

#### IMPLEMENTING CHANGE IN ENGINEERING EDUCATION: EXPERIENCE OF THE UCL INTEGRATED ENGINEERING PROGRAMME

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Founded in 1826 as University of London

The first in England to admit students regardless of class, race or religion

The first in England to admit women students on equal terms with men

> 6,000 academic and research staff

> 40,000 Students, 52% at Graduate Level

> 28 Nobel Prize winners who are or were students or staff

#### **About the Faculty**

In 1827 UCL founded the one of the first laboratories in the world devoted to engineering education. This was the beginning of Engineering at UCL.

- 10 Departments
- ~ 3500 UG over 22 undergraduate programmes
- ~ 2000 PGT over 56 postgraduate taught programmes
- ~ 1000 PGR
- 1161 FTE Staff (313 FTE Academics)
- 34% female, 66% male, 48.5% Overseas from 131 countries (2017/18)
- 14.7 Student-Staff Ratio (2017/18)





## Why re-engineer engineering education?



## engineering ....the art and practice of changing the physical world for the use and benefit of all

Prof Chris Wise, UCL Civil, Environmental and Geomatic Engineering and Expedition Engineering





## "I think I would have done engineering if I'd known what a creative subject it was and not just about solving equations"

Virginia – UCL BASc Engineering Pathway student



#### **Practice**







#### **Physical World**





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**UCL Mechanical Engineering** 

#### **Use and benefit of All**



Caminos de Agua - EWB Summer School 2016



- We must grow our intake into engineering qualifications, casting our net wider *beyond* those traditionally drawn to engineering
- Essential to attract creative, enthusiastic, engaged students from all backgrounds and demographics
- Go beyond the narrow pool of mathematics and physics A-level students



## So what are the demands on engineering education?



- Students increasingly drawn to engineering because they want to design creative solutions to major global challenges.
- Want to see the connection between theory and practice.
- Increased consideration of employability
- Require competencies in working across a multiplicity of boundaries and with people whose specialisation and/or cultural frameworks that differ from their own



#### **Industry Demands**



#### **Engineering Education**



What is it for?

- It is education it is not training
- Develop intrinsic-motivation and agency within students
- Develop professional attitudes and competencies
- Develop graduates that appreciate socioeconomic and environmental contexts, sustainability, ethics, innovation and entrepreneurship
- Confident communicators and team-workers
- Deep specialist knowledge



#### What might it look like?

- Curriculum innovation includes cross-disciplinarity with increasing use of:
- •problem and project-based learning,
- •group learning and assessment,
- •authentic workplace learning, and
- research-based/enquiry learning,
- supported by:
- •engineering education research,
- •industry engagement,
- •connections with alumni,
- •staff development and expansive teaching spaces.







## INTEGRATED ENGINEERING PROGRAMME (IEP)



- A way of teaching that provides connecting activities between the different disciplines
- A common curriculum structure that promotes practical application and transferable skills alongside fundamental theoretical/technical knowledge
- It is embedded into the student's chosen BEng / BSci or MEng degree
- A response to change in the higher education landscape



#### Aims



Demonstrate the Interdisciplinary nature of Engineering

Develop and inclusive curriculum promoting diversity

Authentic Practical Engineering from the start Emphasis on Design and Professional Practice Maintain disciplinary strengths and alignment to research



#### **IEP Structure**





#### IEP – Project Work





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### **Group work**



#### Design



#### **Authentic Learning - Challenges**

## LOCL

## Challenge 2: TB Vaccine Production in Sub Saharan Africa





#### **Authentic Learning - Scenarios**





#### Interdisciplinarity

## 'Total Design means to join all the professions right from the start.'

**Ove Arup** 



#### How to Change the World

700+ Students, 65 Partners, 5 Cohorts, 50+ Teaching team

A unique, two-week hands-on training programme that equips rising engineering talent with the skills to develop creative and technically robust solutions to 21st-century challenges to bring about positive social change.



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## TO CHANGE THE WORLD, YOU NEED TO BE TAUGHT DIFFERENTLY.



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UCL ENGINEERING CHANGE THE WORLD

### CHALLENGES AND STRATEGIES



#### Common Engineering Programme

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#### **Curriculum Design**





#### What gives?

## **DCL**



## **UCL**





## **UC**

Decision Making

with Insight

THE EXISTENTIAL PLEASURES OF ENGINEERING

THE ESSENTIAL ENGINEER Why Science Alone Will Not Solve Our Global Problems Henry Petroski

David Dauglas and Greg Papadopoulos with John B.

CITIZEN Engineer

A HANDBOOK FOR SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ENGINEERING

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Business Skills for Engineers

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Experimental Methods

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THE ART OF INSPIRE THE



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HOW IS change achieved?



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## Talk to lots of people







## **UCL**

#### Censored



# But be careful who you listen to...

You won't get

staff do that!

UCL Regulations won't allow that!

That will take years!

Accreditation that! Non't allow that!

You won't get the space to do that!



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## What do you need to make change happen?



#### Our chief weapon is



## Fear



#### Our two weapons are



# Surprise and Fear



## Fear, Surprise and an almost fanatical devotion to the Dean





## Amongst our weaponry are such diverse elements as

## Fear, Surprise, an almost fanatical devotion to the Dean, and nice orange and grey branding.....

UCL ENGINEERING Change the world

Apologies to Monty Python

#### IEP – Scaling of Existing Innovations

#### Rely on and benefit from *Precedence* .... is our secret shared amongst the IEP Team

Meaning... everything implemented within the IEP had existed somewhere at UCL



- Students can be conservative too
- To be exposed to research, design and problemsolving is not what they are expecting,

but most enjoy it!

"Engineering should be science and hard sums" "We're doing team work and writing – useless skills for an Engineer"



IEP for me is one of the best parts of studying Computer Science at UCL and the subject that is best preparing me to work in a professional environment.

To me, the IEP is a platform where one can learn, understand and appreciate the various content from other engineering fields.

I remember how confused I was when I sat in that theatre for the IEP kick off.....But in the second term when we took on week-long scenarios, it hit me. That IEP teaches us team working and communication skills; ..... was all to make us think like engineers to unlock our creativity and for us to communicate that so we can work together.



#### **Leasons Learned**



#### Environment

Culture

Pedagogy / Curriculum



#### **Change is hard!**





The IEP is now an advocate for the departments because.... we are more influential as a faculty body

Current Aim:

- Embrace flexibility so that the IEP becomes the departmental cultural norm, it is not uniform
- Put people and systems (financial, operational, etc.) in place so that it is harder to go back to the old way of working than is it to continue on!



#### UCL Centre for Engineering Education L

The UCL Centre for Engineering Education is a leading innovator in the field of Engineering Education and is paving the way with research into change management, inclusivity and diversity and leadership.

- Support and training for staff
- Educational research



UCL Centre for Engineering Education

- Collaboration with other universities to develop curriculum
- Join between UCL Institute of education and UCL Engineering

