Membership of Council

2023-2024

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Ex Officio members

Pro-Chancellors

Jane Hamilton, BCom FRICS (Chair of Council)

Paul Jackson, BSc (Eng) CEng FIET FIMA

Dr Adam Wright, PhD

Vice-Chancellor

Professor Anthony Forster, FHEA FLF AMinstLM

Treasurer

Tim Porter, MA FCA

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Lorna Fox O’Mahony, LLB PhD PGCHET

President of the Students' Union

Kieran Phillips

Elected members from amongst the Academic Staff

Four academic staff members of the Senate elected by the Senate:

Dr Laurie James-Hawkins, BA MA PhD

Professor Shane Martin, BA (Mod) MBS PhD

Professor Onyeka Osuji, LLB BCL PhD

Professor Diana Presciutti, BA MA PhD
Elected staff members from amongst the Professional Services staff

Zoe Manning, BA MSc

External Members

Obum Ekeke, OBE MSc MBA
Simon Hall, MBE DL MA
Pravina Ladva, BA
Melanie Leech, CBE MA FRSA MIoD
Ajit Menon
Alan Newman
Mickola Wilson

Observer

Julie Bentley (until 31.12.2023) External member, from 1 January 2024
Julie Bentley

Biography
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Remunerated appointments
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Other connections/appointments
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Related Party Transactions Declaration
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Date: To follow
Biography

Obum has dedicated the vast majority of his 20+ years career to supporting students across the world develop the critical skills they need to thrive in the rapidly changing world. He’s committed to building a tech community where people from all backgrounds can contribute to using technology to solve humanity’s most pressing problems and for widespread society benefit.

Obum currently leads educational programmes and partnerships at DeepMind, aimed at building a stronger, diverse and more inclusive Artificial Intelligence community. Before joining DeepMind, Obum spent 12 years at Google, where he led international educational and technical skills development programmes in partnership with universities, NGOs and governments.

Obum is a trustee of UK Youth - a leading national charity committed to ensuring all young people are empowered to build bright futures, regardless of their background or circumstances.

In 2019, Obum was featured in FT’s top 10 most influential BAME leaders in the UK tech sector.

He received an OBE in 2022 for services to Computing and Artificial Intelligence education and to Championing Diversity and Inclusion in the tech sector.

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Remunerated appointments

Head of Education Partnerships, DeepMind

Other connections/appointments

- Director and shareholder, KCO Properties Ltd (Company No 12509775)
- Director and Trustee, UK Youth (Company No 05402004) (Charity No 1110590)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2022

Simon Hall, MBE DL MA
Pronoun: he, him and his

Biography

Simon was educated at Ampleforth College, York and St Catherine's College Cambridge.

He qualified as a solicitor in 1979 and trained with the international law firm Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and was a partner in the company from 1985 to 2014. He was head of their Finance Practice, sat on the Partnership Council and was head of their global corporate responsibilities programmes.

Simon was a past trustee of a number of charities, including in the fields of education and social inclusion, including St Marys School, Career Academies UK; currently a trustee of Mistley Maltings Trust, Brentwood Cathedral Choral Trust, Colchester and North East Essex Building Preservation Trust, Caritas Anchor House, and an adviser to Ampleforth College. He has been invited to be a trustee of the Essex Community Foundation.

Simon was awarded an MBE in 2006.
Simón Hall, MBE DL MA
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He is Editor and a contributor of a number of editions of Aircraft Financing and a contributor to Leasing Finance, both published by Euromoney.

