

Statement of Primary Responsibilities

The Council of Royal Holloway has adopted the CUC Code of Governance (2014) and its Statement of Primary Responsibilities as follows:

Planning Monitoring and Control:

- To approve the mission and strategic vision of the College, long-term academic and business plans and key performance indicators, and to ensure that these meet the interests of the stakeholders and are compliant with the RHBNC Act (the Act) and the charitable objectives of the College.
- To delegate authority to the Principal, as Chief Executive, for the academic, corporate, financial, estate and personnel management of the College. To establish and keep under regular review the policies and procedures and limits within such management functions as shall be undertaken by and under the authority of the Principal.
- To ensure the establishment and monitoring of systems of control and accountability, including financial and operational controls and risk assessment, and procedures for handling internal grievances and for managing conflicts of interest.
- To ensure processes are in place to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the College against the plans and approved key performance indicators, which should be, where possible and appropriate, benchmarked against other comparable institutions.
- To establish processes to monitor and evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Council itself.
- To conduct its business in accordance with best practice in higher education corporate governance and the principles of public life drawn up from the Committee on Standards in Public Life.
- To safeguard the good name and values of the College.
- To ensure that the Act and statutes of the College, and the statutes, regulations and ordinances of the University of London are followed at all times and that appropriate advice is available to enable this to happen.

Appointment and employment:

- To appoint the Principal as Chief Executive and to put in place suitable arrangements for monitoring his/her performance.
- To appoint a secretary to the Council and to ensure that, if the person appointed has managerial responsibilities in the College, there is an appropriate separation in the lines of accountability.
- To be the employing authority for all staff in the institution and to be responsible for establishing a human resources strategy.

Financial and Legal:

- To be the principal financial and business authority of the College, to ensure that proper books of accounts are kept, to approve the annual budget and financial statements and to have overall responsibility for the College's assets, property and estate and investment policy.
- To be the College's legal authority and, as such, to ensure that systems are in place for meeting all the College's legal obligations, including those arising from contracts and other legal commitments made in the College's name.
- To act as trustee for any property, legal endowment, bequest or gift, in support of the work and welfare of the College. All Council Members are charitable trustees of the College and act as Trustees for the Founder's Endowment Fund.

Student Welfare:

- To receive assurance that adequate provision has been made for the general welfare of Students.

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