



# The All-Party Parliamentary **University Group**

## **Minutes from the All-Party Parliamentary University Group (APPUG) Inaugural Meeting**

Date: Wednesday 8 January 2020

In attendance:

Daniel Zeichner MP  
Aaron Bell MP  
Vicky Ford MP  
Ben Lake MP  
Carol Monaghan MP  
Greg Smith MP  
Rachel Hopkins MP  
Alison Thewliss MP  
Jason McCartney MP  
Lloyd Russell Moyle MP  
Baroness Warwick  
Baroness Garden of Frognal  
Baroness Maddock  
Lord Judd  
Lord Norton of Louth  
Lord Bassam of Brighton  
Baroness Blackstone

Apologies received from:

Paul Blomfield MP  
Margaret Hodge MP  
Dan Jarvis MP  
Andrea Jenkyns MP  
Wes Streeting MP  
Hywel Williams MP  
Kate Hollern MP  
Marin Fellows MP  
Stephen Farry MP  
Mark Logan MP

- 1) The group acknowledge that the chair in the previous parliament, Roberta Blackman-Woods, was no longer a Member of Parliament and therefore a new chair must be elected.
- 2) Daniel Zeichner MP, group Treasurer in the previous parliament, acted as chair for the inaugural meeting
- 3) The below parliamentarians were elected unanimously to their positions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>
Chair	Daniel Zeichner MP	Labour
Co-Chair	Vicky Ford MP	Conservative
Co-Chair	Baroness Garden	Liberal Democrat
Vice-Chair	Lord Norton	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Carol Monaghan MP	Scottish National Party
Vice-Chair	Ben Lake MP	Plaid Cymru
Vice-Chair	Jason McCartney MP	Conservative
Vice-Chair	Aaron Bell MP	Conservative
Treasurer	Lloyd Russel Moyle MP	Labour
Secretary	Paul Blomfield MP	Labour

- 4) Daniel Zeichner MP ran through the format of group meetings and the work of the council. Newly elected officers were informed they were also members of the group's council which meets two or three times annually.
- 5) Attendees were updated on the number of universities that had joined the group for 2019/20 and encouraged to speak to their local institutions about the group, encouraging attendance.
- 6) It was agreed the secretariat (Universities UK) would officially register the group with the Register of All-Party Parliamentary Groups and announce the new officers.
- 7) Attendees were encouraged to attend the next full meeting of the group to be held on the evening of 28 January 2020.

No other business took place and the meeting concluded after 35 minutes.