

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

A meeting of the University Council will be held on Wednesday 9 July 2008
at 2.15pm in the Phillips Room at 76 Portland Place, London, W1B 1NT.

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Registrar

A G E N D A

As approved by the Council at its meeting on 28 September 2005, those selected papers marked with asterisks within the agenda will remain private and confidential for Council members and attendees only.

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:

- (a) The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2008 (attached).
- (b) The minutes of the meeting of the Council and the Senate held on 19 March 2008 (attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

3. Pro-Chancellor's Business

4. Vice-Chancellor's Business

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Vice-Chancellor outlining the current status of a number of key strategic issues facing the University.

5. Financial Plan 2008 – 2012

TO CONSIDER:

The University Financial Plan for the period through 2011/2012 (C.64/07-08, attached).

6. Report from the Working Group on the Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors

TO CONSIDER:

The report from the Working Group on the Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellors together with a summary of the discussion and recommendations of the Senate including proposals for consequential amendments to University governing instruments (C.66/07-08, attached).

7. Constitution of the Union of Students

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Union of Students (C.67/07-08, attached).

8. Report from the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

A report on selected items considered at the meeting of the Senate held on 18 June and 2 July 2008 (C.68/07-08, attached).

9. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

(a) *Finance and General Purposes Committee (C.69/07-08 {Part 1}, attached).

(b) *Audit Committee (C.70/07-08, attached).

10. Appointment of Lay Members of the Council 2008-2011

TO REPORT:

(a) That subsequent to the last meeting of the Council, the Nominations Committee recommended to members of the Council the appointment of two individuals to lay membership of the Council.

(b) That, following the responses received from members of the Council to the circulation of the recommendations and notwithstanding the provision for a vote at this meeting of the Council as set out in Ordinance 4, the following two individuals were appointed to lay membership of the Council for the period of 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2011:

(i) Ms Viki Cooke, Co-founder of Opinion Leader Research

(ii) Ms Trudi Elliott, the Regional Director of the Government Office for the West Midlands

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Chair of the Nominations Committee on the appointment of lay members of the University Council.

11. Awards and Distinctions

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out the awards and distinctions that have been conferred on members of the University since the meeting of the Council held on 19 March 2008 (C.72/07-08, attached).

12. Strategic Discussion Topic: Effectiveness Review of the Council Report

TO CONSIDER:

The Report from the Effectiveness Review commissioned by the Council (C.73/07-08, *previously circulated*) (C.73/07-08 coversheet, attached).

13. Any Other Business

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 Agenda for the day by contacting the Council Secretary (ext: 22713) prior to the meeting or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

14. Reports from Council Committees

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) *Finance and General Purposes Committee (C.69/07-08 {Part 2}, attached).
- (b) Equality and Diversity Committee (C.74/07-08, attached).
- (c) Building Committee (C.71/07-08, attached).

15. University Risk Status

TO CONSIDER:

A summary report outlining the current risk status for a selection of key risks of the University (C.65/07-08, attached).

16. University Staff Survey - 'Pulse'

TO CONSIDER:

A paper outlining the key outcomes of the University's recent staff survey, Pulse (C.75/07-08, attached).

17. University Committee Timetable and Term Dates

TO CONSIDER:

The Committee Timetable for the academic year 2008/09 and University term dates for 2017/18 (C.76/07-08, attached).

18. Register of Members' Interests

TO REPORT:

That a copy of the Register of Interests of members of the University Council is available from the Deputy Registrar's Office and that the University would be writing to each of those members of the Council who would continue to serve in 2008/09 to update existing information on their interests.

19. Amendments to University Ordinances

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) For the second time, proposed amendments to University Ordinance 13 on Degrees and Diplomas (C.77/07-08, attached).
- (b) For the first time, proposed amendments to University Ordinances (C.78/07-08, attached).

20. Amendments to University Regulations

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to University Regulations (C.79/07-08, attached).

21. Strategic Discussion Topics for Meetings of the Council

TO RECEIVE:

A list of potential strategic items for discussion at future meetings of the Council (C.80/07-08, attached).

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.