



## **All-Party Parliamentary University Group AGM: 14 April 2021**

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## Paper 1 – Election of officers

Every APPG must have at least 5 elected officers. The chair must be an MP and at least one other office must be an MP. There must be at least one officer from the governing party and official opposition.

All officers of the APPUG are expected, but not required, to attend meetings of the council (further information below) that take place 2-3 times per year.

Co-chairs can deputise for the chair at meetings and provide the group with strategic direction.

A full list of parliamentary officers for the past reporting year can be found below. Those shaded grey have confirmed they would like to continue in their roles, and have not been contested.

Position	Name	Party
Chair	Daniel Zeichner MP	Labour
Co-Chair	Chris Skidmore MP	Conservative
Co-Chair	Baroness Garden	Liberal Democrat
Treasurer		
Secretary	Paul Blomfield MP	Labour
Vice-Chair	Ben Lake MP	Plaid Cymru
Vice-Chair	Lord Norton	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Jason McCartney MP	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Alison Thewliss MP	SNP
Vice-Chair	Aaron Bell MP	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Carol Monaghan MP	SNP
Vice-Chair	Alyn Smith MP	SNP
Vice-Chair	Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP	Labour

**ACTION:** Would anyone present like to put themselves forward for an officer position that has now already done so?

**ACTION:** There is a vacancy for Treasurer. Would anyone present like to put themselves forward?

*This is no limit to the number of vice-chairs the group can have, and new members are encouraged to put themselves forward as an officer.*

## **Paper 2 – University APPG 2020/21 activity summary**

Due to the general election, the last AGM was held on the 8 January 2020 and therefore the group's official reporting period runs from January 2020-January 2021.

The APPUG's own programme of activity runs from August – July annually. Below is the activity of the APPG between 8 January 2020 and now.

### Meetings

28 January 2020

Higher Education Policy in 2020

*(with former Universities Minister Chris Skidmore MP)*

20 April 2020

Universities and Covid-19

20 May 2020

The government's support package for higher education institutions and students *(with Universities Minister Michelle Donelan MP)*

22 June 2020

*EGM to confirm Chris Skidmore MP as co-chair of the group*

2 September 2020

Covid-19: preparations for the start of the academic year

21 October 2020

Universities' role on the global stage

*(with International Trade Minister Graham Stuart MP)*

2 December 2020

Admissions Reform

26 January 2021

Student mental health

16 March 2021

Universities' role in the economic and social recovery

### Other activities

The APPUG wrote to Health Secretary Rt Hon Matt Hancock in August 2020 about the National Institute for Health Protection (NIHP) and whether it would address the needs of students as a unique health population.

The APPUG wrote to the Universities Minister, Mental Health Minister and Children and Families Minister in January 2021 to ask for additional support for student mental health, and student-facing NHS services to be established.

### Social Media

The APPUG account (@universityappg) now has 2,245 followers and regularly tweets about higher education coverage in parliament and the media, relevant reports and members' activities.

ACTION: Please can members follow the APPUG on Twitter

## Paper 3 – Upcoming meetings and activities

### Meetings

The group is always keen to hear suggestions for meeting topics and speakers from members of the group.

Potential topics and speakers for the remaining two meetings of the 2020/21 year are as below:

May

Q&A with Michelle Donelan MP, Universities Minister (invited)

June/July

Examinations and transition into higher education.

- Potential speaker Kevan Collins, Education Recovery Commissioner

ACTION- Please suggest other topics that should be covered from Autumn 2021 onwards.

### Activities

The APPUG was unable to hold in-person events (which usually include dinners and breakfasts) throughout the whole of the 2020/21 year and therefore income from membership fees has much higher than outgoings. The group is in a financial position in which we could commission research or polling on a topic of particular importance to members.

The specific topic and timings will be discussed at a future Council meeting of the group in the coming months. Initial ideas include:

- University engagement with communities- with a particular focus on creative industries and culture
- University engagement with communities- with a focus on health and wellbeing
- Graduate employability
- Universities' role meeting local skills needs- links with industry and colleges
- Work to pick up on any government announcements on post-18 education funding, expected from May 2021

ACTION- Do members have any ideas for projects?

## Paper 4 – Council

The APPUG council includes all officers of the group and up to 10 university vice-chancellors appointed to represent the breadth of the group’s membership.

The council meets 2-3 times per year ahead of the main speaker meeting and services to:

- Set the programme of meetings for the year
- Review the group’s finances
- Decide on any planned group activity outside of the usual programme of meetings
- Review the group’s digital activity
- Review the group’s membership
- AOB

The universities currently represented on the council are:

Name	Institution
Professor Dame Janet Beer	University of Liverpool
Professor Andrew Wathey	University of Northumbria
Professor Stephen Toope	University of Cambridge
Professor Koen Lamberts	University of Sheffield
Professor Debra Humphris	University of Brighton
Professor Colin Riordan	Cardiff University
Professor Gerry McCormac	University of Stirling
Professor Liz Barnes	Staffordshire University
Professor Malcolm Press	Manchester Metropolitan University

## **Paper 5 – Group Membership Update 2020/21**

1. The group currently has 95 institutional (university) members. This is an increase from 90 in 2019/20.
2. The group has 94 parliamentary members (49 MPs and 46 Peers).
3. A full list of university, House of Commons and House of Lords members can be found in Annexe A
4. FOR ACTION – Will officers agree to promote membership of the group to non-member institutions and parliamentary contacts? We have actively promoted membership of the group to MPs with a university in their constituency, and will continue to do so.

