From all staff of UCL

The Committee for UCL

PETITION TO COLLEGE COUNCIL

KEEP UCL INDEPENDENT

We, being current staff at UCL, reaffirm our commitment to the liberal heritage and multi-disciplinary character of UCL as a world-class metropolitan university institution capable of understanding the past, challenging the present, and shaping the future.

Having considered the desirability and feasibility of a merger between UCL and Imperial College; and following extensive discussions in formal and informal meetings among all categories of staff, students, and alumni of UCL; and noting the widespread disruption and destabilisation already caused by these discussions; and considering the potential financial and academic costs of such merger; and noting that no convincing academic case has been made for being rushed with such unseemly haste into a merger with Imperial College; and in view of the consequent termination of UCL's distinctive academic identity;

(1) we urge Council to proceed immediately to reinstate the process of open advertisement for the post of Provost and President of UCL to provide us, from the beginning of the academic year 2003-4, with a further period of long-term academic leadership capable of exploring with all due diligence a full range of strategies for a robust and successful future; and

(2) we urge Council to say "NO GO" to merger on 19 December.

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