

Council

Thursday 13 July 2023 at 2:00pm

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Present Members:

Victor Chu CBE (present and Chair for Minutes 118-129 and present and Chair for Minutes 131-142); Hamza Ahmed; Deniz Akinci; Professor Stephanie Bird; Dominic Blakemore (present and Chair for Minute 130); Professor Jon Butterworth; Dr Alun

Christine Ohuruogu MBE; Professor Helen Roberts; Professor Ralf Schoepfer; Dr Michael Spence; Dr Justin Turner KC; Sarah Whitney (for Minutes 123-142).

Apologies:

Aimie Chapple; Phil Clark; Tina Harris; Lord Sharkey.

In attendance:

Natasha Lewis, General Counsel

For Minutes 118-129 and 131-142: Roger Blundell; Charu Gorasia, Chief Financial Officer; Dr Clare Goudy, Chief of Staff; Dr Sandra Leaton Gray; Mary McHarg.

For Minutes 123-129 and 131-142: Professor Anthony Smith, Vice-Provost (Faculties).

For Minute 124: Paul Clark, Vice-President (Strategy).

For Minute 126: Clare Foyle, Strategy Delivery Account Manager, Office of the Vice-President (Strategy).

For Minute 127: Dr Patrick Ward, Interim Executive Director of Health and Safety; Max Hill, Director of Workplace Health.

For Minute 128: Adrien Cooper, Director of Campus Infrastructure and Operations; Ian Dancy, Executive Director of Operations.

For Minute 129: Professor Kathy Armour, Vice-Provost (Education and Student Experience); Donna Dalrymple, Chief People Officer; Zak Liddell, Director of Education Services, Student and Registry Services.

Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion

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123.1. Dr Michael Spence, President
to Council.

123.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. The Provost agreed to confirm whether the voluntary resignation scheme offered to UCL security staff was on equivalent terms to that offered to UCL employees.
- b. A member of Council stated that they had been receiving email correspondence of concern directly from the I

security services: the Provost agreed to investigate with Security.

- c. The Provost informed Council that a joint statement was due to be received from Unison and Bidvest Noonan in connection with the transformation of security services which would be shared with Council.
- d. Council noted that the context of any branding changes as an outcome of the integration of the School of Slavonic and East European Studies in the approach to bicentenary celebrations.
- e. Responding to a question from Council concerning any increased expenditure connected to the provision of mental health support, the Provost confirmed to Council that staff numbers in Student Services were being increased (23.3 FTE for Disability Mental Health and Wellbeing and 8 FTE in Student Psychological Counselling Services) from the start of the forthcoming academic year.

123.3.

- b. Since distribution of the Report to Council, the Director of Workplace Health informed Council that funding had been secured to support staff mental health awareness and the work of the Mental Health Feedback group.
- c. Provost reported to Council a recent incident in the School of Pharmacy. As a result a process was underway to investigate notification systems: Council would be provided further information in its next Workplace Health and Safety Report.

127.3. Council noted the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

128. Confidential: Fire Safety Update (7-07)

128.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

128.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

128.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

129. Confidential: Marking and Assessment Boycott

129.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

129.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

129.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

130. Chair of Council: reappointment as appointed member of Council and Chair of Council (7-09)

130.1. The Chair of Council absented himself from the meeting. Vice-Chair of Council Dominic Blakemore acted as meeting chair for this item on the agenda.

130.2. David Pacey, University Secretary, presented the paper, which proposed reappointment of the Chair of Council as an Appointed Member for a third term and Chair of Council for a period of three years from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2027.

130.3. The following points were raised in discussion:

- a. provided to the President and Provost and to Council Committee

- b. Council considered that a review of future reappointment processes would be beneficial as part of any governance effectiveness review following the appointment of David Pacey as University Secretary. The process of providing feedback to the Chair of Council would be included as part of this governance review process overall.
- 130.4. Council approved that Victor Chu CBE be appointed for a third term as an Appointed Member of Council and Chair of Council for a period of three years from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2027.

Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information

131. **Confidential: Recommendations of Nominations Committee concerning membership of Council Committees from 1 October 2023 (7-10)**

