



**Matters arising**

<b>Outcome requested:</b>	Council is asked to <b>note</b> the matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2024.
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	N/A
<b>QMUL Strategy:</b>	Effective governance supports the achievement of all strategic aims.
<b>Internal/External reference points:</b>	N/A
<b>Strategic Risks:</b>	N/A
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	N/A
<b>Subject to prior and onward consideration by:</b>	By Council only.
<b>Confidential paper under FOIA/DPA:</b>	No
<b>Timing:</b>	N/A
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<b>Date:</b>	01 May 2024
<b>Senior Management/External Sponsor:</b>	Lord Clement-Jones, Chair of Council

<b>Actions from the meeting held on 28 March 2024</b>			
<b>Minute no.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Person responsible</b>	<b>Progress</b>
2023.041[b]	<p><b>President and Principal's Report</b></p> <p>The House of Commons Education Committee had been conducting an inquiry into how students at universities were impacted by various forms of industrial action in recent years, with a particular focus on the marking and assessment boycott. The Universities and Colleges Employers Association (UCEA) had made a written submission on behalf of all universities. We were one of c.25 universities that implemented a policy on partial performance. A link to the written evidence submitted to the Committee would be circulated to Council members.</p>	University Secretary	<p>A link to the oral and written evidence considered by the Committee was circulated to members of Council and is replicated here:</p> <p><a href="https://committees.parliament.uk/work/8034/impact-of-industrial-action-on-university-students/publications/">committees.parliament.uk/work/8034/impact-of-industrial-action-on-university-students/publications/</a></p>
2023.041[d]	<p><b>President and Principal's Report</b></p> <p>Council members had received a letter ahead of the meeting from the local UCU branch on discussions in HSS that were initiated by the Faculty leadership about potential changes to the academic organisation. The University Secretary had responded to the UCU branch informing them that their letter would be referred to the Joint Consultative Forum (JCF) as the appropriate governance forum. The Chief Operations Officer, in her capacity as Chair of the JCF, said that discussions in the Faculty were at an early stage and that the response to the letter would be shared with members of Council. In response to a question about the governance route for making changes to the academic organisation, the University Secretary said that changes are approved by the Council on the recommendation of the Senior Executive Team after consulting the Senate,</p>	Chief Operations Officer	The Chair of the JCF's response to the local UCU branch was circulated to members of Council.

	Council's role being to seek assurance that due process has been followed.		
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