

## COUNCIL

Tuesday 14 February 2017

### MINUTES

*PRESENT:*

Dame DeAnne Julius (*Chair*)

Professor Michael Arthur  
(*President and Provost*)

Professor Lucie Clapp  
Professor David Coen

Dr Martin Fry

Mr Simon Melliss

Ms Lindsay Nicholson

Baroness Valentine

Dr Andrew Wills

Mr Ven Balakrishnan

Ms Halima Begum

Lord Clement-Jones

Professor Annette Dolphin

Dr John Hurst

Mr Zakariya Mohran

Mr Philip Sturrock (*Treasurer*)

Baroness Warwick (*Vice-chair*)

*In attendance:* Ms Wendy Appleby (Secretary to Council); Dame Nicola Brewer (Vice-Provost (International)); Dr Celia Caulcott (Vice-Provost (Enterprise and London)); Mr Philip Harding (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Professor David Lomas (Vice-Provost (Health)); Mr Nick McGhee (Assistant Secretary to Council); Professor David Price (Vice-Provost (Research)).

Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Dominic Blakemore; Dr Andrew Gould; Mrs Lori Houlihan (Vice-Provost (Development)); Ms Nahid Majid; Professor Anthony Smith (Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs)).

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Preliminary

Article 13(1)(c) of the UCL Constitution (16 Feb 2017)

41 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

41.1 No interests were declared.

42 **MINUTES**

42.1 In respect of Minute 24, it was noted that the CUC Code specified that approval of the Annual Report and Financial Statements was reserved to the Governing Body for collective decision without delegation (para. 3.7). The Secretary advised that the procedure followed in respect of the Financial Statements for 2015-16 (discussion of the unaudited statements followed by email consultation on the audited statements and then Chair's action to approve on that basis) was consistent with the CUC guidance in that Council had not delegated it to one of its committees, such as the Finance or Audit Committee.

42.2 **Approved:** the M

and Interventional Sciences. UCL had also been selected as the hub for the new £250m UK Dementia Research Institute.

**44C Queen Square House**

44C.1 At a future meeting Council would be invited to consider proposals for the redevelopment of Queen Square House. The Provost had been working with the Dean of the Faculty of Brain Sciences and the Director of the Institute of Neurology over arrangements for the decant of staff necessary for the redevelopment to take place. An external report into arrangements in respect of the P-Block at Clare Hall [*Council Minute 17, 2016-17*] had recently made a number of recommendations, following a review of the views of project licence holders.

44C.2 Council discussed arrangements around the relocation costs associated with the project.

**44D Fossil Free UCL**

44D.1 The Provost had recently met with representatives of the Fossil Free UCL Campaign, and had received a petition from 2,000 students. The Campaign was not satisfied that the decision to move UCL's investments into a segregated fund mirroring the Sarasin Climate Active Endowment Fund [*Council Minute 78, 2015-16*] adequately allayed their concerns. A meeting was being arranged for the Provost, representatives of the campaign, and colleagues from the Faculty of Engineering Sciences, to discuss the issues.

**44E Higher Education Bill**

44E.1 The Higher Education Bill was approaching the report stage in the House of Lords. There was some reason to hope that the issues identified concerning university autonomy would be addressed. The Provost and other leaders in the sector had held meetings with the Minister for Universities and Science and there had been some recognition in recent weeks of the view that NSS metrics had been overplayed in the TEF. There was reason to be optimistic that a small number of amendments to the bill would be secured. The appointment of Professor Sir Mark Wolpert as Chief Executive of UK Research and Innovation was noted.

**44F Brexit**

44F.1 The Provost had recently written to all staff and students following the House of Commons' passing of the government bill allowing Article 50 to be triggered, and to draw attention to assurances given in a letter from the Home Secretary, dated 6 February 2017, regarding the future residency rights of EU citizens.

**45 UCL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION REPORT**

[*PAPER 3-32, 2016-17*]

[*Professor Becky Francis, Director, UCL Institute of Education, was in attendance for this item.*]

45.1 The UCL Institute of Education (IoE) was widely recognised as the international leader in its field, and had been ranked first in Education in the QS World University Rankings for three consecutive years. Professor Francis drew attention to a number of successes since the merger

postgraduate applications and international students; winning the tender for provision of the

47.2 In respect of the proposed amend302.59 770.52 Tm2



54 **UCL EQUALITY CHAMPIONS**  
*[PAPER 3-42, 2016-17]*

- 54.1 **Received** – a note on the arrangements for Council and SMT Equality Champions. The Council champions were currently: John Hurst (LGBTQ+); Martin Fry (Disability); Diana Warwick (Gender, to 30.09.17); Annette Dolphin (Gender, from 01.10.17).

55 **MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**  
*[PAPER 3-43, 2016-17]*

- 55.1 **Received** – a note of minutes of Council committees received since the last report.

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