**1**     **TERMS OF REFERENCE, CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP 2014-15**

*Received:*

1.1     At *[2]<u>AB 1-01 (14-15)</u>, AB's terms of reference [3].

1.2     At *<u>AB 1-02 (14-15)</u>, AB's constitution and membership for the session 2014-15[4].

1.3     A note by the AB Secretary on AB Standing Orders, for information, at <u>AB 1-03 (14-15)</u>.

**3B**  **Council approval of Academic Board recommendations**
*[AB Min. 29.4, 14.05.14]*

***Noted:***

3B.1  At its meeting on 7 July 2014, Council approved, on the recommendation of AB, the renaming of the Department of Medical Physics and Bioengineering as the Department of Medical Physics and Biomedical Engineering, with effect from 1 August 2014.

**3C**  **Timing of meetings**

***Noted:***

3C.1  The dates for AB meetings throughout 2014/15 had been circulated as a S.2(h)1.0(f)-4unrtiatlT

training was outstanding in all categories. So while there is some level of risk, this will be managed in the same way as risks to other provision.

### *Noted:*

5.11 That, once the merger has taken place, IoE students would be awarded UCL qualifications on completion of their programmes.

## 6 NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY

### *Received:*

6.1 An oral report from the Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs), Professor Anthony Smith, on UCL's performance in the 2014 NSS[5].

### *Reported:*

6.2 The Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs) reported that UCL had made steady progress in the National Student Survey. The response rate had increased to 74%, Overall Satisfaction had improved by 2% placing UCL 14th in the Russell Group and of 40 subjects reported, 18 were in the top half in the sector for overall satisfaction.

6.3 The Vice-Provost and the Provost commended these improvements but emphasised that further work is required. The Vice-Provost encouraged members to read the qualitative comments and feedback left by students to gain a richer insight of the reasons that students give the scores they do. In particular, these comments suggest that UCL needs to focus its efforts on assessment and feedback, improving the estate and emphasising the importance of teaching as well as research.

6.4 Detailed data is available on the Academic Services website that shows subject rankings in the whole sector and against key competitors. The Vice-Provost emphasised to members the importance of engaging fully with this data and developing details action plans in partnership with student representatives.

### *Discussion:*

6.5 Members asked about UCL's position in the sector on assessment and feedback and what support was available to help improve scores in this area. All members were encouraged to learn from good practice in their own and in other Faculties such as Peer Assisted Learning schemes and to work with CALT to audit assessment activity and benchmark against other departments.

## 7 INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

### *Received:*

7.1 An oral report from the Vice-Provost (International), Dame Nicola Brewer, on the UCL international strategy.

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[5] Details are available at www.ucl.ac.uk/srs/governance-and-committees/qme/qmea-z/nss.

*Reported:*

7.2    The Vice-Provost gave an overview of progress towards a new Global Engagement Strategy for UCL that would reflect the priorities set out in the 2034 strategy. This new strategy would be aimed at supporting and facilitating three levels of activity.

7.3    The strategy would aim to support and encourage existing global partnerships at discipline level where individual or small groups of staff are working with key partners around the world to develop and promote their research activity.

7.4    The strategy will set ambitions for Faculty and Institute level activity to promote UCL's areas of global excellence and to develop active and deep relationships with world leading partners.

7.5    The final level will be institution-wide activity, where UCL will aim to develop a core set of key strategic partner Universities that share our mission and values. These partnerships will build upon and learn from existing relationships such as the Yale-UCL Collaborative, the Wellcome Trust Africa Centre and UCL Adelaide.

7.6    The Vice-Provost explained her intention to consult widely with academic and professional services staff and to actively engage students in developing a first draft of the strategy. This would be shared with AB at its next meeting in February.

*Discussion:*

7.7    In response to questions from members, the Vice-Provost emphasised that UCL's existing values would drive the Global Engagement Strategy and that strategic aims would reflect those contained in the 2034 strategy. In particular the strategy would aim to grow UCL's reputation and impact as a positive contributor to the world. Each of the Pro Vice-Provosts are currently engaged in a mapping exercise to ensure that existing activity and good practice is fully captured so that this can continue to be supported and built upon.


8      **CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

*Received:*

8.1    An oral report by Mr Andrew Grainger, Director of UCL Estates.

*Reported:*

8.2    The Director of Estates reported that significant resources have been dedicated over the next 10 years to meet UCL's requirements as set out in 2034 Strategy. In particular, the capital investment programme has been designed to meet two keyht2(a)12.4(7          Q

*Discussion:*

8.5 In response to a question about the cost of space in Bloomsbury, the Provost explained that the costs per square meter in central London were significantly higher than those for other Universities located elsewhere.

8.6 Members asked about UCL's engagement with the redevelopment of Euston Station, the Director of Estates confirmed that he is in regular contact with Camden Council and is actively engaged in discussion about potential involvement from UCL in the development.


**9      LEAD OFFICERS REPORTS**

*Noted:*

9.1 Lead Officer reports on the following areas: Careers and Employability; Student Accommodation; Student Welfare Co-ordination; Research, at AB 1-05 (14-15) – AB 1-08 (14-15) respectively.

*Approved:*

9.2 Lead Officers' reports 2013-14 on (i) Careers and Employability, (ii) Student Accommodation; (iii) Student Welfare Co-ordination and (iv) Research.


**10     SENIOR ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS**

*Noted*:

10.1 At AB 1-09 (14-15) – a list of promotions to professorships, effective from 1 October 2014.    All those named on the list are now, by virtue of their promotion to professor, ex officio members of AB.


**11     AWARDS TO UCL STAFF**

*Noted:*

11.1 At AB 1-10 (14-15) a note on the award of major prizes etc to members of the academic community of UCL since the previous meeting of AB.


**12     APPOINTMENTS**

*Noted:*

12.1 A list of recent appointments (i) of Vice-Provosts; (ii) of Deans of Faculty; (iii) of Heads of Academic Departments, and (iv) to established Chairs tenable at UCL – at AB 1-11 (14-15).