

UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COURT OF GOVERNORS 2022/23

1. Introduction

This report records the Remuneration Committee's work over the financial year ending 31 July 2023 and supplements the minutes of Committee meetings, which are made available for inspection in accordance with the University's Articles of Association (May 2021, paragraph 26.3).

As with all the sub-committees of the Court of Governors, the Remuneration Committee has presented the minutes of its meetings to the meetings of the Court¹ and has dealt with the range of areas on which it has delegated authority from the Court.

The following individuals - i.e., all members of the University Executive Board (UEB) - have been within the remit of the Committee during the period:

- Vice-Chancellor and President
- Deputy Vice-Chancellors (2)
- University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer
- Acting University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer
- Pro Vice-Chancellors and Heads of Colleges (3)

2. Terms of Reference and Membership

The terms of reference and membership applicable during the period are available at Appendix 1.

In December 2021, the Committee re-adopted the terms of reference and membership agreed by the Court of Governors in October 2020 without amendment.

There were no changes to the membership during the year.

Independent governor Justin Bairamian continued to attend meetings as an observer in preparation for joining the committee membership when a vacancy arises.

3. Implementation of the remuneration framework in 2022/23

3.1. Salaries

In December 2022, the Committee Chair confirmed the salary for the extension of the appointment of the Acting University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer. The Committee ratified this decision in August 2023.

In February 2023, the Committee Chair confirmed the salary for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) for Employability and Global Engagement during their period of sabbatical leave. The Committee ratified this decision in August 2023.

In March 2023, having consulted with Committee members by email, the Committee Chair confirmed a 5% cost-of-living award to UEB members' salaries, with 2% of the uplift applied in the March 2023 payroll and back

¹ Confidential minutes that reference personal information (e.g., salary data not published in the University of Westminster annual report and financial statements) are redacted prior to submission to the Court

dated to 1 February 2023 and the remainder awarded from 1 August 2023; this is the same award applicable for other colleagues. The Committee ratified this decision in August 2023.

In June 2023, the Committee Chair confirmed the terms and conditions and the salary parameters for the Interim DVC (Employability and Global Engagement) and delegated authority to the selection panel to confirm the salary. The Committee ratified this decision in August 2023.

In August 2023, the Committee discussed the student body's view on senior pay at the University with the UWSU President, Taruna Bangia, and agreed salaries for UEB members from 1 August 2023. The Committee decided that some UEB members would receive salary uplifts based on development and performance in their roles.

When making salary decisions in August 2023 the Committee considered a review of performance against the University's strategic key performance indicators (KPIs) and a confidential pro forma report on performance during 2022/23² with reference to UEB members' 2022/23 objectives and performance measures.

3.2. Performance measures

In May 2023 the Committee approved objectives for UEB members for 2023/24 and in August 2023 confirmed that the Committee will use the approved strategic KPIs as the measures for UEB members' performance.

4. Pay multiple

The total remuneration package for the Vice-Chancellor is a salary of £250,000. There are no additional pension payments and are no benefits in kind.

At 31 July 2023, the Vice-Chancellor's basic salary was 5.5 times the median pay of colleagues, where the median pay is calculated on a full-time equivalent basis for the salaries paid by the Group and the University to all colleagues³.

At 31 July 2023, the Vice-Chancellor's total remuneration was 4.4 times the median total remuneration of colleagues, where the median total remuneration is calculated on a full-time equivalent basis for the total remuneration paid by the Group and the University to its colleagues.

The table below illustrates how the pay multiple has changed over the last five years⁴:

Year	Pay multiple (basic salary)	% change from previous year	Pay multiple (total remuneration)	% change from previous year
2022/23	5.5	-5.2%	4.4	-6.4%
2021/22	5.8	+5.5%	4.7	0%
2020/21	5.5	0%	4.7	-4.1%
2019/20	5.5	-1.8%	4.9	-2%
2018/19	5.6	-3.5%	5.0	-2%

5. Other work

5.1. Reference group

² Presented by the Chair of the Court of Governors (for the Vice-Chancellor) and by the Vice-Chancellor (for all other UEB members)

³ All colleagues include academic and professional support colleagues and visiting lecturers that are required to be included in real time reporting to HMRC. Agency staff are excluded.

⁴ The University has adopted the definitions for preparing the median pay ratio set out within the 2019/20 Accounts Direction. The median pay ratios have been prepared based on all colleagues recorded on the payroll.

