



## Research, Innovation and Global Engagement Committee

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 10:00am

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

### Minutes

#### Present Members:

Professor Geraint Rees (Chair); Professor Ibrahim Abubakar; Professor Lynn Ang; Dr Paul Ayris; Jeremy Barraud; Professor David Bogle; Michael Brown; Professor Stella Bruzzi; Sarah Chaytor; Andrew Cooper; Fran Hartop; June Hedges; Professor Jacqu Glass; Claire Glen; Professor Sue Hamilton (vice-Professor Jennifer Hudson); Dr Jane Kinghorn; Sarah Lawson; Dr Nick McNally; Martin Moyle; Ciaran Moynihan; Professor Courtenay Norbury; Professor James Phillips; Issy Smith; Professor Cheryl Thomas KC; Nicholas Tyndale; Professor Simon Walker-Samuel; Dr Kathryn Walsh; Professor Andrew Wills; Professor Peter Zusi

#### Apologies:

Sarah Cows; Rebecca Edwards; Professor Carsten Gerner-Beuerle; Alex Hall; Professor Jennifer Hudson; Professor Nigel Titchener-Hooker; Emma Todd; Kirsty Walker

#### In attendance:

For Minutes 16-27: Gail Adams, Director of RIS Compliance and Assurance  
For Minutes 16-27: Megan Gerrie, Director, Planning and Projects  
For Minute 21: Conor Rickford, Joint Head of Global Engagement  
For Minute 22: Dr Alice Mortlock, Director of Strategic Health Partnerships and Projects

#### Officer:

Rachel Port, Governance Manager: Research Integrity

### Part I: Preliminary Business

#### 16. Membership

- 16.1. The Chair welcomed Professor Peter Zusi, School of Slavonic and East European Studies, who had joined the Committee as the new Vice-Dean for Research, Innovation and Enterprise in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities.

## **17. Minutes**

- 17.1. RIGEC approved the minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2023 [Minutes, 1-15, 2023-24].

## **18. Matters Arising**

- 18.1. Arising from Minute 8.3, the Director of RIS Compliance and Assurance noted that a short section on Trusted Research would be added to UCL's proposed Research Integrity Annual Statement for approval via Chair's Action, before it was submitted to Council for formal approval at its meeting to be held on 15 February 2024.

## **Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion**

### **19. Chair's Report**

- 19.1. The Chair gave an oral report on relevant developments since the last RIGEC meeting on (i) Horizon Europe and (ii) India. The following points were made:
- a. The UK had agreed a deal to associate to Horizon Europe in September 2023. It was noted that institutions would need to demonstrate to the UK government the value in associating with this funding scheme and UCL researchers were encouraged to continue to submit applications to Horizon Europe. If other institutions were not submitting high numbers of applications, it could be advantageous to UCL and its commercial partners.
  - b. The Chair had led a UCL delegation including colleagues from Global Engagement and Student Recruitment visiting New Delhi, Bengaluru, and Mumbai in November to meet academic and government partners, as well as prospective students and alumni. The visit to India was the first institutional delegation since 2019.
  - c. It was noted that the All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIMS) were interested in UCL's health research. There was also interest to collaborate with UCL in the areas of advanced materials, quantum technologies, and space.
  - d. Faculties would need to consider India in their diversification strategy and it was noted that India presented a different prospect for UCL compared to other countries.

### **20. Confidential: Trusted Research – Compliance and Assurance at UCL (2-10)**

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

20.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

20.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

**21. Confidential: Global Crisis Response High-Level Protocol (2-11)**

21.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

21.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

21.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

**22. Confidential: Clinical Trials Review (2-12)**

22.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

22.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

22.3. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

**Part III: Other Business for Approval or Information**

**23. Confidential: Research England QR Policy Support Fund Allocation and Utilisation Plan (2-13)**

23.1. RIGEC received an update on the Research England QR Policy Support Fund Allocation and Utilisation Plan.

**24. Confidential: Information Governance Update (2-14)**

24.1. RIGEC received the Information Governance Update.

**25. RIGE Operations Committee Annual Report 2022-23 (2-15)**

25.1. RIGEC received the RIGE Operations Committee Annual Report 2022-23.

**26. Confidential: Animal Welfare Strategy Committee Annual Report 2022-23 (2-16)**

26.1. RIGEC received the Animal Welfare Strategy Committee Annual Report 2022-23.

**27. Date of the next meeting**

27.1. The next meeting of RIGEC would take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10:00am-12 noon and be hybrid in the South Wing G12 Council Room.

Rachel Port  
Governance Manager: Research Integrity  
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