Academic Committee

Friday 26th June 2020 at 10:00am

Minutes

Present members:

President and Provost (Chair); Ms Wendy Appleby; Dr Paul Ayris; Dr Simon Banks; Dame Nicola Brewer; Professor David Bogle; Professor Stella Bruzzi; Dr Celia Caulcott; Mr Ashley Doolan; Professor Piet Eeckhout; Dr Julie Evans; Dr Hugh Goodacre; Dr Christine Hoffmann; Dr Arne Hofmann; Dr Sandra Leaton-Gray; Professor Christoph Lindner; Ms Blathnaid Mahony; Ms Aatikah Malik; Dr Helen Matthews; Mr Jim Onyemenam; Professor Norbert Pachler; Professor Ivan Parkin; Professor Hynek Pikhart; Professor David Price; Professor Sue Rogers; Professor Sasha Roseneil; Mr Mike Rowson; Professor David Shanks; Dr Ruth Siddall; Ms Ashley Slanina-Davies; Dr Hazel Smith; Ms Olga Thomas; Professor Nigel Titchener-Hooker; Professor Andrea Townsend-Nicholson; Professor Li Wei; Professor Andrew Wills; Dr Stan Zochowski

Attendees:

Dr Clare Goudy, Chief of Staff, Provost's Office
Professor John Martin, Division of Medicine and MD (Res) Degree Review
Committee Chair [for Minute 47]
Mr Derfel Owen, Director of Education Services and Transformation
Professor Deenan Pillay, Pro-Vice-Provost International
Professor Aeli Roberts, Senior Tutor, Bartlett Faculty of the Built Environment
Ms Tania Trosini, Chief of Staff, Global Engagement Office

Apologies:

Dr Simon Cane
Professor Mark Emberton
Professor Graham Hart
Professor David Lomas
Professor Geraint Rees
Professor Sam Smidt
Professor Anthony Smith
Professor Alan Thompson

Officer:

Ms Rachel Port

be clarity surrounding EU funding.

QS World University Rankings

e. UCL was placed 10th in the QS World University Rankings 2021 having dropped two places from 8th place in 2020, while Imperial had crept up to 8th place.

43. Education Consultation 2020/21 (Paper 5-28)

- 43.1. Dr Clare Goudy, Office of the President and Provost, introduced the Education Consultation 2020/21. The key points made were:
 - a. A UCL-wide consultation on the education principles for 2020-21 session was rolled out on 1st June 2020 and would close on 1st July 2020.
 - b. It was intended that the consultation feedback would be used by the Education and Operations Delivery Group to help understand the views of the UCL community and to inform how best to support colleagues.
 - c. It was intended that a final set of responses would be shared with Council at its meeting in July when the consultation had closed.
 - d. As at 12th June 2020, 264 staff had responded to the consultation. The emerging education issues concerned the format of delivery; training and support in both technical and pedagogic areas and access to equipment. Staff were also interested in assessment for 2020-21 in terms of alternative assessments and online exams.
- 43.2. The following points were made in discussion:
 - a. Members noted that there were limited choices about what teaching and learning activities could be undertaken next session in light of the current restrictions arising from the COVID-19 outbreak.
 - b. The feedback received to date indicated that staff were keen to know about how to make teaching and learning effective rather4 (e t)12 (ea)10 (c); tr (t o (r[(t)

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had highlighted the critical need to have appropriate governance in place for all aspects of the service.

- b. Agreed that the Provost's Senior Management Team be invited to consider the issue of providing ASR transcripts for recorded content, and be informed of the consequences of not meeting an ECHR enforcement notice.
- 45. Confidential: Report on how the 2015-20 Global Engagement Strategy contributed to Principa 2 (I)6.06 2 (e)-101 Ein.004 ice 0

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47. Withdrawal of the MD(Res) programme of study (Paper 5-32)

- 47.1. Professor John Martin, Chair of the MD(Res) Degree Review Committee formed by Research Degrees Committee, introduced the paper that outlined the withdrawal of the programme. The key points made were:
 - a. The review of the programme had taken two years and it had consulted widely as part of its work including with the NHS.1 (jl1.7 (t)2 og)9.9 (r)7 (am)-3 (e)

- 49. IOE Annual Report 2018-19 (Paper 5-34)
- 49.1. AC received the Institute of Education (IOE) Annual Report 2018-19.
- 50. SLMS Annual Report 2018-19 (Paper 5-35)
- 50.1. AC received the School of Life and Medical Sciences (SLMS) Annual Report 2018-19.
- 51. Annual Report on New Programmes of Study approved in 2019-20 (Paper 5-36)
- 51.1. AC received the Annual Report on new programmes of study approved in 2019-20.
- 52. UCL Disclosure of Conflicts and Declarations of Interest Policy and Training Update (Paper 5-37)
- 52.1. AC received the update on policy and training for UCL Disclosure of Conflicts and Declarations of Interest.
- 53. UCL Innovation and Enterprise Committee Forward Plan for 2020/21 (Paper 5-38)
- 53.1 AC received the forward plan for UCL Innovation and Enterprise Committee for 2020/21.
- 54. Reports of sub-committees, working groups etc of AC
- 54.1. AC received the following sets of minutes:
 - a. The minutes of Education Committee, 25 February 2020, 30 April 2020.
 - b. The minutes of Library Committee, 6 February 2020.
 - c. The minutes of Research Degrees Committee, 11 March 2020.
 - d. The minutes of Research Governance Committee, 26 November 2019.
 - e. The minutes of Student Experience Committee, 23 March 2020, 19 May 2020 (unconfirmed).
- 55. Dates of meetings in 2020/21 and Autumn Term 2021/22
- 55.1. The dates for meetings of Academic Committee in 2020/21 session and Autumn Term 2021/22 were as follows:
 - x Thursday 19 November 2020 at 10.00am
 - x Thursday 4 March 2021 at 10.00am
 - x Thursday 24 June 2021 at 10.00am

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x Thursday 18 November 2021 at 10.00am.

Ms Rachel Port Secretary to Academic Committee July 2020