



ESTATES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 14 May 2014

MINUTES

PRESENT:

President and Provost (Chair)
Dame Nicola Brewer
Professor Stephen Caddick
Professor Richard Catlow
Professor Anthony Finkelstein
Professor Mary Fulbrook
Professor Dame Hazel Genn
Mr Andrew Grainger
Mr Phil Harding
Professor Graham Hart
Mr Rex Knight
Professor David Lomas
Professor Alan Penn
Professor David Price
Professor Anthony Smith
Mr Dave Smith

Preliminary Business

56 CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP 2013-14

Noted:

- 56.1 EMC noted that since the last meeting, Dame Nicola Brewer, Vice-Provost (International), had joined the Committee.

57 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 MARCH 2014

Confirmed:

- 57.1 The Minutes of the meeting of EMC held on 5 March 2014 [*EMC Mins. 42-55, 5.3.14*]

58 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

58A Finance Committee and Council approval of recommendations from EMC

Noted:

- 58A.1 At its meetings on 22 January 2014 and 5 March 2014, EMC approved the following proposals which were subsequently referred to, and approved by, FC at its meeting on 11 March 2014 and then Council at its meeting on 25 March 2014:

- UCL-RNOH Bioengineering Hub (Stanmore);
- Russell House;
- 66-72 Gower Street;
- Boston House.

Matters for Approval

59 TEMPORARY EVENT SPACES – WILKINS QUAD

Received:

- 59.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-48 (13-14).

Reported:

- 59.2 The major refurbishment of the Wilkins Refectory would start in June 2014 and would displace several prime bookable events, hospitality and social learning spaces. The loss of these spaces over the next two to three years would have a significant impact upon the ability of UCL to hold internal and external events, and would significantly reduce the value of social learning space. The proposal at EMC 5-48 (13-14) was to provide alternative space by erecting semi-permanent, high-quality pavilions in the Front Quad and the Japanese Garden.

60 CENTRAL WELFARE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Received:

60.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-49 (13-14).

Reported:

60.2 The extensive programme of capital construction and maintenance works at UCL could result in potentially up to 800 construction workers and other staff working on the UCL site. This proposal was to create over the Christopher Ingold Building a centralised site office and welfare accommodation for all of the various construction teams to use, thus minimising the visual and intrusive impact on the campus.

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

60.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-49 (13-14).

[ACTION: Andrew Grainger – to note]

61 CONSTRUCTION LOGISTICS

Received:

61.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-50 (13-14).

Reported:

61.2 Given the importance of efficient centralised construction logistics to maintaining UCL operations during the central campus capital programme of works, UCL was seeking to procure a Logistics Partner to manage construction logistics and minimise impacts on the university's operations and student and staff experience

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

61.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-50(13-14).

[ACTION: Andrew Grainger – to note]

62 RAYNE RESPIRATORY CENTRE

Received:

62.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-51 (13-14).

Reported:

62.2 The proposal was to support estates costs of refurbishing the whole of the first floor of the Rayne Building, which had not been largely refurbished since the building opened in 1976. The project would provide modern, open-plan laboratory and office accommodation to house three research centres in the Division of Medicine, working in the field of respiratory

medicine (*ie* the Centre for Respiratory Biology, the Lungs for Living Research Centre, plus a UCL/GSK Fibrosis hub).

RESOLVED:

- 62.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-51(13-14).

[ACTION: Dave Smith – to note]

63 TUFNELL PARK (UNITS 9 AND 10)

Received:

- 63.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-52 (13-14).

Reported:

- 63.2 The proposal related to an opportunity to secure factory and/or design space on the Bush Industrial Park in Tufnell Park, adjacent to an existing UCL Engineering Facility 'PAMELA'. The space would be used by both the Faculty of the Built Environment and the Faculty of Engineering Sciences.

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

- 63.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-52 (13-14).

