Part I: Preliminary Business

137. Welcome

137.1. Dr Martin Fry and Professor Ralf Schoepfer were welcomed as observers to the meeting. They would be joining Council on the 1st October 2020 as an elected professorial member of Council and elected non-professorial member of Council respectively.

138. Declaration of Interests

138.1.

Budget
Trustee Board which approved the budget for recommendation to Council for approval.

139. Minutes of the last meeting (7-108)

139.1. Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2020 subject to the following changes being made:

a. Minute 123.2 g: Include the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: When the item comes back to Council for approval, the options of insourcing and outsourcing should be set out in the paper.
b. The attendance section should be updated with the exact details for Mr David Fettes.

Part II: Strategic Items for Discussion

140. Provostôs Business

140.1. The Provost reported on key developments since the last meeting to Council

Research Funding

a. It had been the best year ever for new externally funded research with £523m awarded.

Performance in Rankings

b. UCL had fallen one place in the Shanghai Jiao Tong University from 16th to 17th position. UCL had also fallen one place in the Times Higher Education Ranking from 15th to 16th position. This was attributable to the formation of a new university due to the merger between Paris-Sorbonne and Pierre-and-Marie-Curie University into the Sorbonne University.

e. Protocols for case management of single cases, several cases, local lockdowns and national lockdowns had been developed. Protect and Connect had been introduced to log symptoms and confirmed cases; it replaced the online form. A daily review group was monitoring reporting and was liaising with Camden Public Health.
f. A pilot on testing had taken place with further roll out planned.
g. International students who were required to quarantine were encouraged to arrive early, and could stay in their UCL accommodation free of charge while in quarantine.
h. Student residence advisors would be available 24/7 onsite and available to undertake welfare checks. An online community programme had been developed to support social interaction in Halls. There were also enhanced cleaning regimes.

141.2. The following points were raised in discussion:

a. A Council member advocated the undertaking of testing of staff and students. The Provost advised that the matter was being kept under constant review by UCL.
b. The delivery of face-to-face teaching had polarised opinion among academic staff and the situation would need to be carefully managed. The Provost explained that this matter was being led by local leadership in faculties who had been advised to handle issues in a sensitive way.
c. There was a query on how the expectations of students were being managed and whether there was a policy in place. The Provost advised that the communication to students had set out clearly what students could expect when arriving to campus. There was a policy of no refunds as UCL would deliver high quality teaching.
d. In response to a question on how Council would address the issue of students gathering together socially in large numbers, the Chief Operating Officer advised that security officers had been asked to communicate with students who were not compliant and a communication campaign had

communicate with those who were not compliant. There would be communications circulated for non-compliance and there was a process in place for dealing with persistent non-compliance behaviour under the disciplinary procedure.
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141.3. Council received the update on the re-opening campus strategy.

142. Student Recruitment Update 2020/21

142.1. Professor Anthony Smith, provided an update on the latest trends for student recruitment for 2020/21. The following key points were made during the presentation:

a. -level algorithm, UCL had reached its target of UG 5,884 students. UCL welcomed the s decision and was delighted to accept those who had met their offer. The government also lifted the cap on specialist courses such as medicine, with additional grant funding made available to support this. Applicants who had not been offered a place prior to the Gove reversal had been invited to reactivate their offer. There had been 2,500 forms returned with 1,000 meeting their offer. As a result, it was now expected that approximately 1,000 more UG students would enrol at UCL.

b. The current rate of deferrals was comparable to last year. However, the formal census deadline was 1 December 2020 and there was a possibility of withdrawals taking place for a variety of reasons prior to that date.

c. For PGT programmes there had been variability in recruitment across programmes with some programmes over-recruiting and some programmes under-recruiting. There had been a 25% increase in applications and 26,500 offers had been made, which represented an increase of 19% year-on-year. There had been an increase in the deferral rate for PGT programmes

d. The PGT Admissions team had been experiencing extraordinary pressure due to the large increase in applications. The issuance of CAS had been prioritised as UCL was aware of the impact of Covid-19 on the opening hours of embassies where visas would need to be acqu( )-44 AdmissmW*nBTm0 0 1 12

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