

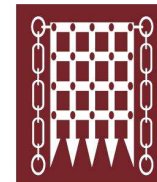
Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

The future for degree classification in the UK

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 10th December 2019

Venue: Central London

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts
- 9.05 - 9.30 **The current landscape for degree classifications and key findings from the consultation on academic standards**
Professor Andrew Wathey, Chair, UK Standing Committee for Quality Assessment and Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive, Northumbria University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 9.55 **Priorities for delivering the statement of intent**
Douglas Blackstock, Chief Executive, QAA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 - 10.40 **Clarifying grade classification boundaries across the HE sector - classification structures, clear and accessible algorithms, and consistency on student assessment**
Meg Price, Vice President Education, Worcester Students' Union
Senior representative, university
Academic
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbotts
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 - 11.35 **Best practice in the review and implementation of fair classifications models**
Senior representative, university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Issues around 'grade inflation' - understanding the improvement in degree outcomes, protecting the value of qualifications and ensuring rising grades match student attainment**
Dr Geoff Stoakes, Special Adviser (Degree Standards), Advance HE
Martin Birchall, Managing Director, High Fliers Research
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, teaching
Commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The responsibility of the Office for Students in regulating degree classifications**
Susan Lapworth, Director, Competition and Registration, Office for Students
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum