

UNIVERSITY OF YORK ARCHIVE

UOY/F/APB Academic Planning Board, 1960 – 1973

Appointed by the York University Promotion Committee (UOY/F/YUPC) in September 1960 on the recommendation of the University Grants Committee, the Board's terms of reference were: to consider arrangements for the maintenance of academic standards and the awarding of degrees; to consider the range of subjects offered and length and character of undergraduate courses; to prepare a petition for a royal charter for a university and to establish its governing body; and to select the first Vice-Chancellor.

The chairman of the Academic Planning Board was the Rt. Hon. Lord Robbins (Professor of Economics at the University of London), and the Secretary, John West-Taylor (Secretary, York Academic Trust). Other members were Professor W. Mansfield Cooper (Vice-Chancellor, Manchester University), Sir Francis Hill (President of Nottingham University Council and a solicitor), Lady Ogilvie (Principal of St Anne's College, Oxford), Mr H. Oldman (Chief Education Officer, York), Professor J.G. Wilson (Professor of Physics, Leeds University) and Sir William Hodge (Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge).

Among the subjects considered by the Board were the general character of the University, the collegiate system, proposed subjects of study, staff appointments, and the University's governance.

Following the formal incorporation of the University on 1 October 1963, the Board was succeeded by the University's Academic Advisory Committee (UOY/M/AA). Papers relating to the University's early academic development and the establishment of departments and courses can also be found in the Vice-Chancellor's correspondence and subject files (UOY/VC1).

UOY/F/APB/1 Minutes and Papers, 1960 – 1963

UOY/F/APB/1/1	6 Oct 1960 – 2 May 1963	Minutes (unsigned) Lack minutes for the meeting of 5 January 1961 (minutes 13-18). For an informal record of this meeting, see the report in UOY/F/APB/1/2.
UOY/F/APB/1/2	6 Oct 1960 – 2 May 1963	Records of meetings Partial transcripts of discussions, prepared for drafting minutes.

UOY/F/APB/1/3	Oct 1960 – Oct 1963	<p>Agenda</p> <p>Includes terms of reference, list and biographical details of members and notes circulated to members.</p>
UOY/F/APB/1/4	Oct 1960 – Apr 1963	<p>Memoranda and papers</p> <p>Includes papers circulated to Board, notes by the Chairman, the <i>Interim Report of the Academic Planning Board</i> (Apr 1961), notes relating to the first academic appointments.</p>

UOY/F/APB/2 Correspondence, 1960 – 1973

Correspondence files of the Board’s Secretary, Mr John West-Taylor (subsequently the University’s first Registrar).

UOY/F/APB/2/1	Oct 1960 – Nov 1963	<p>Correspondence, principally relating to staff appointments</p> <p>Access restricted under terms of Data Protection Act 1998.</p>
UOY/F/APB/2/2	Sep 1962 – Jul 1963	<p>Correspondence relating to drafting the charter and statutes</p> <p>See also: UOY/F/YUPC/3/1 and UOY/F/YUPC/3/3-4.</p>
UOY/F/APB/2/3	Feb 1961 – Jul 1973	<p>Correspondence, principally relating to staff appointments</p> <p>Includes draft of Board’s interim report to Promotion Committee.</p> <p>Access restricted under terms of Data Protection Act 1998.</p>
UOY/F/APB/2/4	Aug 1960 – Oct 1963	<p>Correspondence with Lord Robbins (Chair)</p>