



**Part I: Preliminary Business**

**49. Minute § Silence**







- c. Consideration should be given to the use of UCL and University College London in different settings. For example, University College London would be more helpful for international audiences and the UCL did not play to the London agenda.
- d. In response to a query on the use of strap lines and how it was deployed, the Executive Director of Communications and Marketing advised that it was gradually being phased out and thought was being given to how it

effective agenda planning so that there is sufficient time for each stage.

- iii. The chair of ExComAB or GCAB or a deputy could attend some meetings of Council as an observer, particularly after AB meetings, so that reports could be given of the matters of the agenda with due regard to the note set out in the paper pertinent to this recommendation.
- iv. On significant decisions by Council, where AB has provided a review of the academic benefits, a memo setting out the reasoning for the decisions should be prepared, in addition to the meeting minutes, and circulated to AB.
- v. The minutes of Council meetings should be written to be as open as possible, with the confidential parts limited only to those items for which this is essential.

**58.3. Critique of the Council Effectiveness Review Report produced by the Academic Board Commission of Inquiry Implementation Group and the response produced by Halpin Partnership (3-08)**

- a. Baroness Valentine introduced the Critique of the Council Effectiveness Review Report produced by the Academic Board Commission of Inquiry Implementation Group and the response produced by Halpin Partnership (3-08)









Mathematical & Physical Sciences from 1 October 2021 to 31 August 2026;  
the recommendations from Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee for the award of Honorary Degrees and Fellowships as well as the award of a posthumous Honorary Degree.

**67.5. UCL Seal Report (3-29)**

- a. Council received a report on the use of the seal since the last report to Council in October 2020.

**68. Minutes from Council Committees and Academic Board**

- 68.1. Council received the confirmed minutes from the Academic Board meeting held on 29 October 2020.
- 68.2. Council received the confirmed confidential minutes from the Audit Committee meeting held on 12 October 2020.
- 68.3. Council received the confirmed confidential minutes from the Finance Committee meeting held on 7 October 2020 and 13 November 2020.

**69. Date of the Next Meeting**

- 69.1. The next meeting of Council would take place on Wednesday 24 February 2021 at 8:30am.

**70. Any Other Business**

**70.1. IHRA Definition**

- a. The Provost provided an update on the Academic Board (AB) meeting on Wednesday 10 February 2021 where (AB) had a thoughtful and constructive debate on the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition. There was a universal commitment to tackle antisemitism. A vote took place after the meeting among the AB members who had attended the meeting and the options were (a) Retain IHRA as is, (b) retain and amend (with the amendments precisely specified), (c) replace (with the procedure precisely specified) and (d) retract (and return to the Equality Act as a basis). The preference was (c) replace. The matter would be brought to the April Council meeting, where Council would be invited to make a statement  
working definition had no legal force and did not supersede existing law

- b. During discussion the following key points were made:
  - i. Council members advised that those who had attended the AB meeting confirmed that the meeting had been respectful and well chaired.
  - ii. It would be important that when Council discussed the matter in April, there was a report on actions taken to tackle antisemitism as well as the forward plan.
  - iii. Council members had been approached by organisations about the AB decision. Communications should be routed to the Provost and the Chair of Council.
  - iv. The Jewish Society had advised that they had not been fully involved