

Catherine Chabert

I have been on the Executive Committee of the UCML (the University Council of Modern Languages) and of the AULC (the Association of University Language Centres (UK and Ireland)) since 2014. I am Director of the Languages for All programme at Cardiff University and Director of the Cardiff Confucius Institute. I have been employed at the University since 1996 mainly working in the field of Language Teaching for Specialists of Other Subjects, placing a strong emphasis on student-led courses. From the early 2000s I have worked with the European Framework of Reference for Languages developing courses and training tutors. I have closely followed the development of distance learning and designed modules that prepare candidates for the Chartered Institute of Linguists Diploma in Translation (French-English).

My professional background is in the teaching of French as a Foreign Language and over the past ten years I have developed my leadership skills and been head of department over a period of two years managing the transition to a restructure of all Modern Languages provision at Cardiff University (2014).

Academically, I got my PhD in 2009. This research compared and contrasted the conception, initiation and implementation of virtual university policy-making in higher education in the UK and France between the mid-1990s and the mid-2000s.

I am standing for the post of Deputy Secretary General. I have had substantial administrative and managerial responsibility in the University for several years, including financial control. In terms of general committee experience, in addition to the membership mentioned above, I have chaired or been a member of several University committees. Since 2016, I am the Chair of the UK-wide scheme UNILANG.

My University profile can be seen at: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/people/view/161418-chabert-catherine>