# **ACADEMIC BOARD**

# Tuesday 14 June 2011

## **MINUTES**

Key to abbreviations

AB Academic Board

BASc Bachelor of Arts and Sciences
CPD continuing professional development

GPA Grade Point Average HE Higher Education

HEAR Higher Education Achievement Record

### 43 **PROVOST'S GREEN PAPER**

[AB Minute 35, 2010-11]

### Reported

- It had been agreed at the Academic Board meeting of 25 May 2011, where the Provost introduced his Green Paper for 2011-2021, that arrangements would be made for one of the 'town meetings' at which members of the UCL community were invited to discuss the document to be designated a meeting of Academic Board. A mechanism would thus be created whereby AB could formally comment on the Green Paper.
- The Green Paper, revised in light of discussion by Council on 19 May 2011, had been published at http://www.ucl.ac.uk/greenpaper/
- 43.3 The Provost began by drawing attention to a statement from the 1826 Prospectus for UCL which advocated flexibility in regard to the subjects worthy of academic attention, and referred also to the benefits of what had since come to be known as interdisciplinarity.
- 43.4 The Green Paper had first been drafted in 2010, at a time when it

much higher levels of public investment in HE being made by other countries.

Under the student numbers arrangements now expected to be set out in the Government White Paper, due for publication on 27 June,