

## **Health and Safety Committee**

Covid-19 Meeting

28 May 2021, 2.00pm

### Minutes

#### **Present Members:**

Dr Matthew Blain, Executive Director of Human Resources

Ms Sandra Bond

Mrs Sonia Buckingham

Dr Alun Coker

Miss Yasmeen Daoud

Dr Rachel Hadi-Talab

Mr Keith Harvey

Mr Max Hill, Director of Workplace Health

Mr David Ladd

Dr Matt Lougher

Ms Carol Paige

Mrs Hayley Ramsay, Deputy Chair

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**Apologies:**

Ms Fiona Ryland, (Convenor)

Ms Victoria Adrienne

Miss Hayley Boakes

Dr Theo Bryer

**Part I: Preliminary Business**

**74 Minutes**

74.1 The Health and Safety Committee (HSC) approved the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2021.

**75 Matters Arising (Paper 9-49)**

75.1 Regarding minute 29

been provided on 17 May and was reiterated in the response to the Trade Unions' items at Minute 78 below.

- 75.6 Regarding minute 70.2: review the arrangement agreed in October 2020 that if a student accommodation building had not had a naturally occurring fire evacuation alarm within one month, a fire evacuation drill would be scheduled; an email update would be circulated to Committee members.
- 75.7 Regarding minute 70.3: provide Estates Division with the details of a local incident involving failure of air conditioning and its possible implications for ventilation, for further investigation and response; it was acknowledged that this is part of a wider issue and Estates Division would provide a full response in the next month.

## **Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion**

### **76 Covid-19 update**

- 76.1 The Executive Director of Human Resources provided an update on the staff communications that have been issued regarding the planned return to campus on 21 June 2021. Managers had received guidance on supporting those people who may be experiencing nervousness or mental health issues about returning to campus. Approximately 2,500 staff had attended Roadshows where specific questions were addressed.

### **77 UCL Covid-19 outbreak response**

- 77.1 The Director of Workplace Health reported that there had been no outbreaks since the last meeting and only one positive case, which affected a student, had been reported in the last two weeks.
- 77.2 Workplace Health has been working with Communications and Marketing to create communications so that UCL is ready if it is required to conduct 'surge' testing.
- 77.3 Connect to Protect reporting remains very low with only 20% of people tested reporting their results, regardless of whether the test was conducted at UCL or at home. This means that university does not have clear visibility of the level of testing taking place across the UCL community. Reporting of results is encouraged in various communications such as leaflets handed out at the





