

- i. A successful international applicant fails to enrol on the programme.
- ii. An international student is absent from their programme for more than 10 consecutive 'contact points' without permission or if the Tier 4 Attendance Monitoring Policy is breached. A 'contact point' can include (but is not limited to) time tabled sessions, assignment hand-in dates, seminars, lectures, dissertation tutor interactions and attendance on placements. This will usually lead to withdrawal from the programme.
- iii. An international student discontinues or suspends their study for any reason, including that resulting from disciplinary action.
- iv. There are any significant changes to an international student's circumstances.
- v. UCB becomes aware that an international student is breaching the conditions of his/her Student Visa.
- vi. A student changes immigration category.

## **11. Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech and Assembly**

UCB supports and promotes the principle of freedom of speech and expression within the law; a principle upon which all institutions of learning should be founded. It will ensure that all UCB staff and students have the freedom to put forward new ideas, to express their opinions and to question existing policy. All members of the UCB community should be aware of their personal responsibilities and obligations in complying with this Code of Practice.

The Code shall apply to:

- i. All staff employed by UCB or whose normal place of work is on UCB premises.
- ii. All students enrolled at UCB.
- iii. The Guild of Students, including employees, societies, clubs and associations.
- iv. Visitors and guests on UCB premises

### **11.1 Academic Freedom**

No person or body to whom this code applies shall take action (other than by reasonable and peaceful persuasion) to prevent any lecture, tutorial or academic activity taking place because of the lawful views held or expressed by the lecturer or tutor concerned. This will also extend to visiting and guest lecturers lawfully present by invitation of UCB or any UCB tutor.

No person or body to which this code applies shall take action (other than by reasonable and peaceful persuasion) to prevent any student from attending any academic activity associated with their programme, because of the lawful views held or expressed by the student concerned.

## 11.2 Meetings

Any person or organisation, to which this code applies, may hold a meeting to express their lawfully held views on UCB premises. Any refusal of permission by UCB or the Guild of Students shall not merely be on the grounds of disagreement with the views held, or a belief that the meeting may be controversial.

Permission to hold such meetings may be refused if UCB or the Guild of Students reasonably believes that:

- i. The views likely to be expressed are contrary to the law.
- ii. The meeting is intended to incite breaches of the law or breaches of the peace.
- iii. The meeting may promote an illegal organisation or purpose.
- iv. The meeting will contravene UCB policy.
- v. The meeting may harm the interests of UCB.
- vi. The meeting may lead to the presentation of extremist or unbalanced views which could alienate sections of UCB and local communities.

It is the responsibility of the organisers of any meeting or activity at which they may reasonably expect disruption or controversy of any kind to inform UCB at the time the booking is made of the names of the proposed speakers and the subject matter of their talks. The organisers must complete an 'External Speaker Approval Form' detailing the nature of the risks associated with the event going ahead. Where such prior notice is not given and there subsequently appears to be risk of disruption, the hirer shall be in breach of the conditions of the booking and UCB reserves the right to withdraw permission for the use of its premises and require cancellation of the meeting or activity at any time.

Where UCB or the Guild of Students reasonably believes that the lawful meeting will give rise to disorder, they may take whatever measures they consider necessary to ensure the safety of personnel, the maintenance of order and the security of UCB. This may include the imposing of conditions and requirements upon the organisers as to the provision of stewards; variation of location and time and regulation of public access. The requirements must be in proportion to the degree of disorder expected.

Where the expected degree of disorder is likely to exceed the ability of UCB or the Guild of Students to regulate it, in line with the 'External Speaker Policy', UCB may consult the police with regard to establishing whether a police presence would prevent or be able to control the expected disorder. If the

police express doubt as to their ability to maintain control of the meeting, UCB may refuse permission for the meeting to go ahead.

Any such meeting must be agreed with the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Estates) at least 7 days before the date of the proposed meeting.

It is the duty of the organisers of a meeting or event under this code and External Speaker Policy to ensure it is properly conducted so that the rights of freedom of speech are protected. Organised heckling or disruption of a similar nature is contrary to the requirements of the code.

It is contrary to the code for any person or body subject to the code to attempt to prevent a meeting or event from taking place or continuing (other than by reasonable and peaceful persuasion) save for the provisions above.

Students undertaking study in other countries must comply with any local laws and regulations. The local administrator will provide details of any regulations and requirements which relate to the accommodation in which teaching and learning take place. Permission for any meeting must first be gained from the local centre. The local administrator will provide details of the procedure to follow. UCB shall provide reports for the Board of Governors to review on any events where a speaker has not been allowed or where permission to organise an event has been withheld.

### **11.3 General**

It is the duty of all those subject to the code to assist UCB in upholding the rights of freedom of speech recognised in the code.

If any person or group believes the actions of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Quality and Estates) in refusing permission, withholding facilities or imposing conditions for a proposed meeting are unreasonable, they may make written representation to the Vice-Chancellor & Principal who will consider the matter.

Where a breach of this code occurs, it shall be the duty of those to whom this code applies to take reasonable action to attempt to identify those involved in the breach.

Where breaches of the criminal law occur, and where charges are preferred, the Vice-Chancellor & Principal may decide not to proceed with any internal disciplinary proceedings resulting from the same incident, pending the conclusion of the case.

Any breach of the provisions of this code may be dealt with under the Disciplinary Code of UCB.