



Council

Thursday 16 February 2023, 2:00pm

Council Room, South Wing with facilities to join the meeting online via Teams

Minutes

Present Members:

Dominic Blakemore (Chair for Minutes 46 – 63); Victor Chu CBE (Chair for Minute 64 and present for Minutes 46 – 52 and 64); Deniz Akinci; Hamza Ahmed; Professor Stephanie Bird (For Minutes 46 – 52 and 64); Professor Jon Butterworth; Phil Clark (For Minutes 46 – 52 and 64); Dr Alun Coker; Dr Martin Fry; Tina Harris; Tania Holt; Lindsay Nicholson; Christine Ohuruogu; Turlogh O'Brien CBE; Professor Helen Roberts; Professor Ralf Schoepfer; Dr Michael Spence; Dr Justin Turner KC (For Minutes 46 – 52 and 64); Sarah Whitney.

Attendees:

For Minutes 46 – 64: Natasha Lewis, General Counsel
For Minutes 46 – 64: Charu Gorasia, Chief Financial Officer
For Minutes 46 – 64: Clare Goudy, Chief of Staff
For Minutes 46 – 64: Professor Anthony Smith, Vice-Provost (Faculties)
For Minutes 46 – 64: Andy Smith, Interim Vice-President (Operations)
For Minutes 50 – 51: Stephen Glover, Director of Financial Planning & Analysis
For Minute 50: Professor Patrick Haggard, Student Numbers Planning Task and Finish Group, Co-Chair
For Minute 50: Audrey Fenwick, Senior Management Accountant
For Minutes 50 – 51: Paul Clark, Vice-President (Strategy)
For Minutes 50 – 51 and for Minute 54: Ian Dancy, Executive Director, Estates Operations
For Minute 54: Tracy Smith, Director of Campus Experience and Commercial Services

Apologies:

Lord Sharkey

Officer(s):

Anne Marie O'Mullane, Interim Secretary to Council
Olivia Whiteley, Governance Officer

Part I: Preliminary Business

46. Operation of the Meeting and Congratulations

- 46.1. While this meeting was in-person, there were some members of Council participating by video conference, using tools that enabled all members to see and hear each other simultaneously. The meeting was confirmed as quorate and decisions would be ratified by Chair's Action after the meeting.
- 46.2. Victor Chu CBE explained the reasons why Dominic Blakemore would be chairing the Council meeting once Council had considered the Any Other Business item, which would be taken as the first item.
- 46.3. Victor Chu CBE extended congratulations to the Students' Union UCL and UCL Turkish Society for their work in supporting the Turkey-Syria earthquake relief effort. UK Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak had visited and assisted students who were boxing up relief items collected as part of the collection drive.

47. Declarations of Interest

- 47.1. The Chair of Council invited Council members to declare any new interests they may have or any interests they had in the items being considered at the meeting.
- 47.2. Professor Ralf Schoepfer declared his interest in Item 9.

48. Minutes of the last meeting (3-01)

- 48.1. Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2022 subject to the following changes:
 - a. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
 - b. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

49. Matters arising from the minutes

- 49.1. No matters arising were identified.

Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion

50. Confidential: UCL Financial Strategy

UCL Financial Strategy (3-02)

- 50.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

50.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

50.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Student Numbers Task and Finish Group Report (3-03)

50.4. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Discussion and Deliberation

50.5. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Decision

50.6. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

50.7. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

50.8. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

51. Confidential: Estates Strategy and Allocation of Funds over the Strategic Plan period 2022-27 (3-04)

51.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

51.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

51.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

52. Provost's Report to Council (3-05)

52.1. The Provost introduced the Provost's Report to Council. The Academic Board Working Group on a Definition of Antisemitism had completed its work and Academic Board (AB) at its meeting on 8 February 2023 had considered and accepted the Working Group's report. In November 2019, Council agreed that should AB develop a definition of antisemitism, it would consider it in the future. The report would now be presented to Council as advice from AB and the Chair of the Working Group would present the report. Requests had been received that the Jewish Society should address the Council meeting and this and any other requests to address the meeting would be considered by the Chair of Council. Council confirmed that it would also consider written representations from interested parties and that this approach should be publicised to the academic community periodically for future items. This would mean that the academic community would need to be aware of the upcoming schedule of business for Council. Council also agreed that no separate consultation conducted by Council was required but agreed that it would be important that all the original information that was presented to Council in November 2019 should be made available in the separate appendices on

Convene. Council agreed that the March meeting which was due to take place online would now take place in person with facilities available to join online.

