

Election statement for:

Dr Craig Stott

Proposer: Lara Rettondini

Secunder: Hyun Jun Park

Election:

Election to Membership of the Academic Board as a representative of the Course Directors.

Statement:

I would welcome the opportunity of contributing to our Academic Board. My near sixteen-year experience at Leeds Beckett spans academic leadership, curriculum development, professional practice, research, and civic engagement, giving me a broad understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing the University. As Course Director Undergraduate Architecture, I already engage closely with many of the areas overseen by Academic Board, including quality assurance, curriculum design, student progression, assessment, PSRB requirements, and enhancement of our student experience.

In the past two years I have led significant curriculum reform, including the development of the UK's first Integrated Master of Architecture course in response to PSRB educational changes. I have further knowledge of governance, validation and review processes through my role as RIBA Yorkshire Chair of Education, external examining, RIBA validation panel member, and internal course approval events. My work consistently seeks to balance academic rigour with inclusive and innovative approaches to learning and teaching.

Alongside this, my research and leadership of Project Office connect scholarship directly to the university's Anchor Institution tenets of community impact, employability, and knowledge exchange. I care deeply about the role universities play as civic institutions and believe I would bring a thoughtful, collaborative, and constructive voice to Academic Board discussions, grounded in both strategic awareness and day-to-day academic practice.