



COUNCIL

Tuesday 11 February 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Sir Stephen Wall (*Chair*)

Professor Michael Arthur
(*President and Provost*)
Mr Mohammed Zayyan Butt
Ms Philippa Foster-Back
Mr Keir Gallagher
Mr Simon Melliss (

Professor David Attwell
Mr Ven Balakrishnan
Lord Clement-Jones
Dr Martin Fry
Dr Saladin Meckled-Garcia

Dr Stephanie Schorge
Baroness Warwick

Professor Nick Tyler

In attendance: Professor Steve Caddick (Vice-Provost (Enterprise)); Mr Phil Harding (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Ms Lori Houlihan (Director of Development and Alumni Relations) [*for Minute 58*]; Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Mr Nick McGhee (Assistant Secretary to Council); Ms Jennie Moule (Deputy Director of Development and Alumni Relations) [*for Minute 58*]; Mr Tim Perry (Secretary to Council); Professor David Price (Vice-Provost (Research)); Mr Adrian Punaks (Deputy Director of Development and Alumni Relations) [*for Minute 58*]; Professor Anthony Smith (Vice-Provost (Education)); Professor Sir John Tooke (Vice-Provost (Health)).

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Carol Lake, Professor Chris Thompson and Professor Maria Wyke.

<p style="text-align: center;">Preliminary Formal Business</p>

54 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Noted

- 54.1 Any member of Council who had (or who knew of a family member who had) a material, personal, financial or other beneficial interest in any item on the Agenda was requested to declare that interest at the beginning of the meeting in order that such declaration could be recorded in these Minutes. No such interests were declared.

55 **MINUTES**

55A **Council Minutes**

Approved

- 55A.1 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 27 November 2013 [Council Minutes 21-53, 2013-14] were confirmed by Council and signed by the Chair, subject to the amendment of Minute 24 (and associated amendment of APPENDIX C 2/17 (13-14) as recorded at APPENDIX C 3/46 (13-14)).

55B **Finance Committee Minutes**

Noted

- 55B.1 The unconfirmed draft Minutes

Matters for discussion

about the scale of a possible uplift in the contribution from employers and members.

57D **UCL Strategy 2034**
[Council Minute 24.2, 2013-14]

Reported

57D.1 A draft UCL Strategy for the next 20 years was nearing completion and would be circulated to Council members ahead of the away day on 24 February [see Minute 64 below].

57E **Teaching and Learning Space**

Reported

57E.1 A Task and Finish Group had been established to address the issue of the provision of teaching and learning space. In addition, the Provost reported the following specific developments:

- UCL purchase Bidborough House from the London Borough of Camden [Council Minute 49A.1, 2013-14 refers] had been successful and the purchase was being finalised. The flexibility created by the purchase presented significant opportunities for the provision of additional teaching space, either through the conversion of Bidborough House into teaching space or by making space available elsewhere on campus;
- UCL had rationalised its *ad hoc* booking of teaching rooms at Birkbeck into an agreement securing the use of 24 teaching rooms five days a week from 9am to 5pm;
- consideration was also being given to the conversion of a small number of additional rooms at 188 Tottenham Court Road and Astor College for teaching purposes.

57F **National Student Survey**
[Council Minute 26, 2013-14]

Reported

57F.1 The response rate from UCL students in the NSS 2014 was currently approximately double that at the same stage last year.

58 **UCL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**
[Council Minute 61, 2013-14]

Discussion

- 58.3 The target figure would not be finalised for another 6-12 months, although it would certainly be one of the largest HE campaign targets in Europe and clearly more than the £300m achieved by the Campaign for UCL in 2012. Council noted that it was not uncommon for the target to be revised part-way through a campaign. Although the symbolic significance of the target figure was important, it was essential to set a figure which could realistically be achieved. The campaign would finish

and of the 229 UCLU clubs and societies. Current priorities included a focus on increased interaction with under-represented demographics, improving participation in UCLU elections, and ensuring that the Union adapted appropriately to the changing student landscape.

Discussion

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their Student Union had been disappointing, although at the sector average. UCLU was looking into the surprisingly wide variation in responses on this issue between students of different departments. Although the NSS data were not helpful in explaining the reasons for the result,

64 **COUNCIL/SMT AWAY DAY**

Noted

64.1 APPENDIX C 3/56 (13-14) a summary of the timetable for the Away Day scheduled to take place on 24 February 2014.

65 **HEFCE ANNUAL ASSURANCE RETURN**

Noted

65.1 APPENDIX C 3/57 (13-14)