



PRESENT:

Dame DeAnne Julius (Chair)

Professor Michael Arthur
(President and Provost)

Mr Dominic Blakemore

Professor David Coen

Dr Martin Fry

Dr John Hurst

Mr Simon Melliss (Treasurer)

Ms Lindsay Nicholson

Baroness Valentine

Mr Ven Balakrishnan

Ms Halima Begum

Lord Clement-Jones

Professor Annette Dolphin

Dr Andrew Gould

Ms Nahid Majid

Mr Zakariya Mohran

Mr Philip Sturrock

Dr Andrew Wills

In attendance: Ms Wendy Appleby (Secretary to Council); Dame Nicola Brewer (Vice-Provost (International)); Dr Celia Caulcott (Vice-Provost (Enterprise and London)); Ms Sarah Guise (Head of Equalities and Diversity) [for Minute 27]; Mr Philip Harding (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Professor David Lomas (Vice-Provost (Health)); Mr Nick McGhee (Assistant Secretary to Council); Mr John Parr (Interim Director of Human Resources) [for Minute 27]; Professor David Price (Vice-Provost (Research)).



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20.1 No interests were declared.

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21.1 **Approved:** Council confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2016 [Council Minutes 1-19, 2016-17], and these were signed by the Chair. Approval was given after some discussion of the decision to purchase Clare Hall that had been taken following circulation of the proposal to Council members along with a draft minute of the inquorate discussion of the item. The decision to approve the recommendation had been supported by 14 out of 20 Council members, with three opposed and three giving no response.


21.2 The matter of a proposed revision to the Regulations in respect of quoracy would be carried over to the next meeting.

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22.1 Council congratulated Lord Clement-Jones on his appointment as Chair of Council at Queen Mary University of London. He would join the QMUL Council on 1 June 2017 and become Chair on 1 August 2017. He would therefore step down from the UCL Audit Committee directly after its meeting on 6 April 2017, and from UCL Council on 31 July 2017. A proposal for the appointment of the Chair of Audit Committee in succession to Lord Clement-Jones would be submitted to the meeting of 14 February 2017.

22.2 HEFCE had been advised of the situation and were content provided that both Councils hadyscilst pr3.1(u68a21T5u)-5.9(l)-82 .429-5.9(0 -1.(d)i-5.4(c)aaon(m)-2.3(r)y2.1(iv)79(l)-8

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23B.1 Council members had been apprised of press coverage of protests at a Friends of Israel event held at UCL on 27 October. UCL had set up an internal inquiry chaired by Professor Geraint Rees. The Provost noted the importance of ensuring both freedom of speech and safety of students on campus.

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23C.1 The UCL Campaign continued to progress strongly, with a further £10m secured since the £253m figure noted at the last meeting. During a recent visit to East Asia the Provost and colleagues had met with several of the world's principal philanthropic organisations.

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23D.1 UCL had received for the second year running a First Class award in the People &

slightly ahead of the £45.5m (3.5%) budgeted target. A reconciliation in this respect had been developed and was available on request. Council congratulated UCL on this outcome.

- 24.4 Noting that the surplus under the new accounting standard was £115m rather than the £51m that would have been stated under the former rules, Council cautioned that changes in accounting methods could trigger changes in behaviour; communication both within and outside UCL of the reasons for the apparent change in financial performance was therefore of vital importance.
- 24.5 Council agreed that the Audit Committee report be circulated once the external audit had been completed, together with a note highlighting any resultant changes to the Financial Statements, and that Council be asked at that stage to authorise the Chair to take action to approve the audited Financial Statements.

RESOLVED

- 24.6 **UCL** **UCL**

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[PAPER 2-17, 2016-17]

- 25.1 The following elements were available to Council prior to the meeting: the Value for Money report; the draft HEFCE Annual Assurance return, the Quality Assurance Return, and the Prevent Monitoring report. The Audit Committee report, including the internal audit report, would follow once the external audit had been completed.
- 25.2 The Value for Money paper was a HEFCE requirement this year for the first time. Council found this a useful document, particularly in respect of benchmarking. The poor score on user satisfaction with support services was noted, as was the

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[PAPER 2-20, 2016-17]

- 27.1 During 2014-15 UCL had exceeded its target for improving net diversity at grades 9 and 10. Recruitment data in respect of gender was positive, but BME candidates continued to be less likely than white applicants to be both shortlisted and appointed, despite the introduction of anonymised applications in Professional Services. Anonymisation was generally impractical for academic

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[PAPER 2-25, 2016-17]

30.1 **Received** – a briefing note on the ‘Transforming Our Professional Services’ programme.

31 [REDACTED]
[PAPER 2-26, 2016-17]

31.1 **Received** – the audited UCLU Financial Statements for the year ending 31 July 2016.

32 [REDACTED]
[PAPER 2-27, 2016-17]

32.1 **Received** – the Health and Safety Committee annual report 2015-16 and the updated Statement of Safety Policy.

33 [REDACTED]
[PAPER 2-28, 2016-17]

33.1 **Received** – a note on UCL's Serious Incident Reporting arrangements.

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