



COUNCIL

Wednesday 4 April 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Sir Stephen Wall (*Chair*)

Professor David Attwell	Dr Bob Barber
Ms Anne Bulford (<i>Treasurer</i>)	Ms Philippa Foster Back
Professor Malcolm Grant	Mr Mark Knight
(<i>President and Provost</i>)	Mr Simon Melliss
Ms Katharine Roseveare	Dr Benet Salway
Dr Gill Samuels	Dr Stephanie Schorge
Professor Chris Thompson	Professor Nick Tyler

In attendance: Professor Steve Caddick (Vice-Provost (Enterprise)); Mr Sam Gaus (UCLU Council); Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Mr Nick McGhee (Assistant Secretary to Council); Mr Tim Perry (Secretary to Council); Mr James Skuse (Democracy and Communications Officer, UCLU); Mrs Alison Woodhams (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Professor Michael Worton (Vice-Provost (International)).

Apologies for absence were received from: Lord Clement-Jones, Mr Luke Durigan, Mr Rob Holden, Ms Vivienne Parry (*Vice-Chair*), Mr Tim Rees Jones, Baroness Warwick and Professor Maria Wyke.

Any member of Council who had (or who knew of a family member who had) a material, personal, financial or other beneficial interest in any item on the Agenda was requested to declare that interest at the beginning of the meeting in order that such declaration could be recorded in these Minutes.

Key to abbreviations used in these Minutes:

HEI	Higher Education Institution
HEIF	Higher Education Innovation Fund
HR	Human Resources
ISD	Information Systems Division
QR	Quality Research Funding
SMT	(Provost's) Senior Management Team
UCLU	UCL (Students') Union
UoA	Unit of Assessment

Masterplan projects were behind schedule. There had been an improvement in the debtors position, aided by a further substantial payment of approximately £10m of NHS debt received in recent days.

52.4 UCL's total HEFCE grant for 2012-13 was £174.3m, down £7.5m (4.1%) on 2011-12. This compared favourably with a fall of 18.8% across the sector and was due to a lower than average fall in the T grant of 14.7% at UCL (against 25% for the sector) and an increase in QR of 2.1% (against a standstill for the sector). The combined grant represented an improvement of £3.8m on the forecast one year ago. UCL's total HEFCE grant had risen from the fifth to the second largest nationally, and in terms of research funding UCL remained in third position behind Oxford and Cambridge.

52.5 There had been a number of significant changes to the methodology employed by HEFCE for the calculation of the grant, in addition to the phasing out of the mainstream teaching grant. Funding for students who had entered under the former funding regime would continue at 1% below the 2011 rates.

52.6 The cap on student numbers in respect of those achieving A-level grades of AAB+ had been removed. UCL's intake of students with grades below that level was restricted to 580. This allowance would also need to accommodate those applicants whose grades were regarded as AAB+ equivalent by UCL but not by HEFCE.

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53 **REFORM OF HR COMMITTEES**

Received

53.1 APPENDIX C 4/48 (11-12) – a note on proposed amendments to the HR committees structure.

53.2 An oral report from Rex Knight, Vice-Provost (Operations).

Reported

53.3 At the meeting on 23 November 2011 Council members had raised several queries regarding the proposals for reform of HR committees [*Council Minute 24.5, 2011-12*], including the future arrangements for

58 **RECOMMENDATIONS OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

Received

- 58.1 APPENDIX C 4/54 (11-12) – proposals from Nominations Committee in respect of: the term of appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Council; membership of the Audit Committee; and the term of appointment of lay members of the Audit Committee, Nominations Committee and the proposed Remuneration and Strategy Committee.

RESOLVED

- 58.2 **That the proposals of the Nominations Committee as set out in APPENDIX C 4/54 (11-12) be approved.**

59 **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES TO COUNCIL**