

Academic Board

Wednesday 12 February 2020

MINUTES

Present: Professor Michael Arthur, President and Provost (Chair).

Ms Mumtaz Abdul-Ghafoor; Dr Ali Abolfathi; Mr James Agar; Dr Bojan Aleksov; Professor David Alexander; Dr Seth Anziska; Ms Wendy Appleby; Dr Manuel Arroyo-Kalin; Professor David Attwell; Dr Paul Ayris; Dr Malcolm Bailey; Dr Simon Banks; Mr Samuel Barnes; Professor Kathryn Batchelor; Professor Polina Bayvel; Professor Michael Berkowitz; Dr Jane Biddulph; Professor Zoltan Biedermann; Professor Stephanie Bird; Mr Matthew Blain; Professor David Bogle; Dame Nicola Brewer; Dr Jamie Brown; Professor Jon Butterworth; Ms Elizabeth Carter;

28 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

28.1 The Provost updated AB on the membership of the AB Working Group on Racism and Prejudice [*AB Minute 26, 2019-20*], which was now almost complete.

Part II: Matters for discussion

29 **PROVOST'S BUSINESS**

29A **Brexit**

29A.1 The Provost noted that, following Brexit on 31 January 2020:

research staff could continue to make applications to Horizon 2020. Applications to ERC and other EU funding sources were therefore encouraged. Successful applications would be funded through the full period of the award;

tuition fees for EU students admitted in 2020 would be set at the home rate for the duration of their programmes. The arrangements for EU students enrolling in 2021 were yet to be confirmed, despite the imminent commencement of the admissions cycle. UCL was making representations to the government on the issue. It was clear that raising EU fees to the level of international fees would involve a significant risk to student numbers. Consideration was being given to an increased bursary scheme for EU students.

UCL was encouraging the government to negotiate an agreement on science student and staff mobility. The Brexit Mitigation group, which had met 52 times prior to Brexit, had been reconstituted as the Brexit Transition Oversight Group.

29B **COVID-19**

29B.1 The Provost reported that:

there had been no cases of Coronavirus within the UCL community. Five students had returned to UCL from Wuhan but all had tested negative for the virus;

English language teaching and testing centres in China had been closed down. This would have an impact on UCL's admissions function. The Provost had convened a working group to address the situation and to anticipate and mitigate possible risks;

meeting, and would be fed in to the ongoing Council Effectiveness Review as proposed in the report.

Part III: Other Business for approval or Information

34 POLICIES FROM PREVENTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT STRATEGY GROUP: UPDATE (Paper 3-27)

34.1 Noted.

35 SUPPORTING SENSITIVE ACTIVITIES – PROGRESS REPORT (Paper 3-28)

35.1 Noted.

36 AB MEMBERSHIP UPDATES (Paper 3-29)

36.1 Noted.

37 UCL AWARDS, ELECTIONS AND HONOURS (Paper 3-30)

37.1 Noted.

38 APPOINTMENTS (Paper 3-31)

38.1 Noted.

39 ESTABLISHMENT OF ACADEMIC UNITS: UK DEMENTIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE HQ (Paper 3-32)

39.1 Noted.

40 ESTABLISHMENT OF ACADEMIC UNITS: INSTITUTE FOR RISK AND DISASTER REDUCTION (Paper 3-33)

40.1 Noted.

41 LECTURECAST WORKING GROUP UPDATE (Paper 3-34)

41.1 Noted.

42 ELECTIONS TO AB AND FROM AB TO OTHER COMMITTEES (Paper 3-35)

42.1 Noted.

43 **STANDING ORDERS – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** (Paper 3-36)

43.1 Noted.

44 **ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT** (Paper 3-37)

44.1 Noted.

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