## Paper 6 – Finance update

University members of the group pay an annual subscription fee. For 2020/21 this was £750, reduced from £850 in previous years to account for more limited in-person activities.

In a normal year, the APPUG would hold six dinner meetings and two breakfast meetings, alongside occasional additional events such as receptions or showcases in parliament. Attendance at meetings (in Westminster and virtual), attendance at dinners and breakfasts, and a weekly digest of relevant parliamentary news is included in the membership fee.

Due to the proroguing of parliament in Autumn 2019, the snap general election in December 2019 and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic the group has only been able to hold two dinner meetings across 2019/20 and 2020/21 combined and therefore is sitting on a much greater surplus than would usually be expected. To note, a dinner meeting for 24 guests costs around £2,500.

To ensure members are receiving value for their subscription, we plan to commission research on a strategically important topic for the sector in Summer/Autumn 2021, possibly in response to government plans for post-18 education funding to be confirmed in the coming months.

As soon as in-person meetings are allowed on the parliamentary estate, we will look to resume regular dinners and breakfasts, plus potentially hold a larger reception-style event for university leaders and parliamentarians.

The below information for the group's reporting year (January 2020-January 2021) will be submitted to the All-Party Register via an income and expenditure statement.

Monetary donations (*including external subscriptions and sponsorship*): £70,500  
Expenditure (*secretariat services, actual and predicted event expenditure and IT services*):  
£56,626.80

Total balance: £97,054.23



## **Paper 7 – Contact details**

Universities UK provides the Secretariat for the APPUG, led by Harriet Jones, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Issy Cooke, Political Affairs Assistant.

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## ANNEXE A- Members

### Vice-chancellor members

Institution	Vice-Chancellor
Aberystwyth University	Professor Elizabeth Treasure
Anglia Ruskin University	Professor Roderick Watkins
Bangor University	Professor Iwan Davies
Bath Spa University	Professor Sue Rigby
Birkbeck College	Professor David Latchman CBE
Birmingham City University	Professor Philip Plowden
Bournemouth University	Professor John Vinney
Brunel University London	Professor Julia Buckingham CBE
Buckinghamshire New University	Professor Nick Braisby
Canterbury Christ Church University	Professor Rama Thirunamachandran
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Professor Cara Aitchison
Cardiff University	Professor Colin Riordan
City, University of London	
Coventry University	Professor John Latham CBE
Cranfield University	Professor Sir Peter Gregson
De Montfort University	Professor Katie Normington
Durham University	Professor Stuart Corbridge
Edge Hill University	Dr John Cater CBE
Falmouth University	Professor Anne Carlisle OBE
Glasgow Caledonian University	Professor Pamela Gillies CBE
Goldsmiths College	Professor Frances Corner OBE
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	Professor Alice Gast
Keele University	Professor Trevor McMillan
Kingston University	Professor Steven Spier
Lancaster University	Professor Andy Schofield
Liverpool John Moores University	Professor Ian Campbell
London Metropolitan University	Professor Lynn Dobbs
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	Professor Baron Peter Piot
London South Bank University	Professor David Phoenix OBE
Loughborough University	Professor Robert Allison
Manchester Metropolitan University	Professor Malcolm Press
Middlesex University	Professor Nic Beech
Newcastle University	Professor Chris Day
Northumbria University	Professor Andrew Wathey CBE
Oxford Brookes University	Professor Alistair Fitt
Plymouth Marjon University	Professor Rob Warner
Queen Mary University of London	Professor Colin Bailey

Queen's University Belfast	Professor Ian Greer
Royal College of Art	Dr Paul Thompson
Royal Holloway	Professor Paul Layzell
Sheffield Hallam University	Professor Sir Chris Husbands
SOAS University of London	Professor Adam Habib
St George's, University of London	Professor Jenny Higham
Staffordshire University	Professor Liz Barnes CBE
Swansea University	Professor Paul Boyle CBE
Teesside University	Professor Paul Croney
The Glasgow School of Art	Penny Macbeth
The Open University	Professor Tim Blackman
The Royal Central School of Speech and Drama	
The Royal Veterinary College	Professor Stuart Reid CBE
The University of Buckingham	Professor James Tooley
The University of Manchester	Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell DBE
The University of Sheffield	Professor Koen Lamberts
The University of West London	Professor Peter John
Ulster University	Professor Paul Bartholomew
University College Birmingham	Professor Michael Harkin
University of Aberdeen	Professor George Boyne
University of Bath	Professor Ian White
University of Birmingham	Professor Sir David Eastwood
University of Bolton	Professor George Holmes
University of Bradford	Professor Shirley Congdon
University of Brighton	Professor Debra Humphris
University of Cambridge	Professor Stephen Toope
University of Central Lancashire	Professor Graham Baldwin
University of Chester	Professor Eunice Simmons
University of Chichester	Professor Jane Longmore
University of Cumbria	Professor Julie Mennell
University of Derby	Professor Kathryn Mitchell
University of Dundee	Professor David Maguire
University of East London	Professor Amanda Broderick
University of Edinburgh	Professor Peter Mathieson
University of Exeter	Professor Lisa Roberts
University of Glasgow	Professor Sir Anton Muscatelli
University of Greenwich	Professor Jane Harrington
University of Hull	Professor Susan Lea
University of Kent	Professor Karen Cox
University of Leicester	Professor Nishan Canagarajah
University of Liverpool	Professor Dame Janet Beer DBE
University of London (Institutes and activities)	Professor Wendy Thomson CBE
University of Northampton	Professor Nick Petford
University of Oxford	Professor Louise Richardson

