

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-

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

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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:

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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):

Association (BCA), Early-Career Member of the Biochemical Society

Connections with other bodies:

None

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