

COUNCIL

Thursday 21 May 2015

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dame DeAnne Julius (Chair)

Professor Michael Arthur (President and Provost)	Professor David Attwell
Lord Clement-Jones	Mr Ven Balakrishnan
Dr Martin Fry	Professor David Coen
Mr Omar Khan	Dr John Hurst
Ms Nahid Majid	Mr Lukmaan Kolia
Mr Simon Melliss (Treasurer)	Dr Saladin Meckled-Garcia
Ms Vivienne Parry	Ms Lindsay Nicholson
Mr Philip Sturrock	Dr Gill Samuels
Baroness Warwick	Baroness Valentine

In attendance: Ms Wendy Appleby (Secretary to Council); Dame Nicola Brewer (Vice-Provost (International)); Professor Nick Brook (Dean, Faculty of Mathematical and Physical Sciences); Professor Stephen Caddick (Vice-Provost (Enterprise and London)); Professor Anthony Finkelstein (Dean, Faculty of Engineering Sciences); Mr Philip Harding (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Professor Chris Husbands (Vice-Provost (Academic Development)); Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Mr Nick McGhee (Assistant Secretary to Council); Professor Alan Penn (Dean, Faculty of the Built Environment); Professor Sir John Tooke (Vice-Provost (Health)).

Apologies for absence were received from: Professor David Price, Professor Anthony Smith, and Professor Nick Tyler.

Key to abbreviations used in these Minutes:

BEAMS	School of the Built Environment, Engineering, and Mathematical & Physical Sciences
HE	Higher Education
HEFCE	Higher Education Funding Council for England
IoE	UCL Institute of Education
QR	Quality Research funding
QS	Quacquarelli Symonds [world university rankings]
REF	Research Excellence Framework
URAP	University Ranking by Academic Performance

Preliminary Formal Business

48 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

48.1 No interests were declared.

49 MINUTES

49.1 **Approved:** the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 February 2015 [Council Minutes 33-47, 2014-15], confirmed by Council and signed by the Chair.

50 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

[see Minutes 51 and 54 below]

Matters for discussion

51 PROVOST'S BUSINESS

51A UCL Australia
[Council Minute 42, 2014-15]

51A.1 The consultation on the future of UCL Australia had now ended. UCL had concluded that it should cease independent operations in Australia from 2017, and was now working on building a partnership with the University of South Australia. The arrangements for the future of the students concerned had been satisfactorily assured.

51B University League Tables

51B.1 UCL had placed fifth equal with Oxford in the QS World University Rankings 2015. The UCL Institute of Education had been ranked first in its subject sector. UCL had also been ranked sixth in the world by the new informatics-based University Ranking by Academic Performance (URAP) tables.

51C Implications of the General Election 2015 for HE
[Council Minute 36F, 2014-15]

51C.1 The unexpectedly conclusive outcome of the General Election had sidestepped concerns over Labour's plans to fund the shortfall resulting from a cut in the maximum student fee to £6,000, but a number of significant uncertainties around the future of the sector remained. These included the possible indexation of the student fee, potentially as part of an HE bill that would seek to sweep up a number of outstanding issues across the sector; the impact of any immigration reforms on the recruitment of

54.3 Council members welcomed the proposals in the paper.

Matters for approval or information

55 RENAMING OF ACADEMIC UNIT

60 INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION STUDENTS' UNION
[PAPER 4-45, 2014-15]

60.1 **Received** – proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Institute of Education Students' Union.

60.2 Council noted that the matter of the merger of the IoE Students' Union with UCLU would be on the agenda for the meeting of 9 July 2015.

RESOLVED

60.3 That the proposed amendments to the Institute of Education Students' Union Constitution be approved.

61 LIBRARY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
[PAPER 4-46, 2014-15]

61.1 **Received** – the annual report of the Library Committee for 2013-14.

62 HEFCE ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT
[PAPER 4-47, 2014-15]

62.1 **Received** – the HEFCE annual assessment of institutional risk, dated 24 March 2015. HEFCE's assessment was that UCL was not at higher risk.

63 CHAIR'S ACTION ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL
[PAPER 4-48, 2014-15]

63.1 **Received**