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Senior Higher Education Executive | Dean | Academic Change Agent | Researcher

Current Role:

International Director, Narxoz Business School, Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Charged with developing and internationalizing Business School programmes and management as part of a major strategic investment in business education in the age of AI by the University.

Born in Scotland and with over 20 years of experience in higher education leadership across business, digital technologies (with a strong focus on AI since 2024), and social and environmental sciences, I have held senior management roles, including Vice President, Dean, and Executive Director of Academic Quality, at top institutions in Central Asia (KIMEP University, KBTU and Narxoz University).

My leadership is built on a foundation of rigorous research training and consulting expertise gained at the University of Glasgow, where I served as a Research Fellow for over a decade (1993–2004). This experience ingrained in me a commitment to total integrity, quality assurance, and innovative problem-solving, which has guided my career in higher education management.

Highlights.

- **Research & Consulting Foundation (1993-2004):** As a Research Fellow at the University of Glasgow's Training and Employment Research Unit, I produced consulting reports for government agencies, business organizations, and EU bodies, building my expertise in socioeconomic research, labor markets, and institutional development. This role laid the groundwork for my approach to data-driven decision-making, integrity, and evidence-based leadership.
- **Executive Director and Vice President, KIMEP University:** Spearheaded major organizational transformation initiatives, securing the university's international status and ensuring its long-term growth by enhancing quality assurance and program development in a challenging Central Asian environment (2004–2012).
- **Executive Director of Academic Quality, KIMEP University:** Successfully implemented quality management systems, resulting in the international accreditation of multiple academic programs, establishing KIMEP as a leading institution in the region (2014).
- **Strategic Leadership in Accreditation:** Played a pivotal role as Director of Accreditation and Institutional Research and Adviser to the President on Academic Quality at Narxoz University, achieving international institutional accreditation (FIBAA) and elevating the university's global rankings.
- **Multi-disciplinary Dean Experience:** Led the development of innovative programs across various fields as Dean of Kazakh-British Technical University Business School, and Dean of the School of Digital Technologies and School of Society, Technology, and Environment at Narxoz University. These roles involved growing student enrollment, developing cutting-edge programs, and achieving international accreditations.
- **AI expertise:** Development of high level AI orchestration skills in research and organizational design since 2023. Creation of AI agents for curriculum assessment, management of AI risk in education, pedagogy, organizational development and personnel management. Development of frameworks to support AI adoption and impact assessment in business. Development of network of expertise with AI experts in world class business schools and Silicon Valley. Launched and



delivered phase one of a program to establish a world class AI research programme (since 2025).

Research & Academic Contributions.

As an active researcher and faculty member, I have researched and taught in the fields of strategic management, urban and regional economic development, and the impacts of AI on education, society and business. Other areas of interest have focused on the socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, energy management, and academic freedom in higher education.

Leadership Values.

My career is built on the values of integrity, mutual respect, and a commitment to quality education, which were instilled during my foundational years at the University of Glasgow. These values have driven my efforts to secure international accreditation, enhance global rankings, and lead institutions through complex transformations.

Key Roles.

- Research Fellow, University of Glasgow (1993–2004)
- Vice President, KIMEP University (2004–2012)
- Executive Director of Academic Quality, KIMEP University (2014)
- Dean, Kazakh-British Technical University Business School (2014–2018)
- Dean, School of Society, Technology, and the Environment, Narxoz University (2018–2021)
- Dean, School of Digital Technologies, Narxoz University (2021)
- Adviser to the President on Academic Quality, Narxoz University (2021–2023)
- Director of Accreditation and Institutional Research, Narxoz University (2023–2024)
- International Director, Narxoz Business School (2024–Present)

EDUCATION

1991	MA (Hons) (Social Science) University of Glasgow.
1993	MSc. (Urban Development) University of Strathclyde.
1999	PhD in Management (Impact of Attempts to Involve the Private Sector in the Management of Urban Regeneration Partnerships), University of Glasgow

CAREER TIMELINE

1993-2004	Research Fellow in Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, Training and Employment Research Unit (TERU), School of Business and Management, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom
2004-2005	Chair, Management and Marketing Department, Associate Professor of Management, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2005	Associate Dean, Associate Professor of Management, Bang College of Business, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2005-2006	Interim Dean, College of Continuing Education, Associate Professor of Management, Bang College of Business KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2006-2009	Executive Director, Office of the President, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2006-2007	Acting Director, Kazakhstan Development Center, Office of the President, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2009-2012	Vice President Planning and Development and Executive Director, Office of the President, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2012-2014	Associate Professor of Management, Bang College of Business, KIMEP



	University.
2013-2014	Executive Director of Academic Quality, KIMEP University, Kazakhstan
2014-2018	Dean of Kazakh-British Technical University Business School (KBS), Director of Kazakh-British Competitiveness Centre, Associate Professor of Management
2018-2021	Dean of Society, Technology and the Environment, Narxoz University, Acting Dean, Narxoz Business School (8/2019-2/2020), Adviser to the Rector on international accreditation (5/2019-present), Professor of Management Sciences
2021	Dean of School of Digital Technologies, Narxoz University. Adviser to the Rector on international accreditation (5/2019-present), Professor of Management, Adviser to the Rector on international accreditation
2021-2023	Adviser to the President on Academic Quality, Narxoz University
2023-2024	Director of Accreditation and Institutional Research, Narxoz University
2024 – present	International Director, Narxoz Business School