



**UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON**

COLLEGIATE COUNCIL

Friday, 30 September 2016 at 8.30 am
The Court Room, Senate House

MINUTES

PRESENT

Professor Sir Adrian Smith (the Vice-Chancellor) (Chair)
The Baroness Amos of Brondesbury (SOAS)
Professor Sir Paul Curran (City)
Professor Jonathan Freeman-Attwood (RAM)
Professor Gavin Henderson (RCSSD)
Professor Jenny Higham (SGUL)
Father Michael Holman (HC)
Professor Roger Kain (SAS)
Mr Rex Knight (UCL) (alternate)
Professor Paul Layzell (RHUL)
Mr Patrick Loughrey (GC)
Professor Stuart Reid (RVC)
Dr Mary Stiasny (UoLIA)
Professor Deborah Swallow (CIA)

APOLOGIES

Professor Michael Arthur (UCL)
Professor Julia Black (LSE)
Professor Edward Byrne (KCL)
Professor Simon Gaskell (QMUL)
Professor David Latchman (Bbk)
Professor Sir Andrew Likierman (LBS)
Professor Baron Peter Piot (LSHTM)
Professor Paul Workman (ICR)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Kenneth Cheung (Secretary)
Ms Maureen Boylan (University Secretary)
Mr Chris Cobb (Pro Vice-Chancellor (Operations))
Mr Andrew Murphy (Chief Financial Officer)

Welcome

2125 On behalf of the Collegiate Council, the Chair welcomed Professor Sir Paul Curran, the President of City, University of London ('City'), who was attending his first meeting as a member following City's accession to the University of London federation on 1 September 2016.

Functions and Membership of the Collegiate Council

- 2126 Members noted a report by the Secretary on the Functions and membership of the Collegiate Council (Report CC600).

Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on 1 July 2016

- 2127 The Collegiate Council confirmed the Minutes of the previous meeting as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

- 2128 The Collegiate Council noted a report by the Secretary on the matters arising since its previous meeting (Report CC601).

Vice-Chancellor's Report

- 2129 The Collegiate Council considered the Vice-Chancellor's Report (Confidential Report CC602). Further to the information provided in the report, members discussed the following matters:

Women 2018

- (i) The Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) and Chief Executive of the University of London International Programmes ('Pro Vice-Chancellor (International)') reported that a working party had been established to take forward the development of the Women 2018 programme. It was reported that the working party included representatives from the Central University, the School of Advanced Study (SAS), Senate House Library (SHL), and the University of London International Academy (UoLIA). Members were informed that the Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) would liaise with all Colleges to co-ordinate, where possible, the delivery of the events and activities that were expected to take place throughout 2018. It was reported that the University was minded to propose an all-women list of Honorary Graduands for the 2018 Foundation Day Ceremony, which the Collegiate Council agreed that it would be content to consider in due course.

Refugee Initiatives

- (ii) The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Dean and Chief Executive of the SAS reported that a scoping meeting, attended by College representatives, had been held on 23 September 2016 to consider whether the SAS could play a convenor role for Colleges to discuss their work and to co-ordinate activities to better help refugee groups and individuals. Members were informed that the ideas discussed at the meeting had been well received, and that a report of the event was being prepared for circulation to the College representatives; it was reported that a further meeting would be scheduled for early-2017 to consider the matter of collaborative working.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

- (iii) The Vice-Chancellor reported that the Board of Trustees had approved, by correspondence in September 2016, the appointment of Professor Edward Byrne, the President and Principal of King's College London, as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, a position that had been held previously by the late Professor Paul Webley.

Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) Pension Cap

- (iv) The Vice-Chancellor reported that he had recently written to Colleges with regard to the cap on USS pensions. A member reported that more information on the key considerations for Colleges when reviewing the reward packages for staff affected by pension tax issues, particularly since the further reductions introduced in April 2016, could be found on the password-protected webpages of the Universities & Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) at: <http://www.ucea.ac.uk/en/empres/pensions/pensions-tax/ptbriefings.cfm>. Members were informed that one of the two new briefing documents that had been provided by the UCEA was aimed specifically at HR Directors and Reward Managers, with a second, slightly shorter, version aimed at Remuneration Committee members.

University Private Bill

- 2130 The Collegiate Council considered a report on the proposed University of London Parliamentary Private Bill (Report CC603 and Appendix CC603A).
- 2131 Members welcomed the recent progress made with a view to presenting a Parliamentary Private Bill on 28 November 2016 that would eventually lead to a new University of London Act, which would create the opportunity for Colleges, if they so wished, to seek university title whilst remaining within the federation. The Collegiate Council was content with the proposed draft of the Bill attached at Appendix CC603A.