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**Declaration of interests**

**Remunerated appointments**

- None
Other connections/appointments

- Director, University of Essex Knowledge Gateway Ltd (Company No 04392361) and University of Essex Knowledge Gateway Holdings Ltd (Company No 04344952)
- Chairman, Company Secretary, shareholder, Qualification Check Limited (Company No 06097472)
- Director and shareholder, Rowley Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers Limited (Company No 04129726)
- Director and shareholder, Kudocs Limited (Company No 09611371)
- Director and Trustee, Colchester and North East Essex Building Preservation Trust (Company No 03020005, Charity No 1044514)
- Trustee, Brentwood Diocesan Cathedral and Choral Trust Fund (Charity No 1056374)
- Director and Trustee, Essex Community Foundation (Company No 03062567, Charity No 1052061)

- Chair, Your Place (London) Ltd (previously Caritas Anchor House) (Company No 08075329, Charity No 1147794) and Director, Caritas Anchor House Learning and Development Academy Ltd (Company No 09160240)
- Shareholder, Data Discovery Solutions Limited (Company No 06748735)
- Deputy Lieutenant of Essex
- Patron, Open Road Visions (Charity No 1019915), Wilderness Foundation (Charity No 1118493), University of Essex Choir (Charity No 285079), Vice President CPRE Essex
- Son – Shareholder/Director, Qualification Check Limited (Company No 06097472)
Declaration of interests (continued)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2022

Jane Hamilton (Chair and Pro-Chancellor), BCom FRICS
Pronoun: she, her and hers

Biography

Jane has over 30 years of experience in the property, education and government sectors. Jane is currently the Chair of NHS Property Services Ltd and the Chair of Council of the University of Essex. She is a Non-Executive Director of the Government Property Agency and a previous member of the Board of Trustees at the Institute of Cancer Research. Jane is a trustee of the Committee of University Chairs (CUC) and chairs the CUC S10 Universities Group.

Prior to these appointments, she was the European Head of Corporate Real Estate for HSBC. Before moving to the United Kingdom in 2009, Jane lived in Australia and held the roles of Global Head of Corporate Real Estate for ANZ Bank, Managing Director of Commercial and Industrial Management at AMP Henderson Global Investors as well as senior property leadership roles with Jones Lang LaSalle and Lend Lease Corporation.

Jane has a passionate interest in good design and its positive influence on business performance, staff engagement and the surrounding community. During her career, she has also been actively involved in managing: organisational change, talent development and environmental sustainability and the promotion of diversity in the workplace. She is a coach and mentor to developing executives.

Jane has a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of New South Wales and is Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (FRICS).
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### Remunerated appointments
- Non-Executive Director and Chair of NHS Property Services Ltd (Company No. 078881100)
- Non-Executive Director, Government Property Agency

### Other connections/appointments
- Director, Walberswick Car Parks Limited (Company No 03311680)
- Trustee, Committee of University Chairs (Charity No 1189481)
- Chair, Committee of University Chairs (CUC) S10 Group

### Related Party Transactions Declaration

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2022
Paul Jackson, (Pro-Chancellor) BSc (Eng) CEng FIET FIMA

Pronoun: he, him and his

Biography

Paul Jackson is currently a non-executive director at the Infrastructure Intelligence Unit and Executive Director of Jasia Education Ltd where he is developing themes for industrial strategy and education policy and supporting charities in strategy reviews and fundraising.

As part of this work, Paul has recently led a study into the skills need for engineering in the future called Talent 2050 on behalf of the National Centre for Universities and Business.

Paul was previously Chief Executive of EngineeringUK (formerly The Engineering and Technology Board). Paul led the organisation through the development of The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair and Tomorrow’s Engineers, a careers engagement programme in schools and colleges. He has been an active commentator on education and skills in the media.

Paul has held a variety of roles in technology-based business, encompassing contract R&D, the media, the charity sector and local government. Paul spent the early part of his career at ERA Technology before moving into technology media. After a series of progressive roles within United Business Media, he moved to the Institution of Engineering and Technology, later becoming Director of Professional Operations. He subsequently established JASIA as a company to support membership and media organisations in their strategic development.

