



## Academic Board

Wednesday 14 June 2023<sup>1</sup>

### MINUTES

**Present:** Dr Michael Spence, President and Provost (Chair)

Dr Mojtaba Abdi-Jalebi; Aziz Abdulhadi; Professor Ibrahim Abubakar; Jennifer Akinola; Dr Bojan Aleksov; Adnan Ali; Professor Mark Altaweel; Dr Jake Anders; Dr Fausto Andreola; Professor Lynn Ang; Professor Haki Antonsson; Professor Kathleen Armour; Professor Anasuya Aruliah; Professor Jonathan Ashmore; Professor Tomaso Aste; Professor Jan Axmacher; Dr Paul Ayris; Professor Gianluca Baio; Professor Kristin Bakke; Professor Kathryn Batchelor; Professor Mette Berg; Professor Chris Blackman; Robert Bodden; Professor David Bogle; Kate Boldry; Dr Neus Bover Fonts; Dr Jeff Bowersox; Dr Raina Brands; Professor Georgina Brewis; Dr Damian Bright; Professor Annie Britton; Dr Suzy Buckley; Professor Vishwanie Budhram-Mahadeo; Professor Helene Burningham; Dr Boyana Buyuklieva; Professor Fabio Caccioli; Noël Caliste; Professor Benjamin Caplin; Professor Licia Capra; Professor Tom Carlson; Professor Claire Carmalt; Dr Brent Carnell; Professor Madeline Carr; Professor Paola Ceccarelli; Professor Richard Chandler; Dr Declan Chard; Professor Umber Cheema; Sianne Chinwuba; Professor Vijay Chudasama; Professor Olga Ciccarelli; Professor Beverley Clark; Dr Alun Coker; Professor Barbara Conradt; Kimberly Cornfield; Dr Danielle D'Lima; Dr Silvia dal Bianco; Dr Jason Davies; Professor Paul Davis; Professor Sally Day; Professor Andreas Demosthenous; Professor Janice Derry; Professor Jason Dittmer; Dr Alex Donovan; Dr Johanna Donovan; Elizabeth Dow; Dominique Draï; Professor Ian Eames; Dr Karen Edge; Professor Frances Edwards; Dr Ian Edwards; Professor Mark Emberton; Dr Emily Emmott; Professor Rebecca Empson; Dr Russell Evans; Professor Susan Evans; Ava Fatah gen. Schieck; Dr Alexander Fedorec; Professor Anibal Fernandez; Professor Delmiro Fernandez-Reyes; Dr Liory Fern-Pollak; Professor Patrizia Ferretti; Professor Roberto Filippi; Professor Margot Finn; Professor Elizabeth Fisher; Professor Maria Fitzgerald; Dr Richard Freeman; Professor Jonathan French; Dr Lisa Fridkin; Dr Bettina Friedrich; Professor David Frost; Dr Martin Fry; Professor Jonathan Gale; Dr Federico Galvanin; Professor Haidy Geismar; Professor Alasdair Gibb; Professor Shirli Gilbert; Professor Richard Gilson; Professor Faye Gishen; Polly Glegg; Dr Jennie Golding; Professor Nikolaos Gonis; Dr Hugh Goodacre; Professor Eric Gordy; Professor Lesley Gourlay; Professor Angus Gowland; Professor Francis Green; Professor Ann Griffin; Professor David Guile; Dr Lucia Patrizio Gunning; Professor Helen Hackett; Professor Stephen Hailes; Martin Hall; Rachel Hall; Professor Susan Hamilton; Joy Han; Professor Adam Harris; Professor Kenneth Harris; Professor Kirsten Harvey;

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<sup>1</sup> This meeting was held via videoconference.

