

Mr Sam Dunning
By email only to info@ukctransparency.org

2 October 2024

Dear Mr Dunning,

Our ref: FOI-24-0164

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 September 2024, in which you requested the following information from the University of Sussex.

Request

1. The number of visits to China in the last 18 months by the Vice-Chancellor (or equivalent), any pro-VC (or equivalent), dean international (or equivalent), or any other executive-level staff (not academic or research staff).
2. Please, for each visit, state the role of the staff member(s) who went, and a list of meetings/itinerary.

Response

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act"). Please see below details of visits to China in the last 18 months by members of the University's Executive Team (UET). Membership of UET can be viewed on the University webpages here: <https://www.sussex.ac.uk/about/who/leadership>

Vice-Chancellor

One visit.

Purpose: Vice-Chancellor visit to China to attend meetings and events, including those with the British Council and University of Sussex alumni, as well as events at Zhejiang Gongshang University (including the Zhejiang Gongshang University's graduation ceremony).

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global and Civic Engagement)

Two visits.

Purpose: i) British Council Higher Education mission to China, and ii) Pro-Vice-Chancellor visit to China to attend graduation ceremonies and partnership meetings at the following universities: Zhejiang Gongshang University, Renmin University, Shanghai University, Southwest University, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen. The visit also included offer-holder events for prospective students, meeting with the Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE), and meeting with the UK Research & Innovation (UKRI) China office.

Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students)

One visit

Purpose: Institutional Re-recognition exercise as part of our partnership arrangements with Zhejiang Gongshang University.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may request a review, but this must be within 40 days of receiving this response. In the first instance please write to Alexandra Elliott, the Head of Information Management and Compliance, at the address below. Full details of our Freedom of Information internal review procedure are at:

<http://www.sussex.ac.uk/ogs/policies/information/foi/procedure>.

If you need to contact us about your request, please quote your reference number FOI-24-0164.

Yours sincerely,

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