[ACTION: Andrew Grainger – to note]

64 ROBERTS BUILDING MATERIALS PROJECT

Received:

- 64.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-53 (13-14).

Reported:

- 64.2 This proposal was to refurbish space in the Roberts Building which had become vacant after the Department of Biochemical Engineering's move to the Bernard Katz building, which would allow the creation of the Materials Discovery Hub.

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

- 64.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-53 (13-14).

[ACTION: Dave Smith – to note]

Reported:

- 66.2 The proposal involved moving the Bartlett School of Graduate Studies from the lower ground and ground floors of Central House to the third and fourth floors, which would require works in order to accommodate the School's academic and research activities. This move was as a consequence of the relocation of the Bartlett Library to Central House as one of the key enablers for the Wates House Project.

Discussion:

- 66.3 The Dean undertook to revise the specification for the project so that it could be delivered within a reduced budget.

RESOLVED:

- 66.4 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-55 (13-14), subject to the point at Minute 66.3 above.

[ACTION: Andrew Grainger – to note]

67 NEW SENATE HOUSE LIBRARY

Received:

- 67.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-56 (13-14).

Reported:

- 67.2 UCL was in advanced negotiations with the University of London to use of part of the third floor of the Senate House, North Block, for dedicated library space for UCL staff and students. Given the extensive building works planned in UCL in the vicinity of the Main Library, study space for students displaced by noise and disruption was needed; these additional facilities would enable UCL to provide reader spaces both in Senate House and additional readers' seats in the DMS Watson Science Library.

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

- 67.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-56 (13-14).

[ACTION: Andrew Grainger – to note]

68 ENERGY PURCHASING

Received:

- 68.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-57 (13-14).

Reported:

- 68.2 It was proposed that UCL extend the existing energy purchasing arrangement as this offers the greatest scope for reducing our electricity and gas costs at the lowest risk.

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

67.3 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-57 (13-14).

[ACTION: Andrew Grainger – to note]

69 INSTITUTE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Received:

69.1 The above proposal as set out at EMC 5-58 (13-14).

Reported:

69.2 This paper sought support for the move of the Institute and its key partner Moorfields Eye Hospital from their current sites to a new building at a new location. Possible sites had been identified and were being assessed. It was possible that there might be a need for the partners to move swiftly to secure a site if and when the opportunity avails itself. EMC was being invited to agree the “principle” of funding for land purchase and the associated professional fees for new building design and associated activities.

Discussion:

69.3 Whilst recognising the fact that UCL might have to move fast on this project in between EMC meetings, EMC was not persuaded that the paper submitted could be described as a 'business case'. Instead, it should be treated as a discussion or options paper. EMC approved the substance of the proposal with that proviso.

RESOLVED – for recommendation to Finance Committee:

69.4 That EMC approve the proposal at EMC 5-58 (13-14), subject to the point at Minute 69.3 above.

[ACTION: Steve Bunting – to note]

Matters for Information

70 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Received:

70.1 The above report at EMC 5-59 (13-14).

Discussion:

70.2 In light of the pressing space needs in the Faculties of Arts & Humanities, Laws and Social & Historical Sciences, the SLASH Deans called for greater clarity about the precise process or mechanism by which SLASH-related estates projects appear on the EMC agenda for consideration and approval. EMC agreed that if three Deans from the same School are expressing such concerns then this would suggest that UCL's current institutional planning processes and internal communications are sub-optimal. EMC noted, however, that once

the Capital Prioritisation Sub-Committee is functioning fully, then this should make collective decision-making and prioritisation processes more transparent

- 70.3 The Dean of the Faculty of Social & Historical Sciences expressed concern about the lack of progress in identifying space for new academic staff in the Department of Anthropology and the Department of History who were due to start at UCL in the coming September. EMC asked that the Director of Estates get back to Professor Fulbrook on this issue as a matter of urgency. The Provost, as Chair of EMC, gave an undertaking that a solution would be found before September.