

Colin M Hunter OBE

Chair of Court – Abertay University

CV Overview

SUMMARY

Abertay is a distinctive and valuable university with an important mission, and I would welcome the opportunity to bring my experience to support it. If elected, I would draw on my experience of leading a university governing body to advance the interests of staff, students and the University as a whole.

PROFESSION

I have been proud to serve as a medical doctor for many years. I qualified from Aberdeen University in 1981 and served the community for 33 years as a GP, being committed to high-quality patient care, while undertaking several honorary national roles.

CHAIR AND GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE

Good governance is essential for the wellbeing of a university. I have successfully led a University Court and have significant additional Board experience:

I have been Chair of the Board of Governors at Robert Gordon University since 2020. I had governance oversight during the Covid-19 crisis and then led the Board through the financial crisis that engulfed many universities. I am intimately familiar with the Scottish university landscape, its opportunities and challenges. My term concludes in March 2027 and I would like to continue supporting education, and Abertay in particular. Other roles include:

Trustee Treasurer – Royal College of General Practitioners 2003 – 2012

Chair of Trustees – Royal College of General Practitioners 2012 – 2018

Trustee – Leonard Cheshire Disability 2016 – 2022

Trustee – Drinkaware 2019 – 2025

Trustee – St Margaret's Braemar 2019 – present

Trustee – Braemar Care 2024 - present

LEADERSHIP

Leadership at Abertay is exercised primarily by the Executive and Management Team, underpinned by excellent governance from the Court. Effective leadership of the Court is key. My wider leadership experience includes:

Chair of Trustees, Royal College of General Practitioners (UK) 2012 – 2018

A £44M international educational charity and professional membership organisation with 52,000 members. Critical to the role was managing the relationship between the Council and its Trustees.

National Co-ordinator for Primary Care, NHS Education for Scotland 2000 – 2005

I was responsible for GP training across Scotland and worked with the Scottish Executive to develop a national, integrated education strategy for all healthcare professionals and support staff.

Chair, Royal College of General Practitioners in Scotland 1996 – 2000

I promoted collaboration between the bodies delivering primary care in Scotland and led the introduction of a quality assurance scheme for general practice. I was awarded the OBE in 2000 for my contribution to primary care in Scotland.

EDUCATION

Education enables individuals to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to thrive in society.

Born and initially brought up in a deprived mining village in Stirlingshire, I benefited hugely from a secondary education at Stirling High School.

As a GP, I was a Clinical Senior Lecturer at the University of Aberdeen and a Trainer in General Practice, supporting and mentoring GP trainees through their key personal development.

CONCLUSION

I hope to be successful in the election so that I can serve Abertay's students, staff, the city of Dundee and beyond in delivering the institution's distinctive and valuable educational and civic mission.