



RESEARCH GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesday 18 June 2013

MINUTES

Professor David Price (*Chair*)
Dr Brian Balmer
Dr Andrew Clark
Mr Jason Clarke (vice Mr Tim Perry)
Professor Mary Collins
Mr Andrew Cooper
Dr Anne Mortimer
Professor Cheryl Thomas

In attendance: Ms Rachel Port (*Secretary*)

Apologies were received from Professor Daniel Alexander, Professor Shelley Channon, Lord Hart of Chilton, Professor Raymond MacAllister, Dr Nick McNally, Dr Emma Morris, Mr Tim Perry, Professor Claire Warwick and Mr Nigel Waugh.

Key to abbreviations

CRGC Clinical Research Governance Committee
EthiC Ethics Committee
REthC Research Ethics Committee
RGC Research Governance Committee

25 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 14 MARCH 2013

Confirmed:

- 25.1 The Minutes of the meeting of RGC held on 14 March 2013 [*RGC Mins.13-15, 14.03.13*].

26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

26A Terms of reference, constitution and membership [*RGC Min.1, 06.11.12*]

Noted:

- 26A.1 Dr Emma Morris, Research Department of Immunology, joined RGC in the new constituency of 'Chair, Clinical Research Governance Committee' that had been added to the *ex officio* membership of the Committee.
- 26A.2 Following discussions between the EthiC officers and the Vice-Provost (Research)/RGC Chair concerning the role of EthiC in relation to ethical considerations arising from UCL's research agenda and the relationship between the two committees, it had been agreed that Professor Price should join EthiC. Furthermore, given the scope and nature of UCL's research activities and the ethical

implications of those activities, it had also been agreed that there should be a reporting line from RGC to EthiC in order to allow EthiC to maintain an overview of ethical considerations in relation to research and to provide RGC with a mechanism for flagging ethical issues that it might identify as a result of its own work. The terms of reference of RGC had been amended accordingly and those were at RGC 1-1 (12-13) (1st Revision).

Discussion:

- 26.3 Further to the above, it was noted that minutes of RGC meetings would be submitted to EthiC officers henceforward. In noting the existence of CRGC, EthiC, REthC and RGC, the Chair suggested that UCL colleagues might be confused by the remit of both EthiC and REthC in particular given their similar names and that consideration might be given to renaming REthC in due course. The Director of Academic Services, who was also Secretary to EthiC, noted that the details about UCL's research ethics and governance committee structure could be examined during the process of drawing up terms of reference for a new Research Funding Ethics Committee, to be established as a sub-group of RGC, for review by EthiC officers in Autumn 2013.

27 DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2013-14 SESSION

Noted:

- 27.1 There were no further meetings of RGC scheduled for this session. Dates of meetings of RGC for 2013-14 would be agreed outside the meeting and notified to members.¹

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¹ Subsequent to the meeting, the dates for meetings of RGC in 2013-14 session were confirmed as Tuesday 19 November 2013, Monday 24 February 2014 and Monday 16 June 2014. All meetings would be held at 10.00am-11.30am in the Ground Floor Meeting Room at 2 Taverton Street.