

STRANMILLIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

GOVERNING BODY

PROFESSOR SIR DESMOND REA, OBE MSc (ECON) MBA PHD

Chair of the Governing Body

Sir Desmond's experience as a Non-Executive Director includes United Dairy Farmers, AIB Group (UK) plc, Ulster Orchestra Society Ltd., which he also chaired. He is a former academic and former chairman of four education bodies, Northern Ireland Schools Examinations and Assessment Council, NI Schools Examinations Council, CCEA and Methodist College. He edited First Trust Bank's quarterly Economic Outlook and Business Review for over 25 years.

In the Public Sector, he was Chair of the NI Policing Board for over eight years, the Labour Relations Agency for six years and the Local government Staff commission for 6 years. At present he is a Non-Executive member (representing Northern Ireland) on the Security Industry Authority; in which capacity he chaired the latter's HR and Remuneration Committee. He acts as consultant and adviser to private sector clients on economic, business and development issues. He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body on 13 May 2013 for a period of four years. This Term has been extended for up to four months with effect from 13 May 2017.

He was awarded the OBE for services to Local Government and was Knighted for his services to policing.

MR EDGAR JARDINE, CB MSc BSc

Vice-Chair of the Governing Body

Mr Jardine is a graduate of Queen's University Belfast where he studied Psychology at undergraduate level before returning to QUB to take a Master's degree in Developmental and Educational Psychology. His first employment after graduation was in Rathgael Training School, Bangor where he developed a research interest in criminology, an interest which he was to subsequently pursue in a career in social research in government.

He went on to establish the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency in 1996 and led the Agency as Chief Executive until 2002 when he transferred to a policy post as Director of Economic Policy in the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister before moving to the position of Deputy Secretary in the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure. He completed his public service career as Interim Chief Executive in the NI Policing Board. He was awarded the CB in 2012 for public service.

Since retirement he has pursued a number of interests. He was appointed to the Probation Board for Northern Ireland in 2012 where he is the Chair of the Policy and Practice Committee. He is a member of the Church in Society Council of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and is a Transferors' representative to the new Education Authority.

He retains a professional interest in research and evaluation and has completed a number of consultancy assignments within the statutory and voluntary and community sectors.

He has had a lifelong interest in the work of North Down YMCA as a Board member and is a season ticket holder with Ulster Rugby. He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body on 1 August 2014 for a period of four years to 31 July 2018.

**MR ANDREW BROWN BEd (Hons), MSSc, FCIEA, FCoIT, FRSA
(TEACHING STAFF REPRESENTATIVE)**

Mr Brown was a former Head of Drama at Ballymena Academy and is currently a Principal Lecturer in Teacher Education, Academic Head of Arts & Humanities and a member of the Academic Leadership Team in Stranmillis University College. He has wide experience of strategic leadership and policy work and has been a representative on various bodies locally and nationally, including the Council of the NFER, the Executive Committee of the North of England Education Conference, the Council of the National Literacy Association, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, the TUC, and the Executive Committee of Unions 21.

As Student President, he was previously a Governor of Stranmillis University College and has sat on the Court of the University of Ulster, was Vice-Chair of the N. Ireland Teachers' Council and a member of the Department of Education's Strategic Advisory Group on post-primary schooling. As a member of the Teachers' Negotiating Committee and several high profile working groups, Mr Brown has co-authored various schemes for teachers. In 2007, he became the youngest N. Ireland President, and in 2010 the youngest National President in the 127-year history of the Association of Teachers & Lecturers.

Mr Brown is active in the church and local community: he has sat on the Board of Antrim Borough Council's Local Strategy Partnership, on the Board of Directors of the Ulster Association of Youth Drama, and is Chair of the Board of Governors of Broughshane Primary School.

A committed Christian, he was thrilled in 2006 to have been ordained as a Ruling Elder in 2nd Broughshane Presbyterian Church and to have been a long-serving member of the Youth Board of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He now sits on the PCI's Council for Church in Society and holds the Chair of its State Education Committee.

In March 2017, Mr Brown was appointed as a Director of the newly-formed Controlled Schools' Support Council and, in May, as the Council's Vice-Chairperson.

Mr Brown is currently undertaking a PhD with Lancaster University in Education & Social Justice. He was appointed to the Governing Body as Teaching Staff Representative from 4 November 2014 and will serve as a member until 3 November 2018.

