

## **UCL Council: Statement of Primary Responsibilities**

The primary responsibilities of the Council of UCL shall be:

In general:

1. In accordance with Article 7 of the Charter and Statute 6 of UCL, to oversee the sound management and administration of the property and finances of UCL and, subject to the powers of the Academic Board, the conduct of UCL's affairs; and to discharge all such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon Council by the Statutes and Regulations for Management of UCL.

In particular:

2. To approve the mission and strategic vision of UCL, long-term academic and business plans and high-level key performance indicators (KPIs), and to ensure that these meet the interests of stakeholders.

3. To delegate authority to the President and Provost, as chief executive, for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and human resources management of UCL; and to establish and keep under regular review the policies and procedures for, including any limits to be applied to, the exercise of such management functions as shall be undertaken by and under the authority of the President and Provost.

4. To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment and management, and procedures for handling internal grievances and for managing conflicts of interest.

5. To ensure that processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of UCL against plans and KPIs which, where possible and appropriate, should be benchmarked against other comparable institutions of higher education.

6. To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Council itself.

7. To conduct its business in accordance with best practice in higher education corporate governance and with the principles of public life drawn up by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

8. To safeguard the good name and values of UCL.

9. To appoint the Chair of Council for such period as the Council deems appropriate (according to the provisions of the relevant Statute of UCL); and to elect a Vice-Chair of the Council and the Treasurer of UCL (according to the provisions of the relevant Statute of UCL).

10. To appoint the President and Provost as chief executive of UCL and to put in place suitable arrangements for monitoring her/his performance.

11. To appoint a secretary to Council and to ensure that, if the person appointed has managerial responsibilities in UCL, there is an appropriate separation in the lines of responsibility.

