# **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

AFS Annual Financial Statements

AHUA Association of Heads of University Administration

AMS Annual Monitoring Statements

AUA Association of University Administrators
ASSUR Annual Sustainability Assurance Report

BUFDG British Universities Finance Directors Group

CAS Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies

CATS Credit Accumulation and Transfer Scheme

CETL Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

CLA Copyright Licensing Agency Ltd

CSR Comprehensive Spending Review

CUC Committee of University Chairmen

DAP Degree Awarding Powers

DBIS Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

DDA Disability Discrimination Act

DEFRA Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

DfEE Departmet for Education and Employment

DELNI Department for Employment and Learning (Northern Ireland)

DFID Department for International Development

DLHE Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education

DWP Department for Work and Pensions

EBITDA Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization

ECU Equality Challenge Unit
ECUK Engineering Council UK

EFA Education Funding Agency

EFL English as a Foreign Language

EPT East Park Terrace

ERA Education Reform Act 1988

FE Further Education

FEC Further Education College

FHEA Further and Higher Education Act 1992

FOI Freedom of Information Act

FTE Full-Time Equivalent

GMC General Medical Council

Source: Clerk to the Governors

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GNVQ General National Vocational Qualification

GuildHE Distinction and Diversity in Higher Education

HAR HEFCE Assurance Review

HE Higher Education

HEA Higher Education Academy

HEACF Higher Education Active Community Fund

HEC Higher Education Corporation

HEFCE Higher Education Funding Council for England
HEFCW Higher Education Funding Council for Wales

HEI Higher Education Institution

HEIF Higher Education Innovation Fund

HEIFES Higher Education in Further Education Students Survey

HESA Higher Education Statistics Agency

HESES Higher Education Students Early Statistics Survey

HNC/D Higher National Certificate/Diploma

INSET In-Service Education and Training

IT Information Technology

JANET Joint Academic NETwork (computing)

JNCHES Joint Negotiating Committee for Higher Education Staff

JISC Joint Information Systems Committee (of the higher education funding councils)

KPI Key Performance Indicator
LEA Local Education Authority

LFHE Learning Foundation for Higher Education

LEP Local Enterprise Partnership

LGPS Local Government Pension Scheme

NAO National Audit Office

NATB New Academic Teaching Building

NCUB National Centre for Universities & Business

NDPB Non-Departmental Public Body (otherwise known as 'quangos')

NIACE National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education

NUS National Union of Students

OFSTED Office for Standards in Education

OFFA Office for Fair Access
OfS Office for Students

OIA Office of the Independent Adjudicator

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OU Open University

PAC Public Accounts Committee

PFI Private Finance Initiative

PG Postgraduate

PI Performance Indicator

QAA Quality Assurance Agency for Higher Education

RAB Charge Resource Accounting & Budgeting Charge

RAE Research Assessment Exercise

RDAP Research Degree Awarding Power

REF Research Excellence Framework

RHEB Relevant Higher Education Body

RSA Royal Society of Arts

SOPR Statement of Primary Responsibilities

SORP Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting for Further and Higher

Education

SSIC Sport Solent in the Community
SSUL Southampton Solent University Ltd

SUN Southern University Network

TEF Teaching Excellence Framework
TAC Transparent Approach & Costing
TSS Teachers' Superannuation Scheme

TUPE Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations

UCAS Universities and Colleges Admissions Service

UCEA Universities and Colleges Employers Association

UCET Universities Council for the Education of Teachers

UCU University and College Union

UG Undergraduate

UKCISA United Kingdom Council for International Student Affairs

USS Universities Superannuation Scheme
UUK Universities UK (formerly CVCP)

VfM Value for Money

VCO Vice-Chancellor's Office

VCG Vice-Chancellor's Group

WMA Warsash Maritime Academy

WUS World University Service

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