Non-executive roles have included the International Broadcasting Convention Partnerships Board, Board of CIRED, the Advisory Committee for the Electricity Distribution Community, and Technical Director of EUREL. He is currently a Council member of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee All-Party Group, Chair of Governors at Kingsford Community School in Newham and Chair of the Corporation at Newham College. Paul is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology and a Fellow of the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications.

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**Declaration of interests**

**Remunerated appointments**

- Director and shareholder, Jasia Education Ltd (Company No 10956900)
- Director, Infrastructure Intelligence Unit Ltd (Company No 08808671)

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose.

Date: August 2022

**Pravina Ladva, BA (Hons)**

Pronoun: she, her and hers

**Biography**

Pravina Ladva is the Chief Digital and Technology Officer for Swiss RE.

Prior to joining Swiss Re, Pravina Ladva established a successful career in the financial technology sector, taking on complex roles with responsibility for strategy, delivery and results. She has managed direct and virtual teams of up to 400 staff, as well as multimillion pound budgets for international organizations.
From 2008 until 2017, she worked in a variety of roles at Barclaycard, including COO Digital Marketplace and CIO Barclaycard Business Solutions. During this time, she led B2B and B2B2C technology and change teams, driving the agile and Dev Ops transformation across Barclaycard.

Also at Barclaycard, she won the best implementation of Agile in the private sector in 2015. She led a program that successfully eliminated regulatory issues and drove improvements across IT systems, processes and controls and auditing.

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### Declaration of interests

#### Remunerated appointments
- Chief Digital and Technology Officer, Swiss Re

#### Other connections/appointments
- Husband – employed by Open University

#### Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: September 2022
Biography

Melanie joined the British Property Federation as Chief Executive in January 2015. Her role is to represent and support a diverse, successful and sustainable real estate industry. She is also a Trustee of the property industry charity LandAid.

Prior to joining the BPF, Melanie spent nine years as Director General of the Food and Drink Federation. She began her working life as a Police Constable in the Metropolitan Police Service. She joined the civil service (HM Customs and Excise) in 1988 and subsequently held senior roles in a number of departments including the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Office of the Rail Regulator and the Cabinet Office.

She was awarded the CBE in 2015 for services to the food and drink industry.

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Remunerated appointments

- Chief Executive and Director, British Property Federation (Company No. 00778293) and British Property Federation Commercial (Company No. 03672922)

Other connections/appointments

- Director and Trustee, LandAid Charitable Trust Limited (Company number 02049135) (Charity No 295157)

Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: October 2022

Ajit Menon
Pronoun: he, him and his

Biography

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Remunerated appointments

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## Other connections/appointments
To follow

## Related Party Transactions Declaration
N/A
Date: To follow

## Alan Newman

### Biography
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Remunerated appointments

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Other connections/appointments

To follow

Related Party Transactions Declaration

N/A

Date: To follow

Kieran Phillips

Biography

Kieran is the elected President of the University of Essex Students' Union for the academic year 2023-24. Kieran’s main responsibilities include the strategic direction of the Students’ Union, alongside the rest of the sabbatical officer team, being the highest representative of the University of Essex students. Kieran is also the chair of the Trustee Board and line manages the rest of the elected sabbatical officers, and Chief Executive Officer.

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Remunerated appointments

- President, University of Essex Students’ Union

Other connections/appointments

To follow

Related Party Transactions Declaration

To follow

Date: to follow

Tim Porter (Treasurer), MA FCA
Pronoun: he, him and his

Biography

Tim is a chartered accountant and was a tax partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP for 24 years. He was senior tax partner for East Midlands, Middle Market Division, London and Mid Cap plc Market Division, London.

Tim has been a Trustee of the Blue Cross, animal welfare charity since 2011, Chairman of the Finance, Investment and Remuneration Committees and appointed Chairman since 2015.

Tim has been a member of the University Council since 2014 and appointed Treasurer and Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee from August 2016.

Tim read Modern History at St Catherine’s College, Oxford.

