



# COUNCIL

Wednesday 19 October 2016

## MINUTES

PRESENT:

Dame DeAnne Julius (Chair)

Professor Michael Arthur  
(President and Provost)

Mr Ven Balakrishnan

Mr Simon Melliss (Treasurer)  
Ms Lindsay Nicholson  
Baroness Warwick (Vice-Chair)

Ms Nahid Majid  
Mr Zakariya Mohran  
Mr Philip Sturrock  
Dr Andrew Wills

In attendance Ms Wendy Appleby (Secretary to Council); Dr Celia Caulcott (Vice-Provost (Enterprise and London)); Mr Philip Harding (Director of Finance and Business Affairs); Professor Graham Hart (Dean, Faculty of Population Health Sciences); Mrs Lori Houlihan (Vice-Provost (Development)); Mr Rex Knight (Vice-Provost (Operations)); Professor David Lomas (Vice-Provost (Health)); Mr Nick McGhee (Assistant Secretary to Council); Mrs Angharad Milenkovic (Deputy Director of Development); Professor David Price (Vice-Provost (Research)); Professor Anthony Smith (Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs)).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Dominic Blakemore, Dame Nicola Brewer (Vice-Provost (International)) and Baroness Valentine.

Key to abbreviations used in these Minutes:

ASER



**5C NIHR funding**

5C.1 8 & / 11 Five biomedical research centres (BRCs) had won £167.8m funding from the latest five-yearly cycle of funding for health research from NIHR. This represented a significantly improved performance, particularly in comparison with some key competitors.

**5D Brexit**

5D.1 Two recent open meetings on the issue of Brexit had drawn attention to ongoing deep concern in the UCL community and particularly amongst EU staff regarding the impact of the Brexit vote. A series of clinics was being organised in order to provide staff with access to expert legal advice.

5D.2 The government had indicated that EU students enrolled at UK universities in 2017/18 would continue to be treated like UK students, and would have access to the loan book. Early indications were that there had been no downturn in interest from EU students in applying to UCL in 2017/18.

5D.3 The Chancellor had announced that the government would honour any existing EU research grants awarded once the UK had left the EU. The sector continued to have deep concerns however about the impact of the loss of access to European Research Council funding, notably in respect of its career development and research excellence awards. Concern was also being expressed about the apparent loss of autonomy for universities embodied in the HE bill currently progressing through parliament, as well as the proximity of the new UKRI to government.

5D.4 It was increasingly likely that the Teaching Excellence Framework would be adopted. This would permit a rise in fees to £9,250 and £9,500 in the first and second years respectively. Maximum fee levels would thereafter be linked to TEF results, which would be expressed by way of a gold, silver or bronze designation for each institution. This could in time result in differentiated fees for different groups of students. Universities would furthermore be required to develop a relationship with an academy, a free school or a failing school if they were to charge

6 **STUDENT EXPERIENCE – UPDATE**  
**UCL 2034 THEME 2 / ENABLER A**  
[PAPER 1-01, 2016/17]

- 6.1 The Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs) updated Council on progress  
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research and education, underpinning an inspirational st XGHQW H[SHULHQFH ¶
- 6.2 The Education Strategy, setting out how UCL would deliver the Principal Theme,  
had been agreed during the past year



**Matters for approval or information**

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14 **MINUTES OF OTHER COMMITTEES**

[PAPER 1-15, 2016-17]

- 14.1 **Received** – a note of minutes of Council committees received since the last report.

15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 15.1 The next meeting was scheduled for 29 November 2016 at 4pm in the Council Room. [Council members are asked to note the late start time].

Wendy Appleby  
Secretary to Council  
October 2016