

Request Ref: 2799

FOI Request dated **23/01/2023** as follows –

This FOI request relates to the university's Confucius Institute, in particular to the roles at the Confucius Institute for which individuals are recruited in China (if I understand correctly, that is the Chinese language teachers, and the 'Chinese co-director').

- *Are these university roles? Are the rights and privileges of university staff attached to these roles? Are those who occupy these roles staff of the university? Are these individuals employed by the university? Please share any documentation that answers these questions or otherwise defines the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*
- *Please state whether the university has received legal advice about the legal status of these roles and those who occupy them.*

Response

1) The University does not employ any of the staff within the Confucius Institute. Confucius Institute employees are recruited to and employed by Tianjin Normal University, which is the partner for the Confucius Institute. Although not employed by University, we do provide office space, and provide them with University email addresses so that they can access the essential services for their work.

2) No information held.