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
Former Director General, Bar Standards Board (retired)
Category of membership: 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: Former 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: Bencher of Inner Temple; Trustee of Law for Life: The Foundation for Public Legal Education; Non-Executive Director, Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal (Scotland) (2019-2022); Lay Member, House of Lords Conduct Committee (2019-2022).

Professor Simon Macklin
Pro Vice Chancellor (Portfolio Development and Global Engagement), University for the Creative Arts
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): External Examiner Middlesex University, Chief External Examiner University of Chichester, Family member connected by employment to University of Surrey
Connections with professional and subject-based bodies: None
Connections with other bodies: None
Dr Ernest Caldwell
Senior Lecturer in Chinese Studies and Associate Director for Learning and Teaching, SOAS University of London

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:
Parent Governor; Ridgeway Primary School and Nursery

Professor Ian Dunn
Provost, Coventry 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:
Ministry of Justice, Justice of the Peace; Board membership of several multi-academy trusts and chair of an independent school trust; charity trusteeship

Connections with other bodies:
None

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 University of Bedfordshire for Prof Doc validation, Validation partnership with Northern College of Acupuncture and College of Integrated Chinese Medicine. Partnership with College of World Sport and e-sports.

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
Past Chair Osteopathic International Alliance, Director Council of Osteopathic Education Institutions, Member of Osteopathic Development Group Management Board, Member of Institute of Osteopathy, Member of Osteopathic Development Group Management Board

Connections with other bodies:
None

Professor Neal Juster
Vice-Chancellor, University of Lincoln

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:
Fellow, Institution of Mechanical Engineers

Connections with other bodies:
None

Professor Jackie Labbe
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Gloucestershire

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, British Association for Romantic Studies

Connections with other bodies:
Member, Office for Students, TRAC Development Group

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:
Member of BEIS Ministerial Coordination Group People and Culture

Ms Leonie Milliner
Director of Education and Deputy Chief Executive Officer, General Optical Council

Category of membership:
Member providing an employer of graduates or professional body perspective

Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):
GPhC Team Leader/member, Accreditation Panel; CILEx Qualifications Committee

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
Legal Executive/Law; Pharmacy

Connections with other bodies:
GPhC; CILEx

Professor Philip Wilson
Chief Executive, College of Esports

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):
University College of Osteopathy (validation partner)

Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:
Member of the Institute of Directors; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management, Member of Athenaeum

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 Damian Day  
Head of Education & Quality Assurance, UK, General Pharmaceutical Council  
**Category of membership:**  
Member with experience of encouraging competition in industry or another sector of society  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Accreditation of pharmacy courses  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Chair, Governance Board, Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
None

Dr Nicola Watchman-Smith  
Deputy Director Student Learning, Teesside University  
**Category of membership:**  
Member co-opted by the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Governor at New College Durham  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
AdvanceHE  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
None

Ms Nina Cupric  
Vice President Education at University of Derby Union Students  
**Category of membership:**  
Student member or otherwise representing the interests of the students  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Governor at University of Derby, Trustee at University of Derby Union of Students  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
None  
**Connections with other bodies:**  
None

Dr Harry Williams  
Postdoctoral Researcher, Bernhard Nocht Institute for Tropical Medicine  
**Category of membership:**  
Student member, co-opted by the QAA Board  
**Current connections with HE institutions (other than employment):**  
Recent graduate from Keele University  
**Connections with professional and subject-based bodies:**  
Member of the Royal Society of Biology (MRSB), Member of the British Crystallographic
Association (BCA), Early-Career Member of the Biochemical Society

Connections with other bodies:
None