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Received:

4.1 An oral report from the Provost. In addition to items already on the Agenda, the Provost highlighted the following developments since AC's last meeting.

4A Nobel Prize Success

Reported:

4A.1 The Provost congratulated Professor John O'Keefe, Director of the Sainsbury Wellcome Centre for Neural Circuits & Behaviour and Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience in the Department of Cell & Developmental Biology for being named winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine.

4B Institute of Education

Reported:

4B.1 The Provost reported that discussion has continued between the two organisations to proceed with the merger, with a view to establishing the IoE as a faculty of UCL from December 2014. This would require the IoE to relinquish its own Royal Charter and Degree Awarding Powers. In early October, the IoE's Council voted overwhelmingly in favour of the merger, this would be followed by a vote at UCL's own Council on 22 October and then a final vote by IoEs Council in November.

4C Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park Development

Reported:

4C.1 The Provost reported that, following recommendation by Finance Committee, Council would be discussing the full business case for the QEOP development on 20 October 2014.

5 IN THE NATIONAL STUDENT SURVEY [AC Min.26, 03.07.14]

Received:

An oral report from the Vice-Provost (Education and Student Affairs), Professor Anthony Smith, on UCL's performance in the 2014 NSS¹.

Reported:

5.2 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

6.4 The Vice-Provost noted that the largest number of grants had been won for collaborative projects, demonstrating UCL's capacity for inter-disciplinary research and cross Faculty collaboration.

7 LEAD OFFICER REPORT CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Noted:

7.1 At <u>AC 1-3 (14-15)</u>, the Lead Officer report on Careers and Employability, introduced by the Director of the Careers Service.

Reported:

7.2 The Director of the Careers Service introduced her report and, in particular, sought AC's comments on the following areas:

The Results of the GradClub Intensive programme where, in 2013/14, 6 departments with highest un/under-employment were selected as part of the pilot. The programme concentrates on students without graduate level jobs or study and provides intensive support via a dedicated careers coach, workshops, newsletters and job shortlisting. Unemployment fell by 9.5% in those 6 departments. The programme is being extended to 8 departments in 14/15.

The Careers Group Employability MOOC that has been developed with the University of London Careers Group as a collective effort. The MOOC contains 6 modules, 'Values', 'Skill Development', 'Confidence and Resilience', 'Researching and Applying for roles', 'Interviews and Assessment Centres' and 'Professional Networking'. In the first year there have been over 79,000 active participants. UCL's Careers Service intends to take elements of this to develop an online employability course for UCL PGT

A first draft of the strategy was being developed and would shared with Academic Committee in early 2015.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted:

13.1 The next meeting will be on **Thursday 18 December 2014** at **9.00am** in **UCL Conference Suite 05, 188 Tottenham Court Road**

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