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**Declaration of interests**

**Remunerated appointments**

- None

**Other connections/appointments**

- Trustee & Chairman, Blue Cross (Company No 00363197, Charity No 224392)
- Director, Blue Cross (D&B) Company Limited (Company No 04879277)

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

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Date: August 2022

**Mickola Wilson**

**Biography**

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**Remunerated appointments**

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**Other connections/appointments**

To follow

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

N/A

Date: to be follow

**Dr Adam Wright, (Pro-Chancellor) PhD**

Pronoun: he, him and his

![Image of Dr Adam Wright](image)

**Biography**

Adam is currently Acting Head of Public Policy at the British Academy, the UK’s national academy for the humanities and social sciences. He joined the academy in February 2018 after several years as Lead Policy Officer at the National Union of Students and as Senior Policy Adviser to the Royal Society. He is an expert on UK education policy and has been a member of the HEFCE Research and Knowledge Exchange Strategic Advisory Committee, which made decisions on the funding and assessment of research in English universities, and an external reviewer of major school-level programmes funded by the Department for Education. He was instrumental in the design of...
Dr Adam Wright, (Pro-Chancellor) PhD

Pronoun: he, him and his

postgraduate student finance in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and currently chairs the UKCGE working group on postgraduate funding.

Adam is no stranger to the University of Essex, having completed his PhD in the Department of Government on the implementation of New Labour's education policy, following his BA in International Relations and an MA in Ideology and Discourse Analysis. He also spent time at the university as a member of staff, having taught Introduction to Political Theory and worked as a researcher on projects relating to international aid and UN peacekeeping operations.

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### Remunerated appointments
- British Academy, Head of Public Policy

### Other connections/appointments
- Chair of Governors, Hazelmere Junior School, Colchester
- Connections to Government departments: Department for Education, Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
- Connections to HE institutions: UKRI, Royal Society, Nuffield Foundation (member of Understanding Communities Collaboration Steering Group), Royal Academy of Engineering, Academy of Medical Sciences

### Related Party Transactions Declaration
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Date: August 2023
Biography

Anthony has been the Vice-Chancellor since 2012 and is a Professor of Politics and International Relations. He earned his masters degree and doctorate from the University of Oxford. His research focused on European and British foreign and security policy, and for four years Anthony was the Specialist Adviser to the House of Lords Select Committee on the European Union. He also chaired the independent government review of the Defence Advisory Notice (D Notice) System, a voluntary system established to limit the inadvertent media disclosure of information where release would pose a risk to life or to national security (2014-15).

Anthony is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, and a Fellow of the Leadership Foundation in Higher Education. Anthony is also a qualified executive coach and mentor. He has wide experience of non-executive positions within the Higher Education sector, having served as a board member of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education, the Higher Education Academy, the Equality Challenge Unit and the Joint Information Systems Committee. He was a founding board member of the Young European Research Universities Network and is board member of the Young Universities for the Future of Europe alliance. Alongside this service to the Higher Education sector, Anthony has longstanding interests in engaging with business and the charity sector. For three years he was a board member of the Strategic Board of the South East Local Enterprise Partnership, promoting public and private sector led growth and job creation. For a number of years Anthony served as a board member and Audit Committee Chair of the Blue Cross, an animal charity which provides nationwide support for pet owners who cannot afford private veterinary treatment, helps to find homes for unwanted animals, and educates the public in the responsibilities of animal ownership.

Anthony has 24 years of experience in academic leadership positions in five universities. Under his leadership, the University has re-positioned itself as a values-led organisation, focused on giving equal priority to excellence in education and excellence in research, benefitting individuals and communities. Under his leadership the University has increased student numbers by 50% and doubled the number of research staff. The achievements of the University have been publicly recognised through the highest rating of Gold for teaching excellence, the award of a Regius Professorship in Political Science in 2014, the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for authoritative social and economic research in 2017 and the Times Higher Education ‘University of the Year’ award in 2018 – the latter widely referred to as the Oscars of UK higher education. Anthony has also championed the creation of a 43 acre business and science innovation park, Knowledge Gateway, which has
Professor Anthony Forster, FHEA FLF AMinstLM

Pronoun: he, him and his

received prestigious UKRI and government recognition as a University Enterprise Zone, one of only 14 in the UK.

