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Reference for David Boland

From my start at Queen Mary in October 2018, David Boland was the Programme Director of Actuarial Science and the leading figure for what has been a successful programme for the School of Mathematical Sciences and the university more broadly. In line with changes at the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA), we were required to apply at a programme level for reaccreditation for our students to continue to obtain IFoA credit for the work they successfully complete. David Boland completed the substantial application for this and was in frequent contact with the IFoA to track the progress of the application, seeing it through to completion in an impressively short period of time. At my previous institution, which also had an accredited actuarial science programme, this work is being carried out with a larger group of people and is requiring substantially more time. Thus, I can say with confidence that such a timely completion is an impressive accomplishment and that it is due almost solely to David Boland's work is quite remarkable.

Also, David was known as an excellent teacher, winning School-wide recognition for having one of the highest teaching evaluations of any lecturer for one of the modules he taught. As David followed our initial cohort of students through their second and final years of study, he also developed a significant amount of the teaching material. In particular, he developed the material for Programming for Business Analytics from scratch, and he was successful in teaching a module that others had found very difficult to deliver.

In light of these achievements and his leadership of the Actuarial Science Programme, David's application to Senior Lectureship was supported unanimously at the School level, and his promotion was approved at the Faculty level.

Sincerely,

Alex Clark