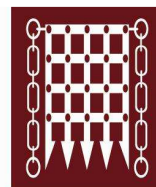


Westminster Higher Education Forum Keynote Seminar: Reforming degree classification in the UK

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 15th June 2016

Venue: Royal Over-Seas League, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Storey, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Education
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Maintaining the value of UK qualifications**
Tim Burton, Head of Standards, Quality and Enhancement, Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.25 **Assuring the quality of UK degrees - tackling concerns around grade inflation**
Eric Stoller, Student Affairs and Technology Blogger, Inside Higher Ed and Higher Education Consultant, Writer and Speaker
Dr Ray Bachan, Senior Lecturer, University of Brighton
Samuel Gordon, Research Analyst, Association of Graduate Recruiters
Lynn Beattie, Director of Membership and Professional Standards, Royal Aeronautical Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 - 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Storey, House of Lords Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Education
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- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Viscount Hanworth, Emeritus Professor, University of Leicester
- 11.05 - 11.35 **Adding depth to degree classification - case studies on GPA and HEAR**

Implementing Grade Point Average - lessons from the pilots
Dr Ian Scott, Associate Dean for Student Experience, Oxford Brookes University

Higher Education Achievement Reports - the benefits of enhanced transcripts
George Creasy, Societies Officer, Warwick Student Union

Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Introducing a GPA system in the UK - assessing the case for change and practicalities for implementation**
Dr Adam Wright, Lead Policy Officer, NUS
Professor Gavin Brown, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education, University of Liverpool
Mike Boxall, Higher and Further Education Consultant, PA Consulting
Clare Hagerup, Director of Higher Education, Wakefield College, West Yorkshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The future of degree classification**
Dr Geoff Stoakes, Head of Special Projects, Higher Education Academy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Viscount Hanworth, Emeritus Professor, University of Leicester
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum