I am writing to submit my candidacy for the position of Chair or Vice-Chair of the OULS for 2021/22.

My name is Brian Playfair, I am 40 years old, originally from the Scottish Borders but now living in Plymouth with my wife and 2 children.  I am currently studying BSc Law part-time with the OU and approaching the end of my 2nd year.

The bulk of my working life has been spent as a medic in the Royal Navy where I saw service on HM Ships, land establishments and Afghanistan with the Royal Marines.  Following that, I worked as a care supervisor and I am currently working full-time as a Team Manager for M&S where I am a line manager for 20 staff and store duty manager.  I want to stand for chair/vice-chair because I enjoy leadership but also striving towards a goal within a team.  I would bring with me, great integrity, honesty, an ability to support, lead and influence.  I love a challenge but also love to help others solve various problems.  As a person I am very understanding but can also delegate and insist that tasks be completed efficiently.  I am great at multi-tasking and can work very well under pressure.  I feel as a law student I could bring all the above but also my ability to locate, interpret and apply legislation and policy.  I have a strong history of working on governance, not only in the military but also in the care and retail industries.