

# Mr Lee Sanders

Secretary to the Council

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## About

Lee Sanders is the University's Registrar and Secretary. There are 3 aspects to his role:

- He leads the University's unified administration and the Corporate Services report to him. In other sectors the nearest equivalent is the Chief Operating Officer.
- He is a member of the University Executive Board and is involved in University strategy and policy and providing advice to the Vice-Chancellor and other senior colleagues.
- As Secretary to the Senate and Council Lee is responsible for University governance.

Corporate Services employ over 2,000 staff and have a combined budget of £135m. Lee is keen to ensure Corporate Services and the Colleges work as a unified administration. To this end he chairs the Leadership Group for the Unified Administration, which comprises the Heads of Corporate Services and the Heads of College Operations

## Biography

Lee joined Birmingham as Registrar and Secretary in October 2008 and has 18 years experience of management in Higher Education. After obtaining a BA degree followed by postgraduate research at the University of Manchester, he held a range of management posts at the University of Warwick from 1990–97. He was subsequently appointed Director of Research and Development Services at the same University from 1997–99. He became Academic Registrar in 1999 and served in that role until 2003. He then held the post of Registrar and Secretary at the University of Durham from 2003-2008.

Lee is a member of the Executive Committee for the UK Association of Heads of University Administration (AHUA) (since 2007) and of the UUK Strategic Procurement Group for Higher Education (since 2008). He has also been a member of several teams delivering international programmes on HE management, sponsored by the British Council, including: Ethiopia and Argentina (1993-2000); external reviewer for the Chancellor's Governance Review, University of West Indies (2005-06); secretary to the first ever Institutional Academic Audit visit (University of Loughborough 1991-1992); secretary to the 2001 RAE Panels 15, 16 and 17 (1998-2001). From 1992-96 he was founder member of the Executive Committee of the UK Council for Graduate Education. Lee has served as a director of a number of University companies