



*Key to abbreviations used in these Minutes:*



5 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

*[see also Minutes 9 and 17 below]*

5A **Statute 18**

*[Council Minute 99, 2012-13]*

***Discussion***

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**Reported**

6.3 The Provost, paying tribute to the achievements of his predecessor, Professor Sir Malcolm Grant, cited , as reflected in the Council White Paper, its outstanding research performance, and its interdisciplinary strengths as platforms on which a world-leading position could be developed and sustained. An SMT away day, also involving a number of Council members and senior UCL officers, had been scheduled for late November 2013 with a view to further developing and -term strategy.

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authorise UCL to proceed towards developing a Memorandum of Understanding but with no financial commitment being sought at this stage.

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The Provost identified a need to ensure alignment between the academic community, the Senior Management Team and the Council. To that end, he proposed that academic Vice-Provosts henceforth be invited to be in attendance at Council meetings, in order both

## 7 VICE PROVOST (RESEARCH) REPORT

### *Received*

- 7.1 APPENDIX C 1/04 (13-14) a report by Professor David Price, Vice-Provost (Research).

### *Reported*

- 7.2 UCL had achieved an 11% increase in its research spend over the past 12 months, with grant awards from the EPSRC and ESRC reaching record levels. The overall level of new awards had surpassed £400m, so it was reasonable to predict further growth in research spend for at least the next two years. The rapid growth in the numbers of contracted researchers from 1,900 to 2,500 over the past five years was likely to continue, with clear implications for space.
- 7.3 The REF submission at the end of November was currently expected to include 2,305 FTE staff, which equated to 95% of those eligible for selection as research active. This represented an increase of 25% over the RAE 2008. With reference to a recent report<sup>2</sup> in the Times Higher Education (THE) on the appointment of 0.2FTE academic staff in advance of the REF census date (of 31 October 2013), Professor Price reported that UCL had 43 such staff, of whom only a few had a contract due to end in the current calendar year.
- 7.4 UCL had fallen four places (from seventeenth to twenty-first) in the THE World University Rankings 2013-14. This was principally due to a methodological change and probably reflected to some extent a relative lack of public awareness of UCL overseas and/or confusion over the University of London structure, particularly in South-East Asia.
- 7.5 Professor Price noted a shift in government funding methodology from the recurrent model towards one-off capital grants. This had clear implications for the planned use of any surplus.

### *Discussion*

- 7.6 The Office of the Vice-Provost (Research) was working with Human Resources and its Organisational Development team to implement a career development programme for contract researchers. It was suggested that funds should be made available to provide temporary research assistant support for staff returning from maternity leave.
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- 9.5 Welfare checks at either end of a period of interruption of study were being introduced, with medically qualified advisers assisting with decision-making about fitness for study.
- 9.6 The new academic year had seen a 28% increase in students registering with Student Psychological Services. 1,872 students had registered with Student Disability Services, compared with 1,270 in 2012-13. It was thought likely that the increase was at least partly due to the effective promotion to the student community of Student Support and Wellbeing Services.
- 9.7 It was agreed, at the suggestion of the Provost, that arrangements would be made for Council members to visit the less satisfactory UCL student residences to see the nature of the issues at stake.

**Discussion**

- 9.8 In response to a question regarding the future of the UCL Dental Centre, the Vice-Provost (Operations) confirmed that the plan was for Gower Place was not due to expire for another two years.
- 9.9 Council noted the developments described in the report.

**10 REVISED DISCIPLINARY CODE AND PROCEDURE**

*[Council Minute 101, 2012-13]*

**Received**

- 10.1 APPENDIX C 1/06 (13-14) proposals for revision of the Disciplinary Code and Procedure in respect of students.
- 10.2 It was proposed that Council approve the necessary updating of the Disciplinary Code and Procedure changes and that a further revised document be submitted to the Council meeting of 25 March 2014 for approval, via the Academic Board meeting of 19 February 2014, following a review of Code and Procedure by a working group set up for that purpose.

**RESOLVED**

- 10.3 **That the amended Disciplinary Code and Procedure in respect of Students as set out at Annexe 1 to Appendix C 1/06 (13-14) be approved with immediate effect.**
- 10.4 **That Council set up a working group, as proposed in Appendix C 1-06 (13-14), and charge the working group to submit a further revised Disciplinary Code and Procedure to the Council meeting on 25 March 2014 for approval, following consultation with the UCL Union and on the advice of the Academic Board meeting of 19 February 2014.**

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<b>Matters for approval or information</b>
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11 **REGULATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT**

*Received*

- 11.1 APPENDIX C 1/08 (13-14) (with Annexe 1) proposed amendments to UCL Regulation for Management 15.

**RESOLVED**

- 11.2 **That the amendments to Regulation for Management 15 detailed at Annexe 1 to APPENDIX C 1/08 (13-14) be approved.**

12 **INDEPENDENCE OF CLERKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL**

*Received*

- 12.1 APPENDIX C 1/09 (13-14) a proposal for Council to confirm its satisfaction with the independence of its clerking arrangements in the period of 1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013.

**RESOLVED**

- 12.2 **That the Council confirm its satisfaction with the independence of its clerking arrangements for the last 12 months.**

13 **UCL PARTNERS**

*Received*

- 13.1 APPENDIX C 1/10 (13-14) a proposal to admit LSHTM as a

**RESOLVED**

- 13.2 **That the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine be admitted as a Founding Member of UCL Partners.**

14 **PANEL OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

*Received*

- 14.1 APPENDIX C 1/11 (13-14) the proposed panel membership of persons independent of UCL, from among whom external members of student grievance and appeal panels, of the Discipline Committee, of the Discipline Review Body and other relevant bodies would be chosen.

