



MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council held in the Harrison Room
at 1:10pm on Tuesday 13 September 2022*

There were present the Master, the Vice Master, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor, Dr Beauregard, Professor Ellis, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson, Dr Reinbold, Canon Shilson-Thomas, and the MCR President, Ms Kobeissi. Dr Woodford was in attendance as secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2022.174* *Statement of Conflicts of Interest*
To confirm that there are no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2022.175* *Apologies for Absence*
Apologies were received from Professor Cant, the MCR Treasurer and the JCR President and Treasurer.
- cc2022.176* *Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 12 July 2022*
The minutes were received and signed.
- cc2022.177* *Matters arising*
There were no matters arising.
- cc2022.178* *Statute Reform*
Legal advice has been received on the statutes from the College's solicitors, Farrer & Co (CP2022/071a). A number of uncontroversial corrections and small drafting changes were raised, which have been incorporated. Additionally, three more substantive points were raised, as outlined in the paper: 'Charitable objects' should be replaced by 'objects' throughout; Statute 6 (Council) should provide a clearer separation between considerations for elected and ex-officio members; and to state that Honorary Fellows and Fellow Benefactors cannot be deemed to be 'Fellows' by virtue of holding those titles. Council agreed with these changes. Farrers had raised other minor issues, however Council agreed that it was not necessary to make further changes. Council approved the updated version following the review by the solicitors, and agreed that the formal engagement with the University and the Privy Council could begin. Further to the approval of the draft

Statutes at the Governing Body meeting on 21 June 2022, formal ratification will be sought of the final version at the meeting of 15 November 2022.

cc2022.179

Three Hostels Project Update

An issue has arisen delaying the completion of the renovation work on 1 Selwyn Gardens, 29 and 31 Grange Road, as a result of a problem sourcing a contract for electrical supply and the associated provision of a meter, without which power cannot be supplied to the properties. It is consequently not expected that the electricity supply will be commissioned before the start of term. Twenty additional student rooms have been identified within the College's estate, including several flats, and the residents of the hostels have been reallocated to those rooms. The rental agreement for residents of a flat will be as if for a student room. Thanks were expressed to Dr Moultrie as Fellow for Rooms. Council noted that in Michaelmas term, there would be little or no scope for students to move room because almost all rooms would be occupied.

The Bursar also reported that the current forecast for expenditure on the three Hostels is now close to £500,000 higher than the original budget, the point at which under the College's financial regulations, an excess of expenditure must be notified to Council. The original budget totalled £4.62m (including VAT), compared with the current forecast of £5.10m, an increase of £476k. The reasons relate principally to current significant challenges in sourcing labour and materials, and the increased costs of both, in addition to the issues uncovered in the properties during the initial discovery phase. All of these factors have been reported previously to Council.

cc2022.180

Investment Committee

Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Investment Committee held on 21 July 2022 (**CP2022/072**). The Bursar clarified that the committee plans to put in place a process of tender for the College's investment advisors under the auspices of the new Bursar; and that the direction of travel would be to move from an advisory structure to a discretionary model of investment advice as part of the tender process, although no final decision has been made on the future model.

cc2022.181

Finance Committee

Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee held on 23 August 2022 (**CP2022/073a**) and approved the terms of reference (**CP2022/073b**). It was noted that any decisions related to future JCR and MCR allocations would be taken in the light of circumstances and will be a matter for Council approval in due course.

cc2022.182

Committees of Council and Governing Body

Council noted that all committees of Council and Governing Body are required to review their terms of reference in their Michaelmas Term meeting.



- cc2022.183 *Naming of Hostels*
Council agreed that the Brown Hostel be re-named Kerwelyn's Hostel, in recognition of the support to the College of Charlie Craig, who has requested to re-name the Hostel after his daughter, Mrs Welyn Colgate Thebault (SE 2010).
- cc2022.184 *JCR and MCR Freshers' Week Plans*
Council noted the JCR and MCR draft plans for freshers' events, and agreed that the final version would be approved by the Senior Tutor and Deans after consultation with the freshers' representatives (**CP2022/074a-b**). Council requested that next year's committees share the plans for freshers' integration before Council's July meeting at the latest.
- cc2022.185 *Any Other Unreserved Business*
There was no other unreserved business.