In August 2023, the Committee agreed to change from the UCEA reference group 'London and the South East, Median to Upper Quartile and income £70m to £202m' to 'London and the South East and income £200,000 to £280,000' as the benchmark for UEB members' salaries with immediate effect.

The Committee will review the reference group in August 2024.

5.2. Salary bands

In August 2023, the Committee agreed to apply the 5% cost-of-living award to the top of each salary band (and zones) with immediate effect.

5.3. Expenses claims – Chair of the Court of Governors

The Committee confirms that the Director of Finance discharged the Committee's responsibility to act as the formal authority for the authorisation of expenses claims made by the Chair of the Court during the period. The Committee noted in December 2022 that the Chair of the Court did not claim or receive any expenses in the financial year to 31 July 2022.

5.4. Remuneration of colleagues on senior management contracts

The Committee received and noted a summary report on the level of remuneration of colleagues on senior management contracts in August 2023 for internal benchmarking purposes.

5.5. Remuneration framework for colleagues with a full-time equivalent basic salary of over £100,000 per annum

The Committee received assurance from the Vice-Chancellor in August 2023 that the remuneration framework for those colleagues with a full-time equivalent basic salary of over £100,000 per annum and outside the remit of the Committee meets the minimum requirements of the HE Senior Staff Remuneration Code.

5.6. Severance payments

Severance payments totalling £471,010 were paid to colleagues with a full-time equivalent basic salary of over £100,000 per annum in 2022/23.



Lin Phillips - Chair, Remuneration Committee
29 November 2023

APPENDIX 1A: TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP (FROM 7 OCTOBER 2020)

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee is a committee of the Court of Governors.

The purpose of the Committee is to review and determine, on delegated authority from the Court, matters relating to the remuneration, terms and conditions of employment and performance measures for members of the University Executive Board, taking into account relevant employment law, best practice and with particular reference to the strategic direction, priorities and objectives for equality, diversity and inclusion at the University.

Specifically, the Committee will:

1. To review and determine the remuneration, terms and conditions of employment, and, where appropriate, severance payments of the Vice-Chancellor¹; to devise and implement appropriate measures and procedures whereby the Vice-Chancellor's performance may be assessed;
2. To review and determine the salaries, terms and conditions of employment for the other members of the University Executive Board, and to agree with the Vice-Chancellor appropriate measures and procedures whereby the performance of these individuals may be assessed;
3. To consider appropriate schemes of remuneration for members of the University Executive Board and the measures and procedures by which their performance against the targets shall be assessed for the purposes of determining payment due;
4. To receive information as appropriate on the level of remuneration of all staff on senior management contracts;
5. To seek comparative information on salaries and on other emoluments and conditions of service in the HE sector and where possible in other relevant not-for-profit organisations; to give due regard to the provisions of the HE Code of Governance, the HE Senior Staff Remuneration Code, and the CUC illustrative practice note concerning Remuneration Committees and their operation;
6. To act as the formal authority for the authorisation of expenses claims made by the Chair of the Court; to require the University Secretary and Chief Operating Officer to discharge this responsibility on behalf of the Committee;
7. To report to the Court of Governors, as appropriate.

Membership

Nominees (2)

Independent Governor (Chair)
One additional independent Governor

Ex-officio (2)

Chair of the Court of Governors and Pro Chancellor
Chair or Deputy Chair of the Resources Committee

Co-opted (1+)

Non-governor members with particular expertise (as appropriate)

In attendance

Director, Human Resources and Safety, Health and Wellbeing (professional adviser)
Clerk to the Court of Governors and Head of University Governance
Independent governor (observer)
Other staff, including the Vice-Chancellor, may attend by invitation of the Chair

Quorum

A quorum of the Committee shall comprise three independent governors.

Meetings

The Committee usually meets twice a year. The work of the Committee may be conducted at additional meetings called by the Chair, outside of meetings by means of electronic communication at the request of the Chair, or by Chair's action.

¹ The Vice-Chancellor, or any other members of the University Executive Board in attendance, must withdraw from the Committee when their own remuneration, terms and conditions of appointment or severance payment are under discussion.