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**Declaration of interests**

**Remunerated appointments**

- Vice-Chancellor, University of Essex

**Other connections/appointments**

- Chair, Remuneration and Conflicts of Interest Committee, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

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Date: August 2023
Professor Lorna Fox O’Mahony, LLB PhD PGCHET

Pronoun: she, her and hers

Biography

Lorna Fox O’Mahony is Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law at the University of Essex. With a research specialism in property law, housing and home, Lorna has published widely in leading peer-reviewed journals, and is author or editor of ten books, including, Conceptualising Home: Theories, Laws and Policies (2006, Hart Publishing; awarded First Prize in the Society of Legal Scholars Birks Prizes for Outstanding Legal Scholarship (2007), and short-listed for the Socio-Legal Studies Association Book Prize (2008)). Her most recent books are Squatting and the State: Resilient Property in an Age of Crisis (with Prof Marc Roark, Cambridge University Press, 2022) and Great Debates in Land Law (with Prof Dave Cowan and Neil Cobb, Palgrave) will be published in 2023.

Lorna is a Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy and past-President (2018) of the Association of Law, Property and Society (http://www.alps-law.org/). She has served as a representative of the Joint Academic Standards Board of the Law Society for England and Wales and the Bar Standards Board, and was a member of the Law sub-panel for REF 2014 (Research Excellence Framework). Lorna was founding Chair of the Creative Colchester Partnership Board and co-Chair (Essex) of the South East Creative Economy Network and she serves as a trustee of the Mercury Theatre, Colchester. She held academic appointments at Queens University Belfast and Durham University, and was Executive Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Essex from 2013-17. Lorna is married to David and has two sons, born in 2009 and 2012.

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Remunerated appointments

- Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Law, University of Essex

Other connections/appointments

- Director and Trustee, Colchester Mercury Theatre Ltd (Company No. 441035) (Charity No. 232387), Colchester Mercury Productions Ltd (Company No. 0914431), and Colchester Mercury Trading Ltd (Company No. 09144550)

- Research Associate, University of Pretoria

- Spouse – Employed by the University of Essex; Governor of Tavistock and Portman NHS Hospital Trust

Related Party Transactions Declaration

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Date: August 2022

Professor Shane Martin, BA (Mod) MBS PhD

Pronoun: he, him and his

Biography

Professor Shane Martin is Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education at the University of Essex where he also holds the Anthony King Chair in Comparative Government. Between August 2019 and December 2022 he served as Head of the Department of Government.
Professor Shane Martin, BA (Mod) MBS PhD

Pronoun: he, him and his

Shane is passionate about the transformational power of education, having himself been a first-in-family University student. Educated at Trinity College Dublin and Dublin City University, he then moved to the United States for his first academic job. Shane came to Essex in 2017, having previously taught at the University of Leicester, Dublin City University, the Pennsylvania State University, and the University of California, San Diego.

Shane is an internationally recognised expert on parliaments, executive-legislative relations and legislative oversight of public policy. In addition to his academic writing, he has advised parliaments around the world on how to be more effective. At Essex, his first initiative as Head of Department was to establish a Department of Government First Generation Programme.

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**Remunerated appointments**

- Dean of Postgraduate Research and Education, University of Essex

**Related Party Transactions Declaration**

I declare that I have no material related party transactions to disclose

Date: August 2022
Dr Laurie James-Hawkins, BA MA PhD

**Biography**

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Zoe Manning, BA MSc

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- Campus Manager

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### Membership of Council 2023-24

**Professor Onyeka Osuji, LLB BCL PhD**

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**Secretary to Council**

Bryn Morris