



**Mr Mark Parker**

I am a long standing lecturer within the School of Textiles and Design and have been representing the School on the Under Graduate Studies Committee for a number of terms. Up until recently I was an invited member of the School Management Group and currently I am external examiner for Textiles/Fashion pathways at Birmingham City University. I have been on periodic validation panels for Textiles/Fashion programmes as a specialist with providers such as Manchester Metropolitan and University of Huddersfield.

From both a School and University perspective I am genuinely interested in ensuring that the policies and direction for learning and teaching, knowledge exchange, and scholarship are totally relevant and fit for current purpose. My aim has always been to ensure that all students have a fair and rewarding experience in achieving their degrees and equally all staff are encouraged and given opportunities to excel in their own ways of disseminating knowledge facilitating learning in order that our University can award degrees of the highest quality.

I am honoured to be considered as a SoTD candidate for senate. I would hope to bring my natural enthusiasm, proven ability to work in and lead a team as well as providing a strong voice to not only represent the views of colleagues within the School but also to communicate back the key directions and discussions from senate meetings.