APPENDIX 1B - COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2022/23

Independent Governor (Chair)	Lin Phillips
Chair of the Court and Pro Chancellor	Lynne Berry
Chair of the Resources Committee	Mei Xin Wang
One additional independent Governor	David Stanton ⁵
Independent (non-governor) member	Matthew Appleton

⁵ Committee Deputy Chair

APPENDIX 2 - REMUNERATION FRAMEWORK FOR 'HOLDERS OF SENIOR POSTS' AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. Principles

The Committee has agreed five principles in relation to the salary bands used as the framework for decisions on the remuneration of 'holders of senior posts' and other members of the University Executive Board (UEB):

- The Committee may approve an individual salary that does not map precisely to one of the four points (although it would usually be expected to fall within the range for the relevant salary band), and other considerations may be used to determine where in the range an individual's salary is agreed.
- Inclusion of points in the range does not constitute the introduction of automatic incremental salary increases.
- Points within the salary band possibly may be linked to performance of the institution.
- Use of the top of the salary band would be exceptional and/or for use where there are issues of retention of staff.
- New post holders or appointees to newly scoped posts would be expected to be appointed at the entry level of the salary band (point 1).

2. Reference group

Remuneration for 'holders of senior posts' and other UEB members is based on data from an agreed reference group.

In December 2019, the Committee agreed to retain the benchmark group agreed by the Committee in August 2017 - UCEA reference group: London and the South East, Median to Upper Quartile and income '£70m to £202m'. The benchmark group will be reviewed again in 2022/23, or sooner if the University's income changes significantly.

3. Salary bands

The agreed salary bands are divided into two zones – 1 and 2. The lower limit of Zone 3 equals the upper limit of Zone 2 and the upper limit of Zone 3 is 10% above the upper limit of Zone 2. The following guidance is provided on the three zones:

Zone 1: Developing in Role = gaining experience, developing within the role and satisfactory performance.

It is expected that the role holder is developing the competency with further learning to deliver the job role. They will consistently demonstrate high levels of adaptability and commitment as well as an understanding of the wider issues linked to their role, such that the undertaking of responsibilities clearly results in improved output and/or productivity.

A submission confirming 'satisfactory Performance' with the line manager for the review period, will result in the maintenance of salary position. The line manager can advise on areas to develop where necessary.

Zone 2: Established Experience = continued good performance over time.

It is expected that the role holder consistently achieves and sustains a good standard of skills, knowledge and behaviours, attitudes and work performance, appropriate to the role. They will meet all the key targets and objectives which includes the demonstration of high levels of adaptability and commitment as well as an understanding of the wider issues linked to their role. Such good and excellent performance across leadership competencies and delivery of role responsibilities would be significant, but not sufficient to justify moving to Zone 3.

A submission confirming 'Fully Contributing' with the line manager for the review period will result in movement within the salary band.

Zone 3: Fully Established and Exceptional Performance = Sustained exceptional Performance that has gone above and beyond the normal call of duty on an on-going basis.

It is expected that exceptional standards are delivered from the post holder on a sustained basis. In performing this range of significant and additional responsibilities, it is expected that the post holder consistently demonstrates work performance at an advanced level, always exceeding the targets and objectives of their role and demonstrating by example clear leadership and influencing skills at this level that is above expectations at the grade / role across all competencies.

The award of a salary increase will be on the basis of contribution to sustained exceptional performance within the review period. Evidence of external roles held and national representation would be typically required.

The role holder consistently undertakes a wide range of significant additional responsibilities above those expected within Zone 2. It is expected that the post holder will consistently demonstrate performance at an exceptional level. Targets are consistently exceeded and all core competencies at this grade are continually demonstrated at an exceptional level.

A submission confirming 'Exceptional Performance' with the line manager for the review period will result in movement within the salary band. Zone 3 may be used for market retention.

An individual is positioned in the relevant salary band according to capability, is assessed annually against the expectations, and may be progressed through the zones. The University's leadership competencies are the basis of the assessment of performance of 'holders of senior posts' and other UEB members.

Pay progression through the relevant salary band will reflect an increased level of contribution. Any progression within and between zones is not consolidated into the individual's salary until such time as they have demonstrated the increased level of contribution for three years (the three years need not be consecutive).

Annually, the Committee receives a pro forma report from the Vice-Chancellor on the performance of each of the UEB members for whom they are the line manager and from the Chair of the Court on the performance of the Vice-Chancellor. The pro forma includes a recommendation of the zone in which the line manager considers the individual should be positioned.

4. Income derived from external activities

External work which is supportive of and related to an individual's professional responsibilities is encouraged by the University. However, the principle of exclusivity of service applies to all colleagues at the University, and as such, it is not expected for any colleague to undertake any additional paid work that may conflict with their contract with the University.

Before a member of UEB enters into an obligation to undertake any external work, including consultancy, they must inform and obtain permission from their line manager. This permission should be sought and confirmed in writing and will include confirmation as to whether any income derived from such external activities is payable to the individual or to the University. The line manager will take a decision on income derived from external activities on a case by case basis.