MR JOHN CARVILLE (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE)

Mr Carville has recently completed his BEd Primary at Stranmillis, with a subject specialism in 'The World Around Us and Special Educational Needs.' He has been active within the College and the Students' Union, having held the role of Students' Union Secretary 2016-17.

Mr Carville's union involvement has extended beyond Stranmillis into Teaching Unions. He spent his alternative placement working with Ulster Teachers' Union, and has become more involved with the Association of Teachers & Lecturers where he was elected as the ATL Future Steering Group representative for Northern Ireland.

Elected as Student President for the year 2017-18, Mr Carville was appointed to the Governing Body as the Student Representative from 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018.

DR ANNE HEASLETT, BA (HONS) MA DPHIL MSC FRSA

Principal, Stranmillis University College

For the past 20 years Dr Heaslett has held senior leadership roles within further and higher education in Northern Ireland. This has involved leading organisations through periods of significant change but she has also retained a passionate commitment to collaborative learning and community engagement.

As Principal of Stranmillis University College, she has played a significant role in leading the development of major projects involving engagement with the community and key stakeholders to support the delivery of a more dynamic and responsive educational provision. This has included forming a collaborative partnership with St Mary's University College which has attracted funding in excess of £4million to support the delivery of professional development programmes for teachers in order to address critical educational issues. Such projects are able to demonstrate a positive impact on learning communities across the Province.

Diversifying income streams in response to the needs of key stakeholders has been a major theme of her leadership over the past five years at Stranmillis. This has involved the development of a significant profile in the provision of lifelong learning and continuing professional development.

MR KENNETH (KEN) NELSON, BA MBA MSC MIC FCMI CMGR

Mr Nelson is currently the Chief Executive of the Local Economic Development Company (LEDCOM) Ltd. He is a non-executive director of three social enterprises. In 2010 he was the sole Northern Ireland recipient of the Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Northern Regional College. In 2012 Mr Nelson was appointed to the Board of Invest Northern Ireland. He was re-appointed to the Board of Invest NI for a further three years in April 2015. He was appointed as Chair of InterTrade Ireland with effect from 13 December 2016.

Previously he was Chairman of Enterprise Northern Ireland for five years. He brings a detailed understanding of strategy development and monitoring and understands the crucial roles played by risk management and strong

corporate governance. Mr Nelson has extensive experience in business and economic development with an emphasis on entrepreneurship, employment and training initiatives. He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body on 29 March 2013 for a period of four years. His appointment has been extended from 30 March 2017 for a period of 4 months.

MRS DAWN BROWN BA (Hons) MInstAM

Mrs Brown began her career in administration at the University of Ulster before moving to work in the voluntary sector for a national NGO as the Office Manager of the Northern Ireland Office. Returning to the world of education a number of years ago, she has been the Manager of the Academic Office in Stranmillis University College since May 2013. Outside of work she has a keen interest in overseas development and has travelled extensively in the developing world. She has seen the transformational work churches in local communities are making to help lift people out of poverty. Mrs Brown is a long-term volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland and has led a number of teams to build sustainable housing, working alongside the home-owners in countries such as Ethiopia and El Salvador. She is also an active member of her local church. She was appointed to the Governing Body as Support Staff Representative from 1 April 2017 and will serve as a member until 31 March 2021.

MR ROBERT THOMPSON, MA BA DASE Cert.ED

Mr Thompson, a former student of Stranmillis College, served the last 32 years of his professional career as Principal of Doagh Primary School. He is Chair of a local primary school and Governor of two large post-primary schools, in one of which, he is Chair of the Finance Committee. He has been a member of the North Eastern Education & Library Board. Mr Thompson is a Council member of the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) and has recently been appointed by the Education Authority as an External Adviser for Headteachers' Performance, Review and Staff development (PRSD).

Mr Thompson brings an understanding of strategic planning to the Governing Body. He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body on 29 March 2013 for a period of four years to 28 March 2017. His appointment has been extended from 29 March 2017 for a period of four months. Mr Thompson is a keen golfer and a Past Captain and past Honorary Secretary of Ballyclare Golf Club. He is also involved with Riding for the Disabled.

