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FOI Request: Oxford Brookes University Involvement at Chengdu University of Technology Oxford Brookes College

9 May 2024 at 18:41

To: Tau

Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request - our reference 2024-038

I apologise again on behalf of the University for the delay in providing this response to you and thank you again for your patience.

Further to your email dated 25 February 2024 asking for information from Oxford Brookes University (the University) about the University's involvement at Chengdu University of Technology (CDUT) Oxford Brookes College (Oxford Brookes College), I am able to provide the following information in response to your request:

Please provide the following information:

- ***From 2015 to 2023, the numbers of Oxford Brookes University degrees (including all Bachelor and Master) conferred every year at the Chengdu University of Technology Oxford Brookes College (Oxford Brookes College in short). Please provide this information in aggregated numbers by different programmes.***

Two computing programmes are currently delivered through Oxford Brookes College - Bachelor of Science (BSc) (Hons) Computer Science (Level 4 Level 6) and BSc (Hons) Software Engineering (Level 4-Level 6). The programme commenced delivery through Oxford Brookes College in 2019. The first cohort graduated in 2023.

Year of Graduation	Award	Number of graduating students
2023	BSc (Hons) Computer Science	105
2023	BSc (Hons) Software Engineering	94

- ***Lists of education programmes, research projects, and research grants that are currently operational at Oxford Brookes College, either participated by Oxford Brookes College students and staff or sponsored by the Oxford Brookes College and the Oxford Brookes University.***

As per the above, two computing programmes are currently delivered through Oxford Brookes College:

- BSc (Hons) Computer Science (Level 4 - Level 6)
- BSc (Hons) Software Engineering (Level 4 - Level 6)

The University has also welcomed some visiting staff from CDUT. These staff are involved in observing teaching with research interests in innovative teaching practices at the University to enhance their teaching practice.They

are not involved in any research projects or expected to produce research outputs.

- ***Oxford Brookes University policies and governance structure which oversee the operations, including student experience and research, at the Oxford Brookes College. Please provide relevant policy documents and/or relevant administrative staff role specifications where applicable.***

As per the above, the two computing programmes named above are currently delivered through Oxford Brookes College. These are offered through a collaboration between CDUT and the University with oversight from an academic governance structure. The governance structure consists of University staff based in Oxford and others based in Chengdu who manage the academic and teaching affairs of Oxford Brookes College. The University's delivery team for the programmes is responsible for delivering the University's modules and is based in Chengdu. There is also coordination between the Oxford-based University staff, consisting of academic and management staff, and the Chengdu-based University staff, consisting of management and administrative staff, to support the programmes delivered through the Oxford Brookes College.

As part of the Sino-Foreign Regulatory Framework, a committee constituted by senior management from the University and CDUT has been set up for the joint operational and management oversight of Oxford Brookes College (Collaborative Institute Management Committee (CIMC)). A Collaborative Institute Management Office, an Academic Committee and a Learning and Teaching Committee have also been established under the CIMC.

In addition to the above, the University's Chengdu-based staff work alongside the CDUT teaching and management teams on a daily basis to provide academic communications, student support and pastoral care, as well as to build links with industry.

The University's Regulations for Study that underlie the University's Operations Manual also apply to the collaborative programmes delivered through Oxford Brookes College.

- ***From 2015 to 2023, donations, grants, and research fundings received by the Oxford Brookes University and its affiliated entities from the Chengdu University of Technology and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies.***

The University has not received any donations, grants or research fundings from CDUT and/or any affiliated individuals, companies, or relevant Chinese official agencies from 2015-2023.

If this information does not address your requirements under the Freedom of Information Act or you wish to make a complaint about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Marketing and Communications at Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, Oxford OX3 OBP (email: mac-contact@brookes.ac.uk). Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response.

During the independent review, the handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Further contact information and details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website: http://www.ico.org.uk/

Please note that the Information Commissioner is unlikely to investigate your case until the University's internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely,

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