor Neal Juster**  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Glasgow  
**Category of membership:**  
Member co-opted by the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
None  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Fellow, Institution of Mechanical Engineers  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Member, Board of Management, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce; Director, Glasgow University Holdings Limited

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**Professor Jackie Labbe**  
Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic, De Montfort University  
**Category of membership:**  
Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Board member, University of London, School of Advanced Study  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Member, British Association for Romantic Studies; Member, Arts and Humanities Research Council Advisory Board  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Member, Office for Students, TRAC Development Group

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**Ms Anne Lambert**  
Former Board Member, Competition and Markets Authority  
**Category of membership:**  
Member with experience of encouraging competition in industry or another sector of society  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Governor at the University of Portsmouth  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
None  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Non-executive Board member, Civil Aviation Authority

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**Professor Lorna Milne**  
Vice-Principal (Proctor), University of St Andrews  
**Category of membership:**  
Member co-opted by the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
External Examiner for French, Queen's University Belfast  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Editorial Board Member, French Studies and Forum for Modern Languages; Member of French Studies Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Management Committee, The Burn
Ms Dorothea Ross-Simpson
Head of Academic Quality and Student Conduct, Keele University
Category of membership:
Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.
Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):
None
Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
None
Connections with other bodies:
None

Professor Alan Speight
Vice-Principal (Student Recruitment), University of Aberdeen
Category of membership:
Member with current or recent (within the last two years) UK degree awarding powers experience at a strategic level, and/or having senior-level responsibility for areas covered by the criteria for degree awarding powers or university title applications.
Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):
None
Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
Member, Royal Economic Society; Member, British Academy of Management; Member, British Accounting and Finance Association; Member, American Finance Association.
Connections with other bodies:
None

Ms Jenny Taylor
IBM UK Foundation Leader, IBM (UK)
Category of membership:
Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective
Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):
None
Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
Commissioner, Princess Royal Training Awards; Chair, Digital and Technology Solutions Degree Apprenticeship Trailblazer Group, Member of Tech Partnership Employer Board, Member of the Chartered Management Institute.
Connections with other bodies:
None

Ms Clare Viney
Chief Executive Officer, The Careers Research and Advisory Centre (CRAC)
Category of membership:
Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective
Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):
Chair, University of Southampton, Chemistry Advisory Board; Member, University of Sheffield, Employability Board. Vitae (programme managed by CRAC) has over 200 university members in 23 countries.
Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
Fellow, Royal Society of Chemistry; Chartered Chemist; Chartered Scientist
Connections with other bodies:
None
Professor Philip Wilson  
Chief Executive, Conde Nast College  
**Category of membership:**  
Member of QAA Board. Member with experience in a higher education provider in England without degree awarding powers.  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
None  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Member of the Institute of Directors; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Chair, Trustee and Director of Burnley FC in the Community

Dr Steven Wright  
Director of Academic Standards, Nelson and Colne College  
**Category of membership:**  
Member from an English further education provider  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Validating partners: University of Bolton; Buckinghamshire New University; University of Cumbria; University of Huddersfield; Liverpool John Moores University; Pearson Education  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Member of Institution of Engineering and Technology and Fellow of Higher Education Academy  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Member of Association of Colleges Higher Education Policy Group

Mr Aaron Lowman  
Director of Academic Services, Academy of Live and Recorded Arts  
**Category of membership:**  
Student member, co-opted by the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Doctoral student at St Mary’s University, Twickenham  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
None  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
Inspector & Member of the Accreditation Council at The British Accreditation Council

Mr Robert Simkins  
President, NUS Wales  
**Category of membership:**  
Student member, or otherwise representing or promoting the interests of students  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Student at Cardiff University  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
None  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
NUS Wales president  
Member of HEFCW Committees (SOAC, QAC, Regulation)  
Observer on HEFCW council

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