



RESEARCH GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 2 June 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Professor David Price (*Chair*)
Professor Daniel Alexander
Dr Brian Balmer
Professor Shelley Channon
Professor Mary Collins
Mr Andrew Cooper
Dr Sylvie Delacroix
Lord Hart of Chilton
Professor Raymond MacAllister
Dr Nick McNally
Mr Tim Perry
Dr Arad Reisberg
Dr Claire Warwick
Mr Nigel Waugh

In attendance: Ms Rachel Port (*Secretary*)

Apologies were received from Dr Mary Phillips.

Key to abbreviations used in these Minutes

HEIs	Higher Education Institutions
HR	Human Resources
JBRU	Joint Biomedical Research Unit
NHS	National Health Service
RAS	Registry and Academic Services
REF	Research Excellence Framework
REthC	Research Ethics Committee
RGC	Research Governance Committee
UKRIO	UK Research Integrity Office

23 **MINUTES**

Approved:

- 23.1 The Minutes of RGC's meeting held on 24 March 2011 [*RGC Mins.12-16, 24.03.11*], issued previously, were confirmed by the Committee and signed by the Chair.

24 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

24A **Terms of Reference, Constitution and Membership**

[*RGC Min.13A, 09.11.10*]

Noted:

- 24A.1 The Registry and Academic Services divisions merged with effect from 3 May 2011. Tim Perry, the former Director of Academic Services, headed the merged division as Director of Registry and Academic Services (RAS).
- 24A.2 The Chair, after discussion with the Director of RAS and on behalf of RGC, had approved the addition of the Director of Research Support, JBRU, to RGC's *ex officio* membership. The Director of Research Support was Dr Nick McNally.
- 24A.3 The Chair, on behalf of RGC, had approved the co-option of Andrew Cooper, Assistant Director (Policy and Communications), RAS / REF Manager, to RGC.
- 24A.4 The changes to RGC's Constitution noted at 24A.2 and 24A.3 above had been approved by Governance Committee.

Reported:

- 24A.5 The Chair welcomed the new members to the Committee and explained the background to the formation of RGC. One of RGC's roles was to ensure that departments across UCL were compliant in their approach to research ethics and governance in line with UCL's research ethics framework. As noted at the

Director of Finance - Alison Woodhams