DR ESMOND BIRNIE MA (Econ) and PhD (Econ)

Dr Esmond Birnie has been Senior Economist at Ulster University since 3 October 2016. He was previously the Chief Economist with PwC in Northern Ireland since January 2010. He has 29 years of experience of macroeconomics, industrial, regional and environmental economics as well as of shaping policy inside government (as a former elected politician and Ministerial Special Adviser).

Prior to joining PwC he was a Senior Lecturer in Economics at Queen's

University Belfast (1989-98), Member of the Northern Ireland Assembly (1998-2007, including Chair of the DEL Committee, 1999-2002) and a Ministerial Special Adviser (Department for Employment and Learning, 2007-10). He has contributed to a number of PwC thought leadership publications including the *Government Futures* series. He is co-author of six books and a dozen academic journal articles on aspects of economic performance and policy (especially inter-regional comparisons across western and Eastern Europe). He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body from 1 August 2014 for a period of four years to 31 July 2018.

MR WILLIAM PATTERSON BA (Hons) MBA FCIPD

Mr Patterson has held various posts in the area of employment relations. From 1978- 1980 he held the post of Industrial Relations Officer with British Aluminium. From 1980-1990 he worked in Personnel for the Northern Ireland Housing Executive. From 1990-1993 he was Director (Administration and Personnel) with the Northern Health & Social Services Board (Loughside). He was employed by the Belfast City Council from 1993 to 1996 as Head of Human Resources. Mr Patterson joined the Labour Relations Agency in 1996 as Chief Executive and retired from his position on 13 March 2015.

He is currently a Board member of Methodist College Belfast and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body from 1 August 2014 for a period of four years to 31 July 2018.

MRS CLAIRE MOORE BA (Hons) Mathematics, FCA

Mrs Moore is currently Bursar and Secretary to the Governing Body of the Royal Belfast Academical Institution (RBAI) and a Director of Inst. Hockey Ltd and member of the Christ Church Management Committee. She is also a Member of the CAFRE Advisory Group.

Mrs Moore was formerly the Director of Finance and Corporate Development for the Northern Regional College. She has worked in the Education and Training sectors for 20 years. Previously she worked in the Audit and Economic & Social Policy Departments of Deloitte from 1991 to 1999.

Mrs Moore is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. She was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body on 1 August 2014 for a period of four years to 31 July 2018.

MRS ELIZABETH HUDDLESON BEd (Hons), MSSc, PQH(NI)

Mrs Huddleson has been Principal of Bangor Grammar School since January 2014 having previously held the position of Vice-Principal in the school from September 2008 to December 2014. She began her teaching career in 1996 in Knockbreda High School, where she taught for one academic year before taking up an appointment in Campbell College Belfast in September 1997 which spanned eleven years. During Mrs Huddleson's time at Campbell College she held the posts of Head of Business Studies

Department and Senior School Housemaster.

Mrs Huddleson is a graduate of Stranmillis College and Queens University Belfast holding a BEd (Hons) and an MSc in Organisation and Management. She has also completed PQH (NI). She was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body from 1 August 2014 for a period of four years to 31 July 2018.

MR RICHARD HANNA BEd MSc PGDip MSc (EDUCATION)

Mr Hanna is Director of Education Strategy at CCEA with responsibility for developing policy advice related to curriculum, assessment and reporting and for providing support and guidance to schools. He is also responsible for implementing statutory assessment and reporting arrangements in Northern Ireland schools. CCEA is a Non-Departmental Public Body responsible for a range of statutory and non-statutory functions relating to Curriculum Assessment and Qualifications. It is also the Regulator of General Qualifications in Northern Ireland. Richard has held a number of management positions in CCEA which have included development and support for qualifications, e-learning and the use of ICT to support teaching and learning. He has led a number of critical programmes including the development of on-screen marking of examinations, system wide adaptive computer-based assessment in literacy and numeracy. His postgraduate study was focused in the use of technology to support teaching and learning. Before joining CCEA, Richard was a post-primary teacher with 18 years' experience where he held a number of management roles. He was appointed to the Stranmillis University College Governing Body from 1 August 2014 for a period of four years to 31 July 2018.

Secretary to the Governing Body

MS KAREN ROBINSON MSc Dip IOD

Note: There is currently one vacancy on the Governing Body