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- 41. RIGEC Sub-committee structure (Paper 5- 17)
- 41.1. The Director of RIGE Governance and Delivery introduced the paper setting out proposals to restructure RIGEC's sub-

- 42. New UCL Code of Conduct for Research (Paper 5-18)
- 42.1. The Research Policy and Governance Officer introduced the report from the UCL-wide consultation of the draft version of the new UCL Code of Conduct for Research. The key points made were:
 - a. A UCL-wide survey of the Code had been undertaken and the feedback received had been shared with the Advisory

- d. In terms of communications and compliance, there were some 50 policies listed in the Code and it was unrealistic to expect staff and students to read all of those.
- e. Concerns were raised about the distinction between "you must" and "you should" and it was proposed that this wording be revisited as part of the living document.
- f. It was emphasised that the Code did not create a new set of musts as those were already in place.
- g. It was also suggested that the Code should cross reference to the relevant core policy and use the same language as that in the policy itself.
- h. It was proposed that implementation of the Code be overseen by RIGE-OC and that consideration be given to monitoring compliance with the Code.
- 42.3. RIGEC:
 - a. Approved the revised version of the UCL Code of Conduct for Research.
 - b. Agreed that implementation of the Code be overseen by RIGE-OC and that consideration be given to monitoring compliance with the Code.

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each year; negotiated and set up 1500 new awards each year; and negotiated and placed 3200 contracts per annum.

- b. To enable research, RIS had five levels of service activity with transactional processes at level 1 and strategy and policy at level 5.
- c. RIS was building up the support for research related and innovation activity. This would include the creation of a new team to manage and have oversight of key audit, assurance and compliance activities relating to research and innovation activity across UCL.
- d. RIS would be reorganised into 4 teams of Award Services; Contract Services; Planning, Insight and Implementation; and Compliance and Assurance. The new structure would be in place with effect from 1 July 2022.
- e. A programme of engagement was underway to minimise the disruption to staff.
- 45.2. The following points were raised in discussion:
 - a. RIGEC expressed it support to the Executive Director for all her work in leading the current activities within RIS.
 - b. RIGEC also noted the increased workload for RIS in terms of research contracts given the volume received from the Life and Medical Sciences areas.
- 46. Confidential: Research Inte grity Training Update (Paper 5 -21)
- 46.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.
- 46.2. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

Part III: Other Busin ess for Approval or Information

- 47. UCL REF2021 Results (Paper 5- 22)
- 47.1. RIGEC received the report on UCL's REF2021 Results.
- 48. Confidential: UCL- Russia & Belarus: Research, Innovation and Education Partnerships (Paper 5-23)
- 48.1. Exempt from publication, please see confidential minutes.

- 49. UCL Funding Allocation
- 49.1. Under "Any other business" it was noted that the letter on UCL's UKRI GCRF and Newton Funding Allocation 2022/23 had been circulated to RIGEC for information yesterday.
- 50. Date of the next meeting
- 50.1. The next meeting of RIGEC would take place on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 10:00am and be fully hybrid in the Council Room.

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