



Conference of Heads of University Departments of Economics (CHUDE) Terms of Reference

1. Purpose and Background

The purpose of CHUDE is to support the economics discipline (including its study, teaching and research) within UK higher education institutions. CHUDE was established in 1987 in collaboration with the (now defunct) Association of University Teachers of Economics; it is a committee of the Royal Economic Society and reports to its Executive Committee.

2. Remit

CHUDE:

- Liaises with economics groups within UK universities, irrespective of whether these are separate departments of economics or groups within Business Schools or other multi-disciplinary units;
- Liaises with the RES Education and Training Committee and relevant external bodies (including the Economics Network, Government Economic Service and Bank of England) on matters relating to the education and training of economists in UK universities;
- Shares information among its members relevant to economics teaching (including student recruitment) and research in the UK higher education sector;
- In liaison with the Society, responds to relevant government consultations, including those on research and teaching assessments in UK universities;
- In conjunction with the RES Education and Training Committee (if appropriate), advises the Executive Committee on activities and initiatives designed to promote and enhance economics education within UK universities;
- Submits financial proposals (in line with the budget cycle) to the Executive Committee for its assigned activities.

CHUDE also has a Steering Group which acts on behalf of the full CHUDE membership between meetings.

3. Membership

The membership of CHUDE comprises:

- The Chair of CHUDE;
- The Deputy Chair of CHUDE;
- The Society's President, who may be substituted by the President-Elect or Past President;
- The Society's Secretary-General;
- The head of the economics group within each UK university or his/her representative (one per university);
- Further co-opted members, as appropriate to the Committee's work.

The Chair, Deputy Chair and co-opted members of CHUDE are appointed for three year terms; the head of an economics group (or her/his representative) serves on CHUDE during the term of their university appointment as head.

The membership of the CHUDE Steering Group comprises:

- The Chair of CHUDE;
- The Deputy Chair of CHUDE;
- The Society's President, who may be substituted by the President-Elect or Past President;
- The Society's Secretary-General;
- A further six current or recent members of CHUDE;
- Additional co-opted members as appropriate to the work of CHUDE.

The six current or recent CHUDE representatives and the additional co-opted members serve on the Steering Committee for terms of three years.

Relevant RES staff attend meetings and provide the secretariat support for CHUDE.

4. Frequency of meetings and reporting

The full Conference meets twice per year. The Steering Committee also meets twice per year, typically one to two months in advance of the full meeting. CHUDE reports to the Executive Committee; minutes of its meetings are available to all members of the Executive Committee.