

SINCE APRIL 2018...

## THE EXECUTIVE HAS MET WITH:

- Clare Marchant, CE of UCAS
- Helen Fairfoul, CE of UCEA
- Chris Millward, Director for Fair Access and Participation at the OfS



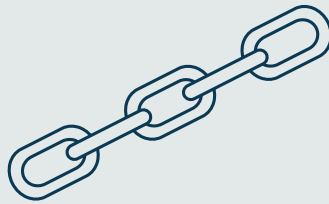
## TWO CONFERENCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

- 9-11 April at the University of Manchester
- 14 September at the University of Warwick
- Attracting 157 delegates



## 16 LIAISON MEETINGS HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

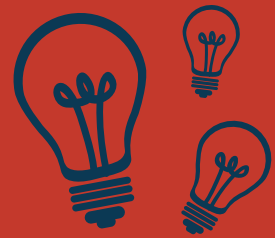
- 4 with DfE
- 3 with UUK
- 3 with OfS
- 2 with UUK and CUC
- 3 with UKRI
- 1 with NUS



AS WELL AS 16 REGIONAL MEETINGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

## AHUA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE INPUT TO:

- HESA Data Futures
- OIA Board meetings
- OSCR charity law consultation
- UCAS withdrawal of criminal conviction roundtable
- Draft EHRC guidance on free speech
- Mental health consent for disclosure task group
- Draft accounts direction
- OfS registration process
- Access & Participation Plan guidance
- Audit Scotland review of Scottish university finances



## THE EXECUTIVE HAS WELCOMED:

- Jeannette Strachan, AHUA North Regional Convenor
- Ian Callaghan, AHUA London Regional Convenor
- Jim McGeorge, Scottish Secretaries' Convenor
- Nicola Owen, Deputy Chair
- Sophie Bowen, Honorary Treasurer
- Rachel Sandby-Thomas, Nationally Elected Member
- John Hogan and Liz Bromley as co-optees



## THE EXECUTIVE HAS SAID GOODBYE TO:

- Bec Davies, Honorary Treasurer
- Sheena Stewart, Scottish Secretaries' Convenor
- Jayne Sadgrove, co-optee
- Jenny Jenkin, co-optee



**8** NEW MEMBERS TOOK UP COACHING

**14** MEMBERS JOINED A LEARNING SET

**1** ITERATION OF PSDP



29 BLOG POSTS PUBLISHED



23,564 VISITS TO THE WEBSITE



604 DOWNLOADS OF REGISTRARS REPORT



2 MEETINGS OF THE AHUA DEVELOPMENT AND COMMS WORKING GROUPS



## ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

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REGISTRAR & SECRETARY,  
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

**MARCH 2019**

As I write this, I have just started my third as Chair and am looking forward to welcoming you to the University of Birmingham for the Spring conference on 1 and 2 April.

This year, we have produced an infographic of our activities which you can see on the reverse. We hope that this presents the vast range of activities that the Association undertakes in an easily digestible format.

As you'll see, for a small organisation with a small office team, we've achieved a lot! And we have done this ever mindful of the three main aims of the AHUA which I have been keen to emphasise throughout my chairmanship. These are:

- the AHUA should be a 'go-to' organisation for informed, wise and well-respected advice for government and sector bodies. We are well placed to do this. We are the lead body for HE Professional Services across the UK. Our roles bring insight and broad expertise. We are well networked and connected;
- the AHUA should continue to be an inclusive organisation. The AHUA embraces the diversity of HE organisations and the variety of members' roles. Our diversity means our voice is more authoritative and gives a basis for sharing issues and practice. With our UK-wide membership we can contribute significantly to issues in all parts of the UK, and reflect on differences and common themes;
- the AHUA should continue to be an effective member organisation, whose support and services are valued. As a community of practice, AHUA provides a range of events and opportunities for peers to come together to network, discuss, share, learn, mentor and develop.

Of course, none of the Association's activities would be possible without the support of the AHUA Executive, particularly the Officer team who attend liaison meetings in addition to quarterly Executive meetings and take on a range of responsibilities within those roles. Many thanks to all members for their input to discussions both at and outside meetings over the year.

I would also like to mention in particular the Regional Convenors who take it upon themselves to organise three meetings each in their respective regions every year. Particular thanks to their PAs who do such an excellent job supporting the meetings along with Tracey in the AHUA office.

We are also extremely appreciative of our national sponsors, Mills & Reeve, Anderson Strathern and Carson McDowell, who have supported the Association not only financially but also through their attendance and input to national conferences and regional events, giving the benefit to members of their vast experience in the sector.

And finally, thank you for your continued support. We are a membership organisation above all and wouldn't exist without you, the members. If you have any suggestions or ideas – or indeed if you'd like to volunteer to effect some of those suggestions – please do get in touch with either me or the AHUA office.