



SINCE APRIL 2019...

THE EXECUTIVE HAS MET WITH:

- **Conor Ryan**, Director of External Relations and Communications, Office for Students
- **Ceri Lawrence**, Head of External Engagement, Office for Students
- **Paul Clark**, CEO, HESA
- **Chris Hale**, Director of Policy, UUK
- **Vivienne Stern**, Director of UUK International
- **Nicky Old**, Director of Communications, UUK
- **Vicki Stott**, Deputy CEO, QAA

TWO CONFERENCES HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

- 1-3 April at the University of Birmingham
- 13 September at Keele University
- Attracting 143 delegates



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REGIONAL
MEETINGS
HAVE TAKEN
PLACE14 LIAISON MEETINGS
HAVE TAKEN PLACE:

- 3 with DfE
- 3 with OfS
- 3 with UKRI
- 3 with UUK
- 2 with UUK and CUC

AS WELL AS
2 MEETINGS OF THE
DEVELOPMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS
WORKING GROUPSTHE EXECUTIVE HAS
WELCOMED:

- **Matthew Andrews** as AHUA South Regional Convenor
- **Tony Strike** as AHUA North Regional Convenor
- **Helen Galbraith** as a Nationally Elected Member
- **Niamh Lamond** as co-optee

THE EXECUTIVE HAS SAID
GOODBYE TO:

- **Neil Marriott**, AHUA South Regional Convenor
- **Jeannette Strachan**, AHUA North Regional Convenor
- **Liz Bromley**, co-optee

AHUA MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE INPUT TO:

- HESA Data Futures
- DfE Security and Risk Management Group
- UUK's Fair Admissions Review Group
- OIA Board
- Prevent
- UCAS Council
- UUK Group on Racial Harassment
- UUK Advisory Group on Costs and Efficiency
- OfS Roundtable on Teaching Funding
- Joint DfE/UUK/AHUA Group on coronavirus



(THESE ARE JUST A SAMPLE, THERE'S A LOT MORE BESIDES!)

36
BLOG
POSTS
PUBLISHED24,849
VISITS
TO THE
WEBSITE41
INDIVIDUAL
COACHING
SESSIONS13
MEMBERS
JOINED A
LEARNING
SET1
ITERATION
OF THE
ASPIRING
REGISTRAR
PROGRAMME



ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

LEE SANDERS,
REGISTRAR & SECRETARY,
UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

MARCH 2020

As I write this, I am about to stand down as Chair of the Association after just over three years in the role. I am delighted that Nicola Owen, Deputy Chief Executive (Operations) at Lancaster University, will take over as Chair from 1 April. Nicola has been on the AHUA's Executive since 2016 and Deputy Chair since 2018 and as such has been actively involved in the Association's activities over a number of years, not least as our first blog Editor-in-Chief. I am leaving the chair of the AHUA in very capable hands.

The Infogram on the reverse presents the vast range of activities that the Association has undertaken over the past year. This includes all our regional, liaison and Executive meetings, the huge number of initiatives we have input to through working and steering groups, and our extensive development activities. I am sure you will agree that we have been busy!

None of this would be possible without the support and commitment of a great number of members and associates. As this is my last annual report, I would like to take this final opportunity to thank those people who have worked with me and the AHUA office over the past three years to such great effect.

Firstly, the AHUA's Executive officers for their wise counsel and commitment particularly to attending our regular liaison meetings with UUK, OfS, DfE and UKRI. It would be fair to say that we are seen, by all the above parties, as valuable sounding boards and key partners and for that, I thank the officers for their insightful comments and willingness to engage.

During my first year as Chair, I undertook a 'road trip' of the AHUA's regional groups, including the Scottish Secretaries' group. I was hugely impressed by the time and effort that goes into organising these meetings by the Regional Convenors who undertake this on a voluntary basis. The groups are the life blood of the AHUA and we are extremely grateful to the Convenors for their commitment to organising meetings. Thank you to them.

Thank you too, to all the conference hosts who have organised conferences in Spring and Autumn each year. I was delighted to host the AHUA's Spring conference at the University of Birmingham last April and know how much time and effort goes into these. Conferences are a great opportunity for members to meet and exchange experience and in an increasingly digital world, these opportunities are becoming increasingly precious.

I would also like to thank 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. It has been a privilege to lead the Association which wouldn't exist without you, the members. In these difficult times, membership of the AHUA is, I would suggest, even more important as we exchange experience, learn from each other but most of all, find support and encouragement from our peers.

I look forward to continuing my engagement with the Association, albeit from the sidelines from now on!