



APPG for International Students

AGM Minutes 2017

12 July 2017 9:45am

Attendees:

AGM:

Nicky Morgan MP
Lord Bilimoria
Bill Grant MP
Alison Thewlis MP
Stuart MacDonald MP
Geoffrey Robinson MP

Panel Discussion:

Baroness Uddin
Virenda Sharma

Apologies:

Paul Blomfield MP
Baroness Warwick
Ben Lake MP

Minutes:

1. Welcome

The meeting began at 9:45am and was declared quorate by Lord Bilimoria

2. Re-instate the APPG for International Students

The members voted to reinstate the APPG for International Students following the 2017 election.

Approved

3. Report of Activity 2017

The Co-Chairs presented a short report on the activity of the APPG from the past year including an outline of the financial contributions and expenditures of the APPG. Lord Bilimoria asked for the report to be approved.

Approved

4. Election of Officers:

Seven Officers were nominated to roles with the APPG:
Co-Chair (named contact): Paul Blomfield MP (Lab)
Co-Chair: Lord Bilimoria
Secretary: Nicky Morgan MP (Con)



Treasurer: Baroness Uddin
Vice Chair: Alison Thewlis MP (SNP)
Vice Chair: Baroness Warwick
Vice Chair: Geoffrey Robinson MP (Lab)

All Officers were elected.

5. Secretariat

Independent Higher Education and their Exporting Education UK group were re-confirmed as the secretariat.

The secretariat was given permission to launch an APPG 'Supporters' Status. Supporters will be external organisations approved by the Co-Chairs who share the aims of the APPG; they are not entitled to be Members, vote, stand for officer roles or influence the APPG.

Secretariat Approved

6. APPG to commission inquiry

The APPG has agreed to explore hosting an inquiry in the autumn on the changing impact to the UK of international students across all levels of education. The inquiry will look at a broad range of issues, focused on changing numbers and nationalities, regional impacts of international students, the reliability of existing data and how the UK can raise numbers to meet the growing market share.

7. Close

Co-Chair Lord Bilimoria closed the AGM business and introduced the panel discussion portion of the meeting. The panel included:

Martin Barrow - Advisor, *China-Britain Business Council*

Ken Gill - Chief Executive, *Northern Consortium UK (Consortium of Northern Universities)*

Yinbo Yu - International Students' Officer, *National Union of Students*

Nicky Morgan MP (Con) - *Member of Parliament for Loughborough*