

**Academic Committee
Special Meeting**

Friday 13 March 2020 at 1:00pm

Minutes

Present Members:

President and Provost (Chair); Ms Wendy Appleby; Dr Simon Banks (remote access); Professor David Bogle; Dr Celia Caulcott (remote access); Mr Ashley Doolan; Professor Piet Eeckhout; Dr Julie Evans; Dr Hugh Goodacre; Dr Elizabeth Halton; Dr Arne Hofmann; Professor Christoph Lindner; Ms Blathnaid Mahony; Dr Helen Matthews; Mr Jim Onyemenam; Professor Norbert Pachler; Professor Ivan Parkin; Professor Hynek Pikhart (remote access); Professor Sue Rogers (remote

regulations be suspended accordingly. The first year progression rate was very high and contribution to the final classification mark was very low.

- h. It was considered that deferring assessments and examinations to the and Late Summer Assessment (LSA) period was inadvisable due to it not being known how long the virus outbreak would last. Priority would be

alternative online assessments.

- i. A statement was expected from the Student Loans Company (SLC) later today in light of concerns across the sector about whether the SLC might seek reimbursement of part of a loan if campuses were closed or tuition moved online.
- j. It would be important for students to understand that arrangements would not be perfect and there were likely to be teething problems with technology as UCL supported them in their learning and assessment for the remainder of this academic session, as these were unprecedented circumstances across the university sector.

- b. Within its Terms of Reference and in accordance with Regulations for Management, AC had the power to form such a Panel.
- c. Any decisions of the Panel and the minutes of its meetings would be reported to AC.

37.2. In response to a suggestion to increase the number of Faculty Deans and Faculty Tutors on the Panel which currently stood at two for each group, the VPESA wished to ensure all four UCL Schools were represented by those officers in order to keep the membership manageable as it was anticipated that the Panel would only meet on an emergency basis. The Chair suggested however that there might be 2 Heads of Department added to the proposed membership.

37.3. **AC approved the delegation of its powers to a Contingency Panel.**

The meeting finished at 1:40pm.

Ms Rachel Port, Secretary to Academic Committee
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