Global Perspectives Strategic Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

1.1 The SAGs have been established as part of Advance HE’s consultative approach to actively engage members in shaping the activity and future direction of the organisation to ensure that Advance HE meets the needs of members. This will involve:

- Reviewing and shaping Advance HE’s priorities within each relevant area
- Identifying current and emerging strategic issues, challenges and opportunities to inform the future work of Advance HE
- Considering the implications of thematic areas of work for each relevant area
- Advising Advance HE on implementing an integrated approach maximizing the synergies between the areas of equality, leadership, governance and education.

2. Duties

2.1 The GP SAG are responsible for:

a) Identifying current and emerging strategic issues, challenges and opportunities that could be most effectively addressed by taking a global perspective
b) Providing scrutiny to Advance HE’s priority and operational plans, offering critical challenge and advice to maximise the value of Advance HE’s work global membership community
c) Acting as a sounding board by for policy and programme development, and help determine development priorities.

2.2 To consider any other matters as may be referred to it by Advance HE’s Board of Directors and sub-committees.

3. Membership

3.1 The GP Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will be made up of 16 members drawn from Advance HE member institutions and international stakeholders and partners. The Chair will be the appointed from within the membership. Members will be appointed for a two or three-year term of office.

3.2 The GP SAG will require specific skills and expertise as outlined in the attached person specification.

3.3 The Advance HE Directors for Membership and Accreditation and the Assistant Director for Business Development (International) will be members of the GP SAG and other members of Advance HE staff may be invited to attend as appropriate.

4. Meetings

4.1 The GP SAG shall meet (virtually) two times each UK academic year (August – July).
Strategic Advisory Group (Global Perspectives)  
Person Specification

Experience and Expertise

- Successful track record of leading and/or managing enhancement work in HE (including student leadership)
- High level of understanding of HE and experience of international higher education
- Appreciation of the global policy landscape relation to HE
- Commitment to the values and principles of Advance HE
- Experience of Board and committee work
- Highly developed interpersonal and communication skills
- Ability to understand complex strategic issues, analyse and resolve difficult problems
- Sound independent judgement, common sense and diplomacy
- A willingness to work flexibly and at times to enable global engagement

Diversity of Perspective

In selecting members, consideration will be given to having diversity of perspective through ensuring the following:

- a mixture of knowledge of types of HEIs (e.g. small and specialist, research intensive etc.)
- representation from all regions in which member institutions exist
- representation from different specialists (equality, education, leadership and governance)
- a mixture of understanding of staff and student issues
- representation of indigenous and minority perspectives