

Academic Staff Member Election 2020

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I am a member of academic staff at the Moray House School of Education and Sports (MHSES). I wish to be an academic staff member of the Court for two main reasons. Firstly, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the teaching and research mission of the University. I believe my research in internationalisation, student experience and graduate employability makes me a suitable candidate to share my research, skills and experience to contribute to the work of the Court. I have a broadened understanding of the University internal structure and culture based on my work experience and collaborative research projects with academic and professional staff across the university, including the Institute for Academic Development, Careers Services, Student Recruitment and Admissions, MHSES, School of Social and Political Science, and Biomedical Sciences. My experiences and research have given me insight of how students engage with the university at different stages of the student lifecycle from recruitment to teaching and learning and at the conclusion of their study in Edinburgh. I believe I can bring my experience to support the work of the Court with students at its core. Relatedly, I have worked collaboratively on student experience projects with external organisations, such as, the Quality Assurance Agency Scotland, and the Higher Education Academy (now Advance HE). I had nearly two decades of experience in business prior to changing to education research in the last nine years. My understanding across two key disciplines allows me to think innovatively and with a keen commitment to the philosophical values of education, I believe this has contributed to the recognition of my work, as a recipient of awards from the university, and the Scottish Educational Research Association. Secondly, membership of the Court will give me an opportunity to develop my leadership skills and understanding of strategic governance in a world-renowned educational institution. This experience will prepare me and contribute towards my future career aspiration.