Professor Adham Hashibon; Dr James Haworth; Professor Michael Heinrich; Professor Mark Hewitson; Professor Arne Hofmann; Professor Jane Holder; Dr Joshua Hollands; Professor Katherine Holt; Dr Pam Houston; Professor Jie Huang; Kerem Isik; Professor Richard Jackman; Professor Dan Jagger; Professor Philip Jones; Professor Tim Jordan; Dr Thomas Kador; Kate Keen; Professor Nicoletta Kessarlis; Professor Robert Killey; Professor John King; Professor Diane Koenker; Professor Julia Korosteleva; Professor Alison Koslowski; Edyta Kostanek; Dr Danielle Lamb; Dr Sandra Leaton Gray; Professor Alena Ledeneva; Professor Paola Lettieri; Professor Dewi Lewis; Dr Jonathan Lezmy; Amy Lightstone; Professor Christoph Lindner; Professor Alison Lloyd; Professor David Lomas; Professor Pedro Machado; Dr Isobel Mackay; Professor Sandy MacRobert; Professor Mairead MacSweeney; Dr Merle Mahon; Professor Eleanor Main; Dr Miriam Manchin; Professor Ioanna Manolopoulou; Dr Margaret Mayston; Dr Jenny McArthur; Dr Ruth McGinity; Dr Jennifer McGowan; Dr Saladin Meckled-Garcia; Professor Francesca Medda; Professor Susan Michie; Professor Frederic Migayrou; Professor Stanimira Milcheva; Professor Robert Mills; Professor Zoran Milutinovic; Professor Sibylle Mitnacht; Professor Sara Mole; Dr Magdalena Morawska; Professor Ruth Morgan; Professor Emma Morris; Dr Gareth Morris; Professor Gemma Moss; Dr Guy Moss; Professor John Mullan; Professor Peter Mullany; Professor Veronique Munoz-Darde; Professor Steven Murdoch; Professor Mirco Musolesi; Dr Yusra Naqvi; Dr Marga Navarrete; Dr Helene Neveu Kringelbach; Professor Thanh Nguyen; Professor Hao Ni; Professor Ryan Nichol; Dr Mengyan Nie; Professor Mignon Nixon; Mx Johanna Novales; Dr Abel Nyamapfene; Dr Ademola Odunsi; Professor Moses Oketch; Professor Martin Oliver; Professor Norbert Pachler; Professor Sophie Park; Professor Ivan Parkin; Professor Simona Parrinello; Dr Anne Peasey; Professor Jane Perryman; Professor James Phillips; Professor Helene Plun-Favreau; Dr Anna Ponomareva; Professor Stephen Porter; Dr Ayanna Prevatt-Goldstein; Professor Raman Prinja; Professor David Pym; Professor Slavo Radosevic; Professor Ahad Rahim; Professor Ahmed Rashid; Professor Rebecca Rees; Professor Graeme Reid; Professor Mary Richardson; Professor Aeli Roberts; Professor Helen Roberts; Professor Claire Robins; Professor Jennifer Rodd; Dr Igor Rogelja; Dr Flaminia Ronca; Dr Stefano Rossoni; Dr Suzanne Ruddy; Dr Benet Salway; Professor Alexander Samson; Dr Andrei Samsonov; Professor Federica Sarro; Professor Ralf Schoepfer; Professor Stephanie Schorge; Professor Eloise Scottford; Professor Sophie Scott; Professor Toby Seddon; Professor Andrea Sella; Professor David Selviah; Professor Alessio Serafini; Professor Maryam Shahmanesh; Professor Sonu Shamdasani; Dr Ala'a Shehabi; Professor Alison Shell; Professor Elizabeth Shepherd; Dr Ruth Siddall; Justin Siefker; Professor Talvinder Sihra; Professor Ricardo Silva; Dr Henrik Singmann; Professor Jolene Skordis-Worrall; Professor Trevor Smart; Professor Andrew Smith; Professor Anthony Smith; Professor Christophe Soligo; Professor Samuel Solomon; Professor Eva Sorensen; Professor Catalina Spataru; Professor Maarten Speekenbrink; Professor David Spratt; Professor Sacha Stern; Professor Fiona Stevenson; Professor Michael Stewart; Professor Jakob Stougaard-Nielsen; Dr Sherrill Stroschein; Dorota Studniarczyk; Dr Bugra Susler; Dr Becky Taylor; Bryan Taylor; Professor James Thomas; Professor Estelle Thompson; Professor Julian Thompson; Professor Ulrich Tiedau; Professor Helena Titheridge; Martyn Towner; Dr Helen Tsui; Professor Coşkun Tunçer; Dr Richard Tunwell; Professor Jayant Vaidya; Professor Gert Van Der Heijden; Dr Jo Van Herwegen; Dr Renée Vancraenenbroeck; Professor Liz Varga; Professor Laura Vaughan; Dr Michael Veale; Dr Nalini Vittal; Professor David Voas; Dr Julia Wagner;

Dr Zachary Walker; Professor Nicola Walshe; Professor David Waters; Professor Li Wei; Dr Iya Whiteley; Breege Whiten; Professor Andrew Wills; Professor Helen Wilson; Professor James Wilson; Professor Stephen Wilson; Dr Nick Witham; Michael Wozniak; Professor Christopher Yeo; Dr Victoria Yorke-Edwards; Professor Ian Zachary; Dr Davide Zecchin; Professor Stan Zochowski.

