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Remuneration Committee

Terms of Reference

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Approval History

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| V0.01 | 22/02/2017 | For initial review by Nominations & Governance Committee | |
| V0.02 | 08/03/2017 | Incorporating changes from Nominations & Governance Committee | Nominations & Governance Committee |
| V1.00 | 30/03/2017 | Presented for Board of Trustee Approval | Board of Trustees |
| V2.00 | 08/03/2018 | Updated membership | Nominations and Governance Committee (on 25/01/18) |
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| V3.01 | 10/01/2019 | Updated membership | Nominations and Governance Committee |
| V4.00 | 25/01/2019 | Approved with further small amendments | Nominations and Governance Committee |
| V5.00 | 27/06/2019 | Annual Remuneration Committee re-approval (incl. minor change) | Remuneration Committee |
| V6.00 | 22/01/2020 | Minor amendments | Nominations & Governance Committee |
| V7.00 | 26/03/2020 | Updated membership | Board of Trustees |
| V8.00 | 28/01/2021 | Annual Re-Approval | Nominations & Governance Committee |
| V9.00 | 22/10/2021 | Minor updates | Remuneration Committee |
| V10.00 | 30/08/2022 | Updated membership | Remuneration Committee |
| V11.00 | 06/09/2023 | Updated membership | Nominations & Governance Committee |
| V12.00 | 18/10/2023 | Full review and update | Remuneration Committee |
| V13.00 | 22/02/2024 | Updates to membership and nomenclature | Nominations & Governance Committee |
| V13.01 | 04/09/2024 | Minor wording updates | Remuneration Committee |
| V13.02 | 15/10/2024 | Further updates based on Committee feedback | |
| V13.03 | 25/10/2024 | Further updated based on Committee feedback | |
| V14.00 | 27/02/2025 | Membership update | Nominations & Governance Committee |

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1. Key Purpose

The Remuneration Committee is established as a sub-committee of members of the Board of Trustees. Its remit is to oversee the policy and arrangements for determining the salary/ total remuneration of the Vice Chancellor, the Executive Team, and those earning a salary in excess of £100,000 (full time equivalent) which both ensure that such staff are appropriately remunerated in terms of their recruitment, retention and motivation, and which are robust and appropriate use of the Institution's funds.

Its responsibilities are subject to the over-arching governance of UCEM led by the Vice Chancellor and the powers and functions of the Board of Trustees.

2. Terms of Reference

Subject to its overall guidance and approval, the Board of University College of Estate Management charges the Remuneration Committee with the following functions:

- 2.1 To ensure that decisions made by the Remuneration Committee comply with the requirements of The Higher Education Senior Staff Remuneration Code published by CUC.
- 2.2 To determine all aspects of the remuneration (Base salary, performance-related payments, benefits, pensions and other remuneration) of the Vice Chancellor. Performance against objectives (which are set each year) will be considered by the Chair of the Board of Trustees, prior to the Remuneration Committee meeting to determine the remuneration of the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor's objectives will be shared with the Committee.
- 2.3 To approve annually the Head of Provider Justification Statement and pay ratios as part of the Remuneration Committee Annual Report to the Board of Trustees ensuring compliance with the Office for Students' Regulatory advice 9: Accounts Direction.
- 2.4 To review and approve all aspects of the remuneration (Base salary, performance-related payments and pensions) of the Executive Team and employees earning a salary in excess of £100,000 (FTE). To periodically review the Executive Team Performance Award (ETPA) scheme which governs performance-related payments, to ensure it remains relevant and appropriately structured. As a minimum, the ETPA will be reviewed every 3 years.
- 2.5 To receive, on an annual basis, a high-level report on pay review proposals for all staff against the budgeted funds approved by the Board of Trustees.

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- 2.6 The committee will obtain external, specialist advice on the appropriateness of salary levels of staff under its purview when necessary.
- 2.7 To prepare an annual report of the Committee's decisions to the Board each year.

3. Reporting

The Committee reports to the Board of Trustees after each meeting in relation to its terms of reference, and provides an annual Head of Provider Justification Statement and pay ratios to the Board for final approval as part of the Audited Accounts..

4. Membership of the Remuneration Committee

| Name | Title |
|--------------------|--|
| Graeme Scott | Treasurer (Chair of Remuneration Committee), Independent Trustee |
| Prof. Nick Braisby | Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees |
| Peter McCrea OBE | Chair of the Board of Trustees |

5. Attending as Observer/Contributor

| Name | Title |
|----------------|---|
| Ashley Wheaton | Vice Chancellor and Ex-Officio Trustee attending by invitation of the Chair and where of value to the Committee (Except for when item 2.2 on the Terms of Reference is considered). |
| Jane Fawkes | University Secretary (Except for when item 2.4 on the Terms of Reference is considered). |
| Lisa Wilks | Human Resources Director |
| Andy Macdonald | External Representative |
| Adam Denton | Student Trustee |
| ТВС | Periodic invitations will be issued to Trustees, University College Staff and/or advisers where relevant for a specific agenda item |

6. Quorum/Decision Making

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For the Remuneration Committee to be quorate, not less than 50% of those entitled to vote must be present, along with the Chair (or a nominated designate). This excludes those attending as observer or by invitation.

Decisions will be made by way of consensus, with the Chair carrying the casting vote.

7. Frequency of Meetings

The Remuneration Committee will normally meet a minimum of twice in each calendar year. Dates of meetings will be appropriate to the cycle of business and, where relevant, to UCEM Board of Trustees meetings.