University of Plymouth	Professor Judith Petts CBE
University of Reading	Professor Robert Van de Noort
University of Roehampton	Professor Jean-Noel Ezingard
University of South Wales	Professor Julie Lydon OBE
University of St Andrews	Professor Sally Mapstone
University of Stirling	Professor Gerry McCormac
University of Surrey	Professor G.Q. Max Lu
University of the Arts, London	
University of the West of England	Professor Steven West CBE
University of Warwick	Professor Stuart Croft
University of Westminster	Dr Peter Bonfield OBE
University of Wolverhampton	Professor Geoff Layer
University of Worcester	Professor David Green CBE
University of York	Professor Charlie Jeffery CBE
York St John University	Professor Karen Bryan OBE

## MP members

Full Name	Party
Apsana Begum	Labour
Aaron Bell	Conservative
Mhairi Black	SNP
Paul Blomfield	Labour
Steve Brine	Conservative
Wendy Chamberlain	Liberal Democrat
Rosie Cooper	Labour
Jack Dromey	Labour
Bill Esterson	Labour
Stephen Farry	Alliance Party
Marion Fellows	SNP
Preet Kaur Gill	Labour
Lilian Greenwood	Labour
Damian Hinds	Conservative
Wera Hobhouse	Lib Dem
Margaret Hodge	Labour
Kate Hollern	Labour
Rachel Hopkins	Labour
Jane Hunt	Conservative
Kim Johnson	Labour
Ben Lake	Plaid Cymru
Mark Logan	Conservative
Caroline Lucas	Green Party
Kerry McCarthy	Labour
Jason McCartney	Conservative

Stuart McDonald	SNP
Carol Monaghan	SNP
John Nicolson	SNP
Owen Paterson	Conservative
Lloyd Russell Moyle	Labour
Jim Shannon	DUP
Chris Skidmore	Conservative
Alyn Smith	SNP
Cat Smith	Labour
Greg Smith	Conservative
Jeff Smith	Labour
Jo Stevens	Labour
John Stevenson	Conservative
Wes Streeting	Labour
Alison Thewliss	SNP
Owen Thompson	SNP
Stephen Timms	Labour
Derek Twigg	Labour
Christian Wakeford	Conservative
Matt Western	Labour
Alan Whitehead	Labour
Hywel Williams	Plaid Cymru
Beth Winter	Labour
Daniel Zeichner	Labour

## Peer members

Member	Party
Baron Rees of Ludlow	Crossbench
Baroness Blackstone	Labour
Baroness Brinton	Liberal Democrat
Baroness Brown of Cambridge	Crossbench
Baroness Deech	Crossbench
Baroness Fox of Buckley	Non-affiliated
Baroness Garden of Frognal	Liberal Democrat
Baroness Harris of Richmond	Liberal Democrat
Baroness Lane-Fox of Soho	Crossbench
Baroness Lister of Burtersett	Labour
Baroness Newlove	Conservative
Baroness Randerson	Liberal Democrat
Baroness Royall of Blaisdon	Labour
Baroness Shafik	Crossbench
Baroness Taylor of Bolton	Labour
Baroness Verma	Conservative
Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe	Labour

Baroness Young of Old Scone	Labour
Duke of Wellington	Crossbench
Lord Bassam of Brighton	Labour
Lord Bates	Conservative
Lord Bishop of Winchester	Bishops
Lord Boateng	Labour
Lord Boswell of Aynho	Conservative
Lord Bradley	Labour
Lord Campbell of Pittenweem	Liberal Democrat
Lord Clements-Jones	Liberal Democrat
Lord Desai	Non-affiliated
Lord Faulkner of Worcester	Labour
Lord Gold	Conservative
Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts	Conservative
Lord Inglewood	Non-affiliated
Lord Jones of Cheltenham	Liberal Democrat
Lord Judd	Labour
Lord Kerlake	Crossbench
Lord Lansley	Conservative
Lord Lucas of Crudwell and Dingwall	Conservative
Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale	Labour
Lord Morgan	Labour
Lord Norton of Louth	Conservative
Lord Puttnam	Labour
Lord Smith of Finsbury	Non-affiliated
Lord Tebbit	Conservative
Lord Triesman	Labour
Lord Willetts	Conservative