

Corporation Board members

Colin Cornelius (Chair)

Colin is a presiding magistrate. Previously a manager at Barclays Bank, Colin is now self employed. He possesses considerable financial expertise and has held several chairman/treasurer positions across health, education and the sporting spectrum.

Carol Green (Vice Chair)

Carol is an Executive Director of Swansea Council for Voluntary Services. She is also a magistrate.

David Ashelby

Before his retirement, David was the Academic Secretary of Swansea Metropolitan University. He has a broad experience of education which has included involvement with national developments particularly in the post-16 sectors, the parallel developments of academic and vocational routes and institutional collaborations. His children all attended Gorseinon College.

Nick Bennett

Nick is Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Gower College Swansea and has worked in the Welsh FE and HE sectors for over 30 years. He was previously Principal of Gorseinon College. Before that he was Deputy Principal of Ystrad Mynach College where he worked for 10 years. Nick is also Vice Chair of ColegauCymru, a director of local regeneration and leisure trusts and is a member of Swansea Economic Regeneration Partnership.

John Britton

John is the Planning Officer (Planning and Strategic Projects Unit) at Swansea University. He has worked for three Local Authorities and the FE Funding Council and has recently completed an MA in Diversity of Contemporary Writing.

Dave Clifford (Staff Governor)

Dave has worked for Gower College Swansea (Gorseinon campus) for the past 14 years in the IT Support Department.

Mike Day

Mike has been a Swansea Councillor since 1999. He took over as Cabinet Member for Education in 2004. He has worked in personnel management for South Glamorgan Council, Swansea Metropolitan University (where his roles included Dean of Swansea Business School) and now manages business incubation facilities at Swansea University.

Andrew Donald

Andrew is a Sales Director of NTL Telewest and is Chairman of Gorseinon Development Trust. He has wide experience of general management, has sat on a number of public bodies and has a diverse background in finance, sport, manufacturing and the voluntary sector.

William Haslam

William is keen to bring change to the college to meet the needs of fellow students, and is eager to gain valuable experience as a Student Governor.

Ieuan Jones

Ieuan has enjoyed his time as a member of the Student Council and hopes that, as a Student Governor, he can gain a fuller understanding of the college.

Cllr Sue Jones

Sue recently retired after a working life with the City Council – initially with the Housing Department, then the Education Department and finally Social Services at a day centre for people with learning difficulties. She is a Governor of Gowerton Comprehensive School and the newly amalgamated Gowerton Primary School as well as serving on the Community Council, the Child and Family Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Health Social Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Planning and Petitions Committee and the South West Area Planning Committee. She is also a representative on the Community Health Council.

Robin Kirby

Robin has been a solicitor in private practice for 35 yrs and does part-time judicial work. He is also a governor of a local secondary school. Robin was previously Chair of the Governors of Gorseinon College.

Peter Padley

Now retired, Peter has been involved in extensive research involving combustion processes. He is also Governor of the Church in Wales, Parish Organist and Director of Music and Executive Committee member of the Gower Society.

Chantal Patel

Chantal lectures at Swansea University. She is also a board member of Grwp Gwalia Cyf and a Justice of the Peace.

Sue Poole (Staff Governor)

Sue has a financial services background, having worked for a number of the large banks over the past 20 years. Her role involved supporting SMEs to ensure their businesses succeeded. She re-trained as a teacher five years ago with the sole purpose of passing on her knowledge to the next generation.

Fiona Rees

Fiona is an Executive Director and Board Member of Swansea Bay Futures. She is also a member of the Swansea 2020 Economic Strategy Board and co-coordinator of the Swansea Marketing Forum.

Ray Singh CBE

Ray is a Judge and a board member of Grwp Gwalia Cyf.

Alan Thomas

Alan spent 35 years working in the oil industry and held senior positions both in the UK and worldwide. His areas of expertise include continuous improvement, health and safety, estates and restructuring and management of change. During his latter years with BP he was heavily involved in leading joint ventures, mergers and collaborations. Alan was previously Chair of the Governors of Swansea College.

Barry Wanless

Barry was formerly CEO of Swansea University's commercial company UWS Ventures Ltd. He manages Swansea's participation in the Wales Spinout Programme, is chairman of four Welsh companies and holds several non-executive directorships.

Gary Williams

Gary has been Principal and Vice Principal of two FE institutions and currently works for Tribal Consultancy as a Business Development Director. Gary has a vast employment history within the private and public sectors and advises colleges on merger and other aspects in New Zealand and in the UK.

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