**In attendance:**

Aimie Chapple; Professor Parama Chaudhury; Donna Dalrymple; Dr Cathy Elliott; Dr Clare Goudy; Dr Christine Hoffmann; Natasha Lewis; Nick McGhee; David Pacey; Andy Smith; Olivia Whiteley; Dr Kathryn Woods.

**Part I: Preliminary Formal Business**

**46 ACADEMIC BOARD MINUTES**

46.1 The minutes of the AB meeting of 10 May 2023 [AB Minutes 30-43, 2022-23] were confirmed.

**47 MATTERS ARISING**

47.1 The matter of the AB vote of 10 May, as well as the Special Meeting of 9 June, would be discussed at Council on 19 June. Academic Board would be informed of the outcome.

**Part II: Matters for Discussion**

**48 PROVOST'S REPORT (Paper 6-01)**

48.1 In response to a question, the Chair confirmed that the Office for Students (OfS) letter circulated with his report was not confidential to Academic Board and could be shared.

**49 CONFIDENTIAL: FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES ACADEMIC UNITS (Paper 6-02)**

49.1 Exempt from publication – please see confidential minutes.

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**50 ACADEMIC UNITS: INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (Paper 6-03)**

- 50.1 Academic Board was invited to advise Council on a proposal to formalise the departmental structure of the UCL Institute of Education by recognising six academic units with effect from 1 August 2023.
- 50.2 Members spoke in favour of the principle of recognising the six units in question, but flagged the potential for confusion between the names of those units and activity based in other faculties. It was noted however that the six departments already existed under those names, and that the change proposed was purely in respect of their being formally recognised by Council and listed in Regulation for Management 11. The issue of nomenclature was nevertheless noted.
- 50.3 Members noted an earlier discussion at Academic Board (AB Minute 8, 02.11.22) about the naming of the UCL Institute of Education as a whole. It was confirmed that no proposal to rename the Institute was being made at this stage, pending the conclusions of the branding review. The formal name in the Regulations was the UCL Institute of Education, and the Chair confirmed that the longer form proposed at the meeting of 2 November should not be used.
- 50.4 Academic Board supported the proposal to establish the six academic units listed in the paper, on the understanding that the branding review would consider the broader question of the nomenclature of units across the university.

**51 EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Paper 6-04)**

- 51.1 AB noted the report. It was intended that this would be brought at an earlier stage next year, if possible in the autumn term. It would be helpful for the report to address issues that Education Committee would like Academic Board to focus on.

**52 STANDING ORDERS (Paper 6-05)**

- 52.1 Academic Board received a presentation on the principal proposed changes to the Standing Orders. These related to:
- Standing Orders 5 & 15: clarification of the various voting mechanisms, the nature of the business to which these could apply, and the possibility of introducing variations to agenda items;
  - Standing Order 9: rules around the overrunning of scheduled meeting timeslots;
  - Standing Order 13: revisions to the Terms of Reference and the constitution of GCAB;
  - Standing Order 17: a new Standing Order addressing the Terms of Reference and the constitution of the Executive Committee of the Academic Board;

- Standing Order 18: a new Standing Order relating to the archiving of records.

52.2 In relation to the new text at Standing Order 5 about the variation of an agenda item, Academic Board discussed the question of whose interpretation of a paper would be the defining one. AB considered that it would be for the meeting to decide (and if necessary to vote) on what its understanding of the paper was, in order to determine whether a proposed interpretation did or did not constitute a 'substantive amendment' of the type referred to in SO 5(i)(c) and therefore requiring a vote of 2/3 of those present and voting to be accepted.

52.3 Academic Board approved the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders with effect from 1 October 2023.

### **Part III: Other business for approval or information**

#### **53 AB ELECTIONS TO OTHER COMMITTEES (Paper 6-06)**

53.1 Noted.

#### **54 MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES (Paper 6-07)**

54.1 Noted.

#### **55 ACADEMIC BOARD MEETINGS IN 2023-24 AND 2024-25 (Paper 6-08)**

55.1 Noted.

#### **56 GCAB NOMINATIONS (Paper 6-09)**

56.1 Noted.

#### **57 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

57.1 The next meeting would be on Wednesday 5 July at 3.30-5pm.

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