

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday, 20 May 2015
at 9.15am in the **Council Chamber, Senate House**.

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Registrar and Chief Operating Officer

A G E N D A

As approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 September 2005, selected papers will remain private and confidential to Council members and attendees only. These items are clearly denoted with asterisks within the agenda.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL (Green Papers)

Note: The following items and reports are for consideration at the meeting. A summary sheet is provided with each paper setting out in broad terms the content of the paper and the action which the Council is asked to take on each specific item.

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 and 12 February 2015 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- (a) *Universities Superannuation Scheme (minute 63/14-15 refers)
- (b) Update on Proposed Changes to the Steering Committee Terms of Reference (minute 13/14-15(a)(vii) refers)

3. Conflicts of Interest

TO REPORT:

That, should any members or attendees of the Council have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with the CUC Guide for Members of Higher Education Governing Bodies in the UK.

4. Pro-Chancellor's Business

- (a) *Report from the Nominations Committee

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the meeting of the Nominations Committee held on 19 May 2015.

5. Vice-Chancellor and President's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Vice-Chancellor and President (C.56/14-15, attached).

6. Registrar and Chief Operating Officer's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Deputy Registrar on behalf of the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer that includes the following items of business:

- (a) Chairs of University Committees Higher Education Code of Governance (minute 75/14-15 refers)
- (b) Update on the Appointment to the Chair of the Faculty of Arts
- (c) Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Elections
- (d) Keeping Campus Moving

7. Universities UK Report: Quality, Equity, Sustainability: the Future of Higher Education Regulation

TO CONSIDER:

The Universities UK report on 'Quality, Equity, Sustainability: the Future of Higher Education Regulation' setting out proposals for the future of higher education regulation (C.57/14-15, attached), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

8. California: Progress Report

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Provost on progress to establish academic and student activities and a physical presence in California.

9. Implementation of the University Strategy

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining the University's approach to strategy implementation, together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar (C.58/14-15, attached).

10. *Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate held on 10 March 2015, together with an oral report from the Vice-Chancellor (C.59/14-15 {restricted}, attached).

11. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) *Finance and General Purposes Committee (C.60/14-15 {restricted}, attached), together with an oral report from the Treasurer and Group Finance Director.
- (b) *Audit Committee (C.61/14-15 {restricted}, attached).
- (c) Equality and Diversity Committee (C.62/14-15, attached).
- (d) University Health and Safety Executive Committee (C.63/14-15, attached), together with an oral report from the Deputy Registrar.

12. Any Other Business

13. Dates of Future Meetings

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Wednesday, 8 July 2015, at The Shard, London.

14. Strategic Topic for Discussion: What are the likely implications of the Election Result?

TO CONSIDER:

The potential implications of the General Election Result.

MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION (Blue Papers)

The following papers are non-controversial or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Council may, however, ask for any of the following items to be transferred to the 'Matters for Consideration by the Council' element of the Agenda for the day by contacting the Registrar and Chief Operating Officer (024 765 23704) or the Director of Governance and Assurance Services (024 765 24984) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

15. Reports from Council and Joint Senate and Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) University Estate Committee (C.64/14-15, online only).
- (b) Research Governance and Ethics Committee (C.65/14-15, online only).

16. Report from a Meeting of the Assembly

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the meeting of the Assembly held on 20 April 2015 (C.66/14-15, online only).

17. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2015 (C.67/14-15, online only).

18. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances, as noted by the Senate:

- (a) University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas (C.68/14-15, online only).

19. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to the following University Regulations, as recommended by the Senate:

- (a) University Regulation 8 governing the Regulations for First Degrees (C.69/14-15, online only).

20. Approvals by the Chair

(a) Membership of Committees of the Council: University Estate Committee

TO REPORT:

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to approve the appointment to the University Estate Committee of Professor David Haddleton (Department of Chemistry) and Professor Sean Hand (School of Modern Languages and Cultures) as academic members with immediate effect until 31 July 2017.

(b) Membership of Committees of the Council: Audit Committee

TO REPORT:

That the Pro-Chancellor had taken Chair's action on behalf of the Council to approve the appointment to Audit Committee of Ms Gail Tucker as an external member with effect from 1 April 2015 until 31 July 2018.

All members of the Council and attendees at the meeting are reminded that papers circulated for consideration at the meeting remain confidential to the University and should not be circulated or discussed outside the University community.

As at 14 May 2015