52.2. In response to a request, the Provost confirmed that he would deliver a briefing session for Council members on the role of the Office for Students as the sector regulator. In response to a request, the Provost agreed to provide a breakdown of international admissions by country and how this compared to our competitors.

52.3. Council received the Provost's Report to Council.

53. Confidential: UCL 2023 Energy Risk Management Strategy (3-06)

53.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

53.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

53.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

53.4. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

53.5. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

54. Confidential: Student Accommodation Nomination Agreements for 2023/24 and future years (3-07)

54.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

54.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

54.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

54.4. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information

55. Confidential: Interim Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences (3-08)

55.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

56. Confidential: December 2022 (P5) Month End Management Accounts (3-09)

56.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

57. Confidential: UCL Statute 18: Proposed appointment of a Tribunal (3-10)

57.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

58. UCL Research Integrity Annual Statement 2021-2022 (3-11)

58.1. Council approved the UCL Research Integrity Annual Statement 2021-2022.

59. Confidential: UCL's submission to the Teaching Excellence Framework 2023 (3-12)

59.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

60. OfS Conditions of Registration and Reportable events – Committee Responsibilities (3-13)

60.1. Council approved the mapping of conditions of registration and reportable events that have been determined across UCL's committee structure.

61. To receive the Following Reports

Workplace Health and Safety Report (3-14)

61.1. Council received the Workplace Health and Safety Report.

Annual Accountability Return 2021-22: Quality Assurance (3-15)

61.2. Council received the report and noted the assurance of compliance with the OfS conditions as described in the paper.

OfS Standing Report (3-16)

61.3. Council received the OfS Standing Report.

Action Taken by the Chair (3-17)

61.4. Council received the report on action taken by the Chair since the last report to Council.

61.5. In accordance with discussions at the Council meeting of 15 December 2022, the following action was taken by the chair:

- a. Approved the minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2022 subject to a number of changes being made at the meeting.
- b. Accepting the advice of the Academic Board, and as amended during the meeting, approved the Strategic Plan 2022-27.
- c. Approved the proposed amendments to Regulation 9 of the UCL Regulations for Management, as set out in Appendix 1 of paper 2-13.
- d. Approved the proposed amendments to the constitution of the Academic Committee and to reflect those changes in the Regulations for Management.

- e. Approved a proposed amendment:
 - i. To the Terms of Reference of Finance Committee to remove the OfS condition of registration E3 from its own responsibilities as set out in its terms of reference;
 - ii. To the Terms of Reference of Audit Committee to assign the committee responsibility for OfS condition of registration E3; and approved amendments to the Regulations for Management to reflect these changes.

61.6. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Confidential: UCL Seal Report (3-18)

61.7. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Confidential: Current Litigation Summary (3-19)

61.8. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Suspension and Exclusion of Students 2021/22 (3-20)

61.9. Council noted the report on the number of students suspended and/or excluded from UCL in the academic year 2021-22, in accordance with Statute 11(3).

62. To Receive the Following Committee Minutes

Confirmed Audit Committee Minutes, 4 November 2022 (3-21)

62.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Unconfirmed Finance Committee Minutes, 26 January 2023 (3-22)

62.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

63. Date of Next Meeting

63.1. The date of the next meeting of Council would be **Friday 24 March 2023 at 9:00am.**

64. Any Other Business

Confidential: Appointment of the University Secretary (3-23)

64.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

64.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

64.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

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Anne Marie O'Mullane, Interim Secretary to Council
February 2023