



MINUTES

of the College Council at 1:10pm on Tuesday 24 January 2023

There were present the Master, the Vice-Master, the Senior Tutor, the Bursar, Dr Bardhan, Dr Beauregard, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Donnell, Dr Reinbold, Dr V Young; the JCR President, Ms Elina Smith; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Ben Harper; and the MCR President, Mr Joel Kandiah. The MCR Treasurer, Ms Signe Reitz Krarup was in attendance. Dr Woodford was in attendance as secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2023.1 Statement of Conflicts of Interest*
A conflict of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda was noted concerning Dr Reinbold with regard to item cc2023.11.
- cc2023.2 Apologies for Absence*
There were no apologies for absence. The Master welcomed the JCR President, Ms Elina Smith; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Ben Harper; the MCR President, Mr Joel Kandiah; and the MCR Treasurer, Ms Signe Reitz Krarup to their first meeting of College Council.
- cc2023.3 Minutes of the Unreserved Council meeting held on 29 November 2022*
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- cc2023.4 Matters arising*
There were no matters arising.
- cc2023.5 Statutes Reform*
The Bursar reported that the University Council has approved the College statutes as not being in conflict with the interests of the University, as noted in the Cambridge University Reporter (25 January 2023). They will now be sent to the Privy Council. Martin Pierce is drafting a first version of the regulations.
- cc2023.6 Annual Review of the Risk Register*
The Bursar presented the annual review of the Risk Register, which the review group of the Master, the Vice Master, the Bursar and Mr Matheson had reviewed and revised (**CP2023/001**). The Bursar drew the Council's attention to the two red headline risks which form a significant concern, notably the risk of increased budget deficits and of challenges with non-academic staff recruitment. It was noted that A7 (risk of inexperienced

trustees) has been upgraded since there would be loss of experience within the team of College officers by the academical year 2025-26. D6 (Difficulty in attracting and retaining academic staff) was upgraded in recognition of the challenges through the UTO scheme in attracting new UTOs to meet the College's teaching needs. The College Council noted the changes to the headline risks.

cc2023.7

Livestreaming Policy

The livestreaming policy was reviewed and approved (CP2023/002). The livestreaming of Chapel services is publicized in the service sheet, however it was suggested that an announcement should also be made, in line with the policy, on occasions such as the carol services.

cc2023.8

Hostels Update

The Bursar reported that the newly refurbished Hostels had come successfully into use for Bed and Breakfast, in an effort to offset the overruns on the refurbishment costs with income from this source. This was also helping identify snags. Postgraduate occupancy would commence from 1 September as agreed with the MCR. A final account for the project was unlikely to be settled before late spring.

cc2023.9

Private Undergraduate Fee for 2024-25

This would be set at a later date.

cc2023.10

Development Matters

The Development Director reported on the most recent activity in the Alumni and Development Office:

- i. Dr Chris Dobson (SE 1957) has recently donated a house in London to the College. The transfer of ownership to the college is in process and more information will be brought to the next meeting of Council.
- ii. The online Giving Day final total was £140,000, comparable with recent telephone campaigns, with 45 new donors, albeit with fewer younger donors than anticipated.
- iii. The Development Director noted the success of the 140-year campaign, with a total appeal figure of £2.3 million, allocated for the Old Library refurbishment and the refurbishment of the three hostels. Council warmly welcomed the success of the campaign and extended thanks to the Alumni and Development Office.
- iv. In the light of the Senior Tutor's priorities for future expenditure (GB2022/22d), a conversation with a donor is taking place over the funding of a five-year CTO post in mathematical biology.
- v. The Friends of Selwyn Gardens scheme has launched in support of the College gardens.

cc2023.11

Weddings in Chapel

Council noted the dates agreed by the Dean of Chapel (CP2023/003).



Any Other Unreserved Business

- i. The Vice Master and the Development Director gave an update on progress regarding the painting, 'Lincoln Sea' by Zaria Forman (cc2022/259iii), which is to be loaned to the College by Kelvin Chiu (SE 2005). The painting is currently on display at the Scott Polar Research Institute until July and will be moved to Selwyn in the long vacation. Specialists in transporting and installing large, valuable artwork will visit Selwyn on 30 January to advise on the logistics of the transfer of the painting and its display in the Harrison Room (Selwyn's Maintenance department have confirmed that the relevant wall is load-bearing), and on the safe storage of the portrait of Arthur Lyttelton for the period of the loan. The Development Director confirmed that insurance for 'Lincoln Sea' will be straightforward to arrange and costs borne by the donor.
- ii. The Bursar reminded the JCR and the MCR that it is a condition of the College's funding allocation is that the JCR and MCR do not duplicate funding provided elsewhere by the College, specifically for Clubs and Societies.

