



Council

Monday 6 November 2023 at 2:00pm

Council Room, South Wing / via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present Members:

Victor Chu CBE (Chair); Professor David Attwell; Professor Stephanie Bird; Dominic Blakemore; Roger Blundell; Professor Jon Butterworth; Shaban Chaudhary; Phil Clark (Minutes 1 – 14); Tina Harris; Tania Holt (Minutes 1 – 11 & 13 – 29); Dr Sandra Leaton Gray; Mary McHarg; Turlogh O'Brien CBE; Professor Helen Roberts; Lord Sharkey; Dr Michael Spence; Dr Justin Turner KC (Minutes 1 – 7 &

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- d. In respect of Minute 21 the interest of members of Nominations Committee in any decision concerning their appointment to Council's standing committees and their sub-

- c. The establishment of a data framework to inform academic planning for shape, and the measurement of financial sustainability of teaching and research would be further considered by UMC.
- d. The President and Provost informed Council that a review of professional services functions across the University was underway: the proposed next steps would be brought to Council in due course.

7.3. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. The President and Provost confirmed to Council that legal employment advice was to be sought as part of the disciplinary procedures reform.
- b. Council noted the need for clarity that the impetus for any review of EDI was to be as driven by the institution, not as a result of any external pressure to do so.
- c. It was noted by Council that work on strategy would need to be holistic with a focus on excellence of standards as well as growth.
- d. Giving context to the Student Life Strategy, Council noted the benefit of student experience in some territories, notably the United States of America and Australia.
- e. Council agreed that the development of the strategic plan was at a point where the best outcome would be achieved through advice provided by Council on priorities identified within the strategy, rather than involvement in informing the strategy. It was agreed that a small number of strategic priorities would be identified to be considered by Council in depth at future meetings.

7.4. Council noted the year in review and discussed the year in preview.

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9. Confidential: Financial performance 2022/23 (1-05)

- 9.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 9.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 9.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

10. Confidential: Dr Williams's Library and Henry Morley Building acquisition proposal (1-06)

- 10.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 10.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 10.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 10.4. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 10.5. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

11. SU UCL 130th anniversary update

- 11.1. Shaban Chaudhary, Education Officer, Students' Union UCL, and Mary McHarg, Union Affairs Officer, Students' Union UCL, presented an oral update on the SU UCL's 130th anniversary.
- 11.2. During discussion the following points were raised:
 - a. Council noted the national and international engagement of SU UCL.
 - b. Events had been held on 18 October 2023 to mark the anniversary.
Thanks were noted to the Chair of Council for providing the foreword to a

24. Confidential: Acceptance of donation and legacy policy (1-17)

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28. To Receive the Following Committee Minutes:

Audit Committee Confirmed Minutes, 23 June 2023 (1-26)

28.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Finance Committee Confirmed Minutes, 18 July 2023 (1-27)

28.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Finance Committee Confirmed Minutes, 15 August 2023 (1-28)

28.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Finance Committee Confirmed Minutes, 11 September 2023 (1-29)

28.4. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Audit Committee Unconfirmed Minutes, 19 October 2023 (1-30)

28.5. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

29. Date of the Next Meeting

29.1. The date of the next meeting of Council would be 11 December 2023.

Edward Hossack, Assistant Secretary to Council
November 2023