My Lord and Chancellor

Roy Spragg served as an independent member on the University Board for six years, and during that time he was a very capable Chair of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee. He was extremely committed to the University and was generous with his time, expertise and the support he offered. Bournemouth University benefited greatly from his significant experience as an actuary and non-executive in the finance and pension industry.

Roy has always enjoyed maths and science challenges, and his aptitude for strategy was proven at an early age with the prizes he won at chess festivals in Liverpool. During the third year of his maths degree at Durham University, Roy decided on a career as an actuary. His career choice was based on his love of maths and the fact that actuaries appeared to be paid quite well.

Roy's first position was with Scottish Widows, and he has worked for some of the larger household names in the UK including LV, Lloyds TSB and Ernst & Young. He progressed through the financial and managerial ranks to become Finance Director for Lloyds TSB Insurance and Investment Division, but he is keen to emphasise that he never set out to become a Finance Director. He is self-motivated and his original ambitions were just to succeed; honed by the amount of bridge and rugby he played at university.

Roy is passionate about developing people and helping them to achieve their maximum potential – characteristics which led him to volunteer not only on the University's Board, but also on several other Boards including The Children's Mutual and the Teachers' Building Society.

Roy and his wife moved to Poole in 2002 and he retired from full-time work in 2008, dedicating his time to supporting the causes he cares about. He is particularly proud to have served on Bournemouth University's Board, and proud of the students and their achievements.

My Lord and Chancellor, I have the honour to present Roy Spragg, and I ask you to confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*.