



COUNCIL

Wednesday 23 November 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dame DeAnne Julius (Chair)

Ms Sarah Al-Aride

Mr Ven Balakrishnan
Professor Lucie Clapp

Dr Martin Fry

Professor Patrick Haggard

Ms Lindsay Nicholson

Lord Sharkey

Mr Justin Turner QC

Professor Andrew Wills

Professor Michael Arthur (President and
Provost)

Mr Dominic Blakemore

Professor Annette Dolphin

Dr Andrew Gould

Mr Hamza Jamshaid

Dr Hynek Pikhart

Mr Philip Sturrock

Ms Sarah Whitney

Baroness Valentine

In attendance:

Ms Wendy Appleby (Secretary to Council); Dame Nicola Brewer (Vice-Provost (International)), Mr Philip Harding (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Mr Andrew Grainger (Director of UCL Estates) (for minute 30); Mr Mark Hopley (Director of Finance, UCL East) (for minute 39); Ms Lori Houlihan (Vice Provost (Development)); Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Professor Paola Lettieri (Academic Director for UCL East) (for minute 39), Professor David Lomas (Vice-Provost (Health)); Ms Bella Malins (Director of Access and Admissions) (for minute 30d); Ms Anne Marie O'Mullane (Assistant Secretary to Council).

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Nahid Majid, Professor Anthony Smith and Dr Celia Caulcott.

Key to abbreviations used in these Minutes:

EDH	Eastman Dental Hospital
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IQR	Internal Quality Review
OfS	Office for Students
PGR	Postgraduate Research
QSH	Queen Square House
TRAC	Transparent Approach to Costing
UCU	University and College Union
UKVI	UK Visas and Immigration
USS	Universities Superannuation Scheme

Preliminary Formal Business

24 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

24.1 No interests were declared.

25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

25.1 Approved: the minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 October 2017 [Council Minutes 1 – 23, 2017-18] were confirmed by Council subject to the following changes: Titles of Ms Sarah Whitney and Professor Patrick Haggard to be amended.

26 MATTERS ARISING

26.1 There was one matter arising from the meeting of 25 October 2017 which was carried over to the meeting 23 November 2017; Quality Assurance Return [see Minute 30C below].

Matters for discussion

27 PROVOST'S BUSINESS

27A UCL Academy GCSE Cohort

27A.1 The first cohort sat their GCSEs in the Summer 2017 at the UCL Academy. The cohort performed well above average in the core subjects.

27B UCU

27B.1 UCL had received notification from UCU of the intention to ballot members on industrial action in relation to proposed changes to the USS Pension Scheme. Council noted that UCL had responded to the USS consultation with employers.

27C Brexit

27C.1 The Provost and six other members of the Russell Group were due to meet with the Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, Carlos Moedas.

28D Budget

28D.1 The Autumn 2017 budget included an announcement to increase research and development investment to 2.4% of GDP by 2027. There was a commitment to spending an extra £2.3bn on research and development investment by 2021-22.

28D.2 Also included in the Autumn 2017 budget were plans to change the immigration rules to enable world-leading scientists and researchers endorsed under the Tier 1 route to apply for settlement after three years. Processes would be streamlined to enable highly-skilled students to apply to work in the UK after finishing their degrees. Red tape would be reduced in hiring international researchers and members of established research teams, by relaxing the resident labour market test and by allowing the UK's research councils and other select organisations to sponsor researchers.

30D.2 Council was updated on activity that had taken place after the reporting period. UCL now had an updated external speakers' procedure managed by the Students' Union for events related to clubs and societies at the Union and another complementary procedure for all other external speaker bookings.

35 ACADEMIC COMMITTEE REPORT
[PAPER 2-26, 2017-18]

35.1 **Received** – the Academic Committee report 2016-17.

36 MINUTES: COMMITTEES
[PAPER 2-27, 2017-18]

36.1 **Received** – a note of minutes of other committees received since the last report.

37 SELF-REVIEW OF COMMITTEES
[PAPER 2-28, 2017-18]

37.1 **Received** – a report on the outcome of the latest Self-Review of Council Committees.

38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

38.1 The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 30 January at 3pm in the Council Room.

Wendy Appleby
Secretary to Council
November 2017