

Council

22 February 2024

15:00 – 17:00

International Building Room 244



Agenda

1. WELCOME			
Welcome members to the meeting.	CoC/AB	Verbal	
APOLOGIES			
To NOTE any apologies received	Chair/PM	Verbal	
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
To invite members to indicate if they have a conflict of interest, not previously declared, with an item on this agenda	Chair	Verbal	
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING			
To APPROVE minutes of the meetings held on 23 November 2023 (M23/266-23/353)	Chair	Attached	
4. MATTERS ARISING			
To NOTE matters arising, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.	Chair	Verbal	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Minute Ref 23/219: to confirm if the UKVI report has been received.Minute Ref 23/216: an update regarding changes to the Study Group agreement for 2024/25.	AB		
5. REPORT OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL			
To NOTE any decisions taken by the Chair	Chair	Verbal	
6. UN-STARRING OF ITEMS			
To NOTE the un-starring of any starred item. Members wishing to un-star items must notify the Secretariat, including detail of the reason(s) for othe unstarring, by 10.00am on Tuesday 20 February 2024	Chair/PM	Verbal	
MAJOR BUSINESS			
7. VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE			
To RECEIVE a report from the Vice-Chancellor and Principal	JS	Paper	
8. STUDENT NUMBERS			
To RECEIVE a verbal update of Student numbers	MFillws	Verbal	

9.	FINANCE		
	To RECEIVE the current year Financial Report	IW/MW	Paper
	To RECEIVE the annual Investment Report	IW/MW	Paper
10.	RH2030s STRATEGY		
	To RECEIVE a verbal update on strategy development	MFillws	Verbal
11.	SPECIAL RESOLUTION		
	To CONSIDER a second Special Resolution to amend the Statutes.	CoC/AB	Paper
12.	UNIVERSITY SECRETARY'S UPDATE		
12.1	To RECEIVE the regulatory and legislative update including an update on the impending OfS consultation on Freedom of Speech	AB	Paper
12.2	To NOTE an update on Council recruitment for 2024/25	AB/CoC	Paper

STARRED ITEMS FOR REPORT AND FORMAL APPROVAL

13.*	REPORTABLE EVENTS		
	To RECEIVE an update on a reportable event under OfS condition 3(i)	AB	None
	A paper will be provided if there have been any reports made and there is currently nothing to report at this meeting.		
14.*	REPORT OF DECISIONS AGREED BY CIRCULATION		
	To NOTE:	Chair	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of a paper on 13 December 2023 seeking members' approval of a proposal, supported by Academic Board, for the award of an Honorary degree of the University of London to Professor Jennifer Thomas. Responses supporting the proposal were received from the majority of Council members. 		Paper
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulation of a paper on 14 December 2023 seeking members' approval of draft Financial statements for the year to 31 July 2023. Responses supporting the proposal were received from the majority of Council members. Copies of the Financial Statements will be available at the meeting 		Paper
15.*	EXTERNAL AUDITOR APPOINTMENT		
	To APPROVE the annual appointment of the external auditor, KPMG	MW	Paper
16.*	FINANCIAL REGULATIONS		
	To APPROVE the Financial Regulations	MW	Paper
17.*	SEALING OF DOCUMENTS		
	To NOTE the university seal has not been applied since 31 July 2023		

OTHER MATTERS

18. COMMITTEE REPORTS

To NOTE reports from the following Chairs of Council Committees where items have not been addressed in the meeting: Verbal

Remuneration Committee AE

Students Education and Research Committee GO'H

Strategy & Governance Committee DMH

Finance Committee IW

Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee BV

People Committee MF

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

20. OTHER BUSINESS

21. DATES OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS

On Campus unless indicated otherwise:

- 22 February 2023, 17:00-19:00 and briefing session: Reputation and Rankings 15.00-16.30
- 16 May 2024, currently 17:00-19:00 and briefing session: Environmental Sustainability 15.00-16.30.
- 4 July 2024, 17:00-19:00 and Briefing session: The Drones 15.00-16.30
- 3 October 2024 17:00-19:00 and Briefing session: CoStar 15:00-16:30

THE EXHIBITION BOOK The following minutes are provided in this Exhibition Book as a separate document.	
EB1	MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS <i>Minutes designated "unsigned" are those not yet signed off by the Committee but approved by the Committee Chair</i>
	Students, Education and Research Committee 11 October 2023
	People, Staff Development, Reward and Wellbeing Committee 2 November 2023
	Strategy & Governance Committee 2 November 2023
	Finance Committee 9 November 2023
	Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee 13 November 2023 (<i>not yet available</i>)
	Students, Education and Research Committee 6 December 2023 (<i>not yet available</i>)
	Strategy & Governance Committee 18 January 2024 (<i>not yet available</i>)
	Finance Committee 18 January 2024 (<i>not yet available</i>)
	Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee 7 February 2024 (<i>not yet available</i>)
	People, Staff Development, Reward and Wellbeing Committee 8 February 2024 (<i>not yet available</i>)
	The following Committees have not met since the last meeting of Council
	Remuneration Committee (next meeting 18 April 2024)
	EB2
	Final Minutes of the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 October 2023