Provost’s View: Welcome back to the new academic year
Student Experience

• The new Student Centre opened in February
• Our students made nearly 1,500 nominations for the Student Choice Awards
• Across-the board improvement in our NSS results.

Launching new initiatives

• AskUCL – the new Student Success Platform joins up all our student support
• Academic Communication Centre to support students to develop their academic writing skills.
• Student Health and Wellbeing Strategy – early phase implementation
• Increased support with assessment available with a new review process to identify the small changes that can make big a difference.
• New Pro-Vice-Provost appointed to lead our thinking on delivering an outstanding PGT experience.
Research Excellence Framework – putting together our strongest submission

- Activity focused on:
  - collection of declarations of individual circumstances
  - REF Staff Circumstances and Appeals Panel meetings
  - Survey of Submission Intentions.
  - updates to our Research Publications Service
  - selection of research outputs for submission
  - further development of the impact and environment components of REF
Equality, Diversity & Inclusion - delivering on our commitments

• Progress with the Dean’s Pledge on Race Equality which was launched in 2018 - unquestionably delivering change, with levels of BME representation within the academic staff body increasing.
TOPS Recent successes include:

- Bringing together 120 colleagues in the PS Hub
- Establishing more than 15 Communities of Practice
- Winning an award for achieving transformational culture change from Universities Human Resources
- Launching career building frameworks and Ways of Working for career progression
TOPS Improvements

- Developing use of digital services including building and publishing TOPS apps to test new digital platform
- Working to implement new staff recruitment system to improve user experience with 100% online process
UCL East

- We broke ground in July alongside Mayor of London Sadiq Khan and construction has begun.
- We are a proud founding partner of what will become one of London’s most exciting knowledge and cultural quarters, joining the BBC, Sadler’s Wells, UAL’s London College of Fashion and the V&A in partnership with the Smithsonian.
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Want to know more?

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