

AHUA ELECTIONS 2019

The AHUA is holding an election for two places on the AHUA Executive. The election is being run by Electoral Reform Services and will take place from 1 to 19 July 2019.

Each institution has one voting member who will have been contacted directly by ERS on 1 July.

There are four candidates: their statements are below.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Emma Bull, University Registrar, University of Wolverhampton

I am standing for one of the vacant roles on the AHUA Executive. I believe the AHUA provides a vital function for its membership at a time Universities are coming under increased regulation and greater scrutiny in relation to our organisational culture, values and governance. Through its activities, the AHUA ensures University leaders can remain informed, demonstrate value and have the platform to share good practice.



Since joining the AHUA I have been a regular participant in events and like many others have personally benefited from attending one of the leadership development programmes, from attending the conferences, and from networking with others. I am currently a member of the Staff Development Group and represent AHUA on the HE Trailblazer Steering Group. My background includes organisational development, culture change, process improvement, libraries and student services.

Having worked at Imperial College, Royal Holloway, Queen Mary University of London, and now the University of Wolverhampton, I understand the different university missions that give our sector strength through its diversity. I have valued my previous experience on Executive Boards for the Society of College, National and University Libraries (SCONUL) and London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC). I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the sector through the AHUA Executive, and if elected, make the commitment to participate actively over the coming three years.

**Professor Sally-Ann Burnett, Deputy Vice-Chancellor,
BPP University**

I am standing for a role on the AHUA Executive as DVC at a significant (16,000 students), private, for-profit university for three reasons:



1. I have broad experience having worked for about 20 years in leadership roles in several universities in England, Ireland and Canada. I was a consultant in HE before joining BPP in 2012 and have an extensive network to draw on. I have responsibility for university regulations.
2. My university sometimes has a different lens on the higher education landscape and how to navigate the political and economic challenges. At this time of monumental change, it is important for the sector to have a clear but representative voice and mine will bring an independent, new dimension to the thinking. I was on the platform at the AHUA conference in Birmingham this year and many colleagues were very interested to hear about BPP's approach to the new regulatory framework.
3. I am passionate about ensuring that higher education of the future is fit for purpose and that despite having serious, important, big roles we can still enjoy our work. I have a lot of energy and passion and if elected I will bring my active participation to the Executive. I would love to play a more active role in the AHUA and contribute the voice of an independent university.

**Helen Galbraith, Academic Registrar and Secretary,
Keele University**

There are two main reasons why I am standing for the position of nationally elected member of the AHUA Executive.

Firstly, I love working in and for the sector and I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the work of its leading professional association. My first job after graduation was working in the research & enterprise team at the University of Bristol, and I've worked within University professional services ever since, building a career across a range of roles in strategic planning and projects; student and academic services; research development, governance and executive support. I have been Academic Registrar and Secretary at Keele University since 2016 and I'm really looking forward to welcoming colleagues to our beautiful campus for the Autumn Conference in September.



Secondly, I feel that I could be a really valuable member of the AHUA Executive. I would bring strong links with a number of other professional HE associations, including AMOSSHE; the Academic Registrars Council; and HESPA, where I was a Board member for several years. I would be an active contributor to discussions and to the organisation of events for members, having already volunteered to host the forthcoming Autumn Conference. I would enjoy contributing to national policy development, including in areas I feel passionate about such as equality, diversity and inclusion; the student experience and student partnership, and fair and proportionate regulation.

I greatly value the work of AHUA and have benefited myself in many ways, including through attending national conferences, through sharing practice at the AHUA Midlands Group and through a fabulous action learning set. It would be great to give something back.

Paul Greatrix, Registrar, University of Nottingham

I've been privileged to be an AHUA member for over a dozen years now and served one term as an elected member on the Executive (but have also played different roles on the Exec including as Midlands Region Convenor). I would very much like to continue as an Executive member to continue to work on issues such as student voter registration and growing Ambitious Futures as well as sustaining the work of the Communications Group where, working with Catherine Webb and Nicola Owen in particular, and with our external supplier, I have sought to encourage a more outward facing approach for AHUA. I have also been an active contributor to different aspects of the work of AHUA from hosting conference to regular attendance at both conference and Midlands Region meetings but also contributing to the AHUA blog, including for example this piece on the role of the Registrar: <https://ahua.ac.uk/new-report-from-ahua-on-the-role-of-the-registrar/>



My over-riding concern though is to ensure that AHUA continues to take seriously the growth and development of the next generation of administrative leaders in our sector.

I do think we have a key part to play in the sector in terms of policy advice and direction as well as behind the scenes influencing of key government departments and other agencies and I very much want to continue to contribute to that activity. I do hope that you will consider supporting me and, if elected, I will continue to seek to do the best I can to support and promote the work of the Association.