AGREED:

- 2132 To recommend to the Board of Trustees that the University should present a Parliamentary Private Bill that would replace the current University of London Act in due course.

Potential Impacts to the University of the UK Referendum on EU Membership

- 2133 The Collegiate Council received a report on the potential impacts to the University following the outcome of the EU Referendum that had taken place on 23 June 2016 (Confidential Report CC604); it was noted that the report had been presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on 13 July 2016 and had not been updated since.
- 2134 A member reported that, for some of the programmes offered at his College, the selection process for the 2018-19 intake would commence in late-2016

and that, therefore, it was desirable that there should be ministerial assurances on student fees and loans for that entry cohort, as well as for the earlier 2017-18 cohort. Another member suggested that any assurances should also cover the full range of programmes offered for a cohort, such as, for instance, five or six-year programmes, which might include work placements. The Collegiate Council was informed, however, that a decision on this matter was unlikely to be made before the Autumn Statement, which was due to take place on 23 November 2016.

2135 A member suggested that, due to its location, the University of London Institute in Paris (ULIP) might be better positioned to secure European grants and funding; the Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) confirmed that ULIP was actively pursuing its various unique opportunities, which included identifying potential sources of financial support.

2136 The Collegiate Council was informed that the University was continuing to keep a watching brief on any further developments in this area and would share with members any relevant information.

University Finance Report

2137 The Collegiate Council received a report by the Chief Financial Officer with regard to the University finance report for the ten months to 31 May 2016 (Confidential Report CC605 and Confidential Appendix CC605A).

2138 Members noted that the University was in deficit by £4.4M on its continuing operations for the ten months to 31 May 2016 compared to a budgeted deficit of £3.9M. However, the Chief Financial Officer reported that, once some one-off items yet to be reflected in the account were factored in, the year-end position was likely to be better than budgeted by *circa* £3M.

Estates Matters

2139 The Collegiate Council considered a report by the Director of Capital Projects with regard to Estates matters (Confidential Report CC606). Further to the information provided in the report, members discussed the following matters:

[CCM 2139(i) is considered exempt from disclosure in accordance with Part II of the Freedom of Information Act 2000]

Programme Beveridge / Academic Space

- (ii) The Pro Vice-Chancellor (Operations) confirmed that the space made available in Senate House under Programme Beveridge could be ready for occupation by Colleges during 2017-18, and that Colleges were now invited to initiate informal discussions with him.

[CCM 2139(iii) is considered exempt from disclosure in accordance with Part II of the Freedom of Information Act 2000]

Annual Review of Delegated Functions

- 2140 The Collegiate Council considered a report by the Secretary on an annual review of the functions delegated by the Collegiate Council (Report CC607).
- 2141 The Collegiate Council considered, and was content with, the standing functions that it had delegated to its Boards and Committees, which were set out under Ordinances 6 and 11 for: (i) the Board of the SAS; (ii) the Board of the ULIP; (iii) the Board of the UoLIA; (iv) the SHL Board; (v) the Academic Quality Assurance Committee; and (vi) the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee.
- 2142 The Collegiate Council considered, and was content with, the standing functions that it had delegated to members of the University's staff, and the proposal to extend the standing functions, which were detailed under paragraphs 4-7 of Report CC607.

AGREED:

- 2143 (i) The Collegiate Council was content with the standing functions that it had delegated to its Boards and Committees (detailed at paragraphs 2-3 of Report CC607).
- (ii) The Collegiate Council was content with the standing functions that it had delegated to members of the University's staff (detailed at paragraph 4 of Report CC607).
- (iii) The Collegiate Council approved the proposed extension of standing functions that it had delegated to members of the University's staff (detailed at paragraphs 5-7 of Report CC607).

Membership of the Boards and Committees of the Collegiate Council for 2016-17

- 2144 The Collegiate Council noted a report by the Secretary with regard to the Membership of the Boards and Committees of the Collegiate Council for 2016-17 (Report CC608).

Award of Degrees and Diplomas

- 2145 The Collegiate Council noted a report by the University Secretary with regard to recent awards of degrees and diplomas (Report CC609).

Confirmed Confidential Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting on 18 May 2016

- 2146 The Collegiate Council noted the Confirmed Confidential Minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on 18 May 2016 (Confidential Report CC610).

Dates of Future Meetings

2147 Members noted the dates of future meetings as follows (all on Fridays commencing at 8.30 am):

2016-17

4 November 2016;

9 December 2016;

17 February 2017;

5 May 2017; and

7 July 2017.