



College Oversight Board: Non Executive Members

Gerry Takamura

BA, MA, RSA TEFL Dip
Chair



Gerry has more than 25 years in senior academic management, focusing on operations, business development and student support within post-18 education. She has extensive knowledge of UK and international education, complemented by four languages and expertise gained across all departments within colleges and universities. She has a career across all academic systems, partnerships and regulations, as well as the design and delivery of courses. She is an extremely confident, personable and pro-active manager and team member who is noted for her professionalism, initiative and dedication.

Gerry is the Principal Emeritus of Oxford Business College, established in the 1980s; she leads on academic and reporting needs of UK and international students. As a member of both the senior management operations and strategic teams, she has oversight for programmes and partnerships. Her work includes establishing partnerships, writing proposals and courses as well as planning the delivery, teaching and finances of courses as well as attending meetings, validations and graduations overseas and involvement in key changes both within the College and in UK and international education.

Graham Morrell

MSc, MBA, BEng.
Vice Chair



Graham CEO of Flowmax Ltd, a UK group of companies supplying fluid control products and a director of S A Bias (Pty) Ltd, a South African diversified manufacturing group. In his career he has held Regional Director and General Management roles giving him responsibility for companies across Europe and Russia.

He has researched the perception of trustworthiness and the development of trust between individuals in a business setting as part of an MSc in Business Psychology at Loughborough University and his interests include business training and knowledge transfer. His previous university education has been at Imperial College where he graduated with a BEng in Mining Engineering and an MBA with a finance specialism.

Graham has been a guest speaker for the MBA Management of Change program at Imperial College London. He has also supervised Marketing MSc and MBA students at Coventry University, Loughborough University and Imperial College Business School. At the Institute of Directors, he is involved in mentoring students at Coventry University supporting the development of business awareness and employability and he plays an active part in Founders for Schools encouraging young people into business.

Professor Frank Haddleton

PhD, BSc (Hons), FIMMM, FIMechE, CEng, PFHEA



Frank is the Director of Academic Quality Assurance and Head of the Centre for Academic Quality Assurance at the University of Hertfordshire. This is a University-wide leadership role, with responsibility for the quality assurance of all taught undergraduate and postgraduate programmes awarded by the University, including those offered through collaborative partnerships. As part of these responsibilities, Dr Haddleton chairs the University's 'Academic Standards and Audit Committee'. Prior to his appointment at University level, Frank had lectured in Engineering at the University of Hertfordshire since 1987, along with associate lecturing positions at The Open University and The University of Applied Sciences, Hamburg. He remains active in his discipline, as a Chartered Engineer and a member of the Academic Standards Committee of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of Validating Universities (CVU, an organisation that specialises in good practice in the management of collaborative provision) and has been a QAA reviewer since 2001. His national experience in quality assurance of Higher Education led to him being invited to be a member of the QAA Advisory Groups for the development of Chapter B7 (External Examining) and Chapter B10 (Managing Higher Education with Others) of the UK Quality Code. In 2016 he was invited to become a member of the Higher Education

Academy's Grade Point Average (GPA) National Implementation Steering Group, and an external reviewer for the Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA), Dubai. His sector-wide experience of learning, teaching and assessment in Higher Education has recently been recognised through the award of a Principal Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy.

Neil Pearce

LLB



Neil is Head of Enterprise Institutes in the London South Bank University's Research, Enterprise and Innovation division. Neil also sits on the Business School Senior Executive Team in the role of Enterprise advisor. He is a member of the National Forum for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships and is active both in the UK and internationally in the area of University Business Collaboration.

Neil has over 25 years' experience in Business and Management consulting delivering innovative solutions for businesses. Prior to joining LSBU he spent 5 years in executive interim roles with two private FE/HE providers. Although originally qualifying with a degree in law, Neil had an interest in organisational change and business process improvement and moved into business and management consultancy. He built a successful pan-European consultancy delivering measurable improvement for clients such as ICI, Coca Cola, Isuzu Trucks and Allianz. Following the sale of his company, Neil spent the next 15 years using his consulting skills to work with start-ups, SMEs and large organisations in developing these companies. His work has ranged from strategy development through to identifying and implementing operational improvements.

Professor Stephen Hyde
BA., FCA



Stephen spent thirteen years at Tesco (1987-2000), firstly heading up one half and then the other half of the UK finance operation, subsequently setting up the investor relations function and finally helped lead Tesco's expansion abroad as International Finance Director. Since 2000, he has worked as a director in a variety of smaller businesses with finance, operational and general management responsibilities. These included a technology start-up, a FTSE-listed education company and a designer-pottery manufacturer, wholesaler and retailer.

More recently Stephen has been Professor in Management Practice at the University of Bedfordshire Business School. He is currently Associate Apprenticeship Tutor at Cranfield University, a visiting lecturer at Birkbeck College and carries out consultancy for business owners.

