

UCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 – DONOR NOMINEE



ROBERT DOWER

DONOR NOMINATORS

- Dr Reno Morar
- Mr Sam Paddock
- Registrar Emeritus Hugh Amooore

STATEMENT OF INTENT

UCT is a remarkable asset locally, nationally, and for the continent. I have benefited from it as an alum and a parent, I am proud to have been able to support it in a small way financially, and I think I can make a useful contribution as a member of Council.

There are many internal and external challenges facing the university. Some of them are in areas where I have relevant experience: in finance, in managing and motivating an executive team, dealing with technological change, or institutional and board governance. If I am elected you should expect me to contribute to the council's effectiveness in these areas, where I will bring a pragmatic, problem solving approach. I believe I am a good listener, and I am not shy to express my views.

There also are some important areas where I have less experience, for example in politics or academic governance. In these, you can expect me to be moderate, to listen carefully, and to speak plainly.

As a member of Council, in every aspect of the UCT's life and governance, I will serve with diligence and care, and act in the interests of the university's long-term future and sustainability.

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

WORK EXPERIENCE

Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropies, Cape Town
Executive Director (global) and Chair (Africa)

July 2020 to date

One of three executive directors responsible for the management of a global foundation, which owns a controlling stake in three asset management businesses and devotes the entire economic benefit of this ownership exclusively to philanthropy. Our work includes a combination of programmes working to foster entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs in Southern and East Africa, including the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation, which sponsors Allan Gray Fellows at universities in South Africa.

Allan Gray Group Limited, Cape Town
Executive Director (Chief Operating Officer from 2009 to 2018)

Aug 2003 to June 2020

Responsible (alongside a Chief Investment Officer) for the management of Allan Gray, a South African investment management company.

McKinsey & Company, London

1999 to Jul 2003

Consulting to international corporations on strategy and operations, managing combined teams of consultants and clients.

Unilever, Durban

1991 to 1997

Various roles in factories in Durban and Boksburg, ending as Factory Manager of a small soap and personal care products factory in Durban.

FIDUCIARY ROLES

For profit:

Allan Gray Group Limited, Orbis Holdings Limited, Orbis Allan Gray Limited

Non-profit:

Allan & Gill Gray Philanthropy Africa NPC (Chair), Allan & Gill Gray Foundation (Guardian), Allan Gray Orbis Foundation

Industry:

Association for Savings & Investment of South Africa (2009 – 2018, Vice Chair: 2013 to 2017)

EDUCATION

1998 **INSEAD, MBA** (with honours)

1986–1989 **University of Cape Town, BSc** (Mechanical Engineering)

INTERESTS

I have four children and a wonderful partner and am happily quite busy with family in my free time. Overlapping with this, I enjoy woodwork, playing bridge, running and cycling. I manage a small portfolio of investments in impactful businesses and charities.