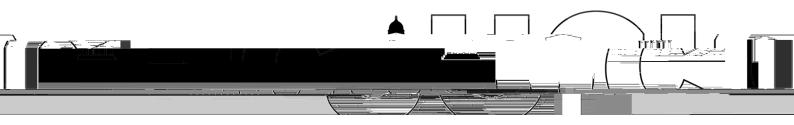
LONDON'S GLOBAL UNIVERSITY



COUNCIL

Tuesday 20 May 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Sir Stephen Wall (Chair)

Professor Michael Arthur (President and Provost) Mr Mohammed Zayyan Butt Ms Philippa Foster-Back Mr Keir Gallagher Professor David Attwell Mr Ven Balakrishnan Lord Clement-Jones Dr Martin Fry

Preliminary Formal Business

98 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Noted

98.1 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.

Reported

98.2 The Chair requested that members inform the Secretary of any

changes to their entry in the Register of Interests, last updated in

October 2013.

99 MINUTES

99A Minutes of the last meeting

Approved

99A.1 The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 March 2014 [Council

Minutes 76-97, 2013-14] were confirmed by Council and signed by the

Chair.

100 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

[See Minutes 101 and 103 below]

Matters for discussion

101 PROVOST'S BUSINESS

Received

101.1 An oral report from Professor Michael Arthur, President and Provost.

101A Appointments

Reported

101A.1 The Provost drew attention to two recent key decanal appointments:

Professor Nick Brook (University of Bristol) as Dean of the Faculty of

Mathematical and Physical Sciences, in succession to Professor Richard Catlow, and Professor Geraint Rees (Institute of Cognitive Neuroscience, UCL) as Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, in succession to Professor Mary Collins.

101B National Student Survey

[Council Minute 57F, 2013-14]

Reported

101B.1 of 74% was

above the national average for the first time, and was a significant improvement on the 62% response achieved in 2013. The Provost thanked Deans, Heads of Departments and the UCLU Sabbatical Officers for their hard work in achieving this result.

101C UCL 2034

[Council Minute 57D, 2013-14]

Reported

101C.1

The consultation process on UCL 2034 was now drawing to a close. Useful discussions had taken place at meetings of Academic Committee and Academic Board on 8 and 14 May respectively. The Provost commended in particular the feedback from the UCLU Sabbatical Officers. It was intended that a final draft be submitted to the SMT and then to the Council meeting on 8 July 2014.

101D Integrated Planning Exercise

Reported

101D.1

An integrated planning exercise, incorporating a significantly greater element of academic input than in previous planning rounds, was now under way. The exercise had revealed a general anticipation of additional academic posts that was not consistent with the budgetary realities. The planning exercise would inform the budget that was due to be submitted to the Council meeting on 8 July 2014.

101E Olympic Park

[Council Minute 97, 2013-14]

Reported

101E.1

The Interim Business Case for the Olympic Park project would be submitted to the Finance Committee meeting of 10 June and the Council meeting of 8 July. A feasibility project had been initiated in respect of the principal philanthropic prospects.

Discussion

101.2 A Council member requested that at a future meeting the Provost include, , a summary of his view of the five

principal risks facing the institution. This was agreed.

the UK on staff FTEs. Two serious issues were highlighted in the report: the disappointing completion rates for staff appraisals, and the success rates of job applicants from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds. Council was urged to remain mindful however of what could realistically be achieved within the legal framework and against Progress had to be evolutionary.

Discussion

Progress in this area had to be a high priority; Council attached importance to the implementation of the new arrangements whereby Vice-Provosts and Deans had responsibility under their objectives for achieving that progress. The Chair would not necessarily characterise

view, to be radical. The decline in completion of staff appraisals was inexcusable.

106 INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

Received

106.1

APPENDIX C 5/81 (13-14) an update on the proposed merger of the Institute of Education and UCL, with a proposal that the parties move to formal negotiations on the merger.

Discussion

106.2

The student unions of the two institutions were autonomous bodies and it would be for them to decide on their preferred arrangements if the merger were to proceed. In view of the intention to effect a minimal change from the date of merger, however, it was anticipated that the two unions would continue to operate as distinct bodies for the remainder of the academic year 2014-15.

RESOLVED – on recommendation of Academic Board

106.3

That Council approve the recommendation that UCL continue with negotiations, undertake due diligence and carry out whatever other steps the Provost considers necessary with preparing for potential merger, as outlined at APPENDIX C 5/81 (13-14).

Matters for approval or information

107 REPLACEMENT OF CENTRALISED COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Received

107.1

APPENDIX C 5/82 (13-14) a note summarising Centralised Complaints Procedure (CCP) and proposing its discontinuation with effect from 1 June 2014, subject to implementation with effect from the same date of arrangements set out for dealing with complaints about UCL from those who were not current staff or students of UCL.

RESOLVED

That the discontinuation of the Centralised Complaints Procedure with effect from 1 June 2014 be approved.

108 **REGULATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT**

Received

108.1 APPENDIX C 5/83 (13-14) proposed amendments to UCL Regulation

for Management 9 which governs the award of UCL Honorary Degrees

and Honorary Fellowships.

RESOLVED – on recommendation of the Provost

108.2 That the proposed amendments to UCL Regulation for Management

9 be approved.

109 LAY MEMBERSHIP OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received

RESOLVED – on recommendation of Academic Board

111.2 That the effectiveness review of the Lead Officer arrangements at APPENDIX C 5/86 (13-14) be approved.

112 HEFCE ASSESSMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL RISK

Received

112.1 APPENDIX C 5/87 (13-14) a letter from the Chief Executive of

113 AWARDS AND HONOURS

Noted

113.1 APPENDIX C 5/88 (13-14) the details of awards, appointments, elections and honours relating to UCL staff since the last report to Council.

114 CHAIR'S ACTION

Noted

114.1 APPENDIX C 5/89 (13-14) details of action taken by the Chair on behalf of Council since the previous update.

115 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Noted

The next meeting of Council was scheduled for Tuesday 8 July at 4pm.

Nick McGhee Acting Secretary to Council May 2014