Tim Stewart

Dean of Learning and Teaching

Tim Stewart

- My faculty experience
  - 15 years as a faculty member with BPP
  - Academic head of our various accountancy programmes
  - Dean of Learning and Teaching across the University College

- My management experience
  - 5 years working as a finance practitioner with Unilever
  - Managed BPP campuses in Warsaw, Belgrade, Luton and Milton Keynes

- My personal experience as a student in tertiary education
  - Oxford University
  - University of West of England
  - BPP

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BPP Education Group

- Formed in 1976 to provide flexible training for the finance sector.
- 6 year rigorous process to gain taught DAP (2001-2007) where we were scrutinised by the QAA and academic staff from 38 UK Universities. In 2010 we gained University College status.
- We are peer reviewed by many professions and professional bodies.
- We produce rounded, grounded, relevant and quality graduates that are ‘work ready’.

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An incentivised partnership ?

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UK Tertiary Education: A Success Story

- Excellent global reputation
  - High representation in world university rankings
  - Leading Professional Bodies
- Strong standards and regulation
- Already highly diverse and innovative
  - Research intensive Universities, 1994 group, GuildHE, million+, University Alliance etc
  - Open University, Birkbeck, Highlands and Islands
  - Specialist niche private providers
- Value for money

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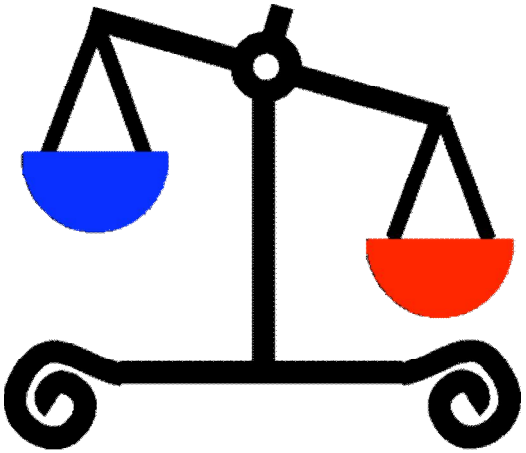
Significant Opportunities and Challenges Ahead

- Rising demand
  - More skilled graduates needed
  - Greater employability skills
  - Wider access and greater study flexibility
  - Greater value for money



- Constrained supply
  - Government debt and austerity
  - Shortage of some specialist management skills
  - Shortages in some areas of faculty and teaching
  - Scalability and space issues

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Other Global Opportunities and Challenges

- Forces of technology
  - TWITTER
  - GOOGLE
  - WIKIPEDIA
  - OPEN SOURCE

- Forces of globalisation
  - Students
  - Faculty
  - Regulators
  - Competitors
  - Employers

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Traditional UK Universities - Strengths

- Professoriate
- Local Physical Campuses
- Enduring Brands and Reputation
- Quality Assurance
- Academic networks
- Research
- Specialist systems and processes

Weakness

- Reliance on government money and the strings attached to it.

Potential Gaps

Capital
Specialist skills
Wider networks
Scale
Focus

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CBI Report 2011 "Growing Stronger Together"

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Conclusion

- Uk tertiary education is strong and diverse.
- The many future opportunities and challenges in our shared environment are very significant.
- Successful solutions are likely to involve more cooperation and partnerships within the UK tertiary ecosystem.
- Every UK tertiary education institution has something to offer and much to learn.

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