



## MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council held at 1:10pm on Tuesday 14 February 2023.*

There were present the Master, the Vice-Master, the Senior Tutor, Dr Bardhan, Dr Beauregard, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson, 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 was in attendance. Dr Woodford was in attendance as secretary

### UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2023.23 Statement of Conflicts of Interest*  
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2023.24 Apologies for Absence*  
Apologies were received from the Bursar, Ms MacDonald and Dr O'Donnell.
- cc2023.25 Minutes of the Unreserved Council meeting held on 24 January 2023*  
The minutes were received and signed.
- cc2023.26 Matters arising*  
There were no matters arising.
- cc2023.27 Six-Month Accounts*  
The Master reported on the six-month accounts (**CP2023/008**). The operating expenditure is very close to the original budget, showing a deficit of £2.18m (against £2.13m at the time of the original budget). Conference income has been stronger than expected. However, the increase in income is offset by the adverse effect of staff wages and the loss of rental income resulting from the refurbished hostels not being used for student occupancy. The net capital expenditure costs are £1.8m higher than the budget, of which around £0.8m represents the higher than anticipated costs of the hostel project. Unrestricted donations are higher than expected and will offset much of the £2.18 re-forecast deficit. Council noted that the question of the extent to which donations should be taken into account when setting the budget should be revisited in future.

- cc2023.28      *Donation of a House by an Alumnus*  
Council warmly welcomed the donation to the College of a house in London by Dr Christopher Dobson (SE 1957), Honorary Fellow, and gave its permission to the Bursar to accept the donation on the planned date of 21 February 2023. It was agreed that the property would then be sold (CP2023/009). In accordance with Statute 6, the Master agreed to give notice to Governing Body of the gift and the intention to sell.
- cc2023.29      *Private Undergraduate Fee 2024-25*  
Council agreed to increase the private undergraduate fee by 10% for those matriculating in 2024 (CP2023/010).
- cc2023.30      *Consultation on Congregations*  
The Master reported on the University consultation on Congregations (CP2023/011). Council gave its assent to the proposal for additional Congregations. It was agreed that it was too late to change the day of the July Congregation in 2023 for postgraduate students from Saturday to Friday, and so was in favour of retaining the 2-day Congregation period for July 2023. It was not felt that the College would make use of the proposed additional congregation on Saturday 9 September 2023, since the College did not have a significant accumulation of graduands from the period of the pandemic. The Master agreed to reply on behalf of the College.
- cc2023.31      *Investment Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the Investment Committee held on 26 January 2023 were received and noted (CP2023/012).
- cc2023.32      *Equality Diversity & Inclusion Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the Equality Diversity & Inclusion Committee held on 31 January 2023 were received and noted (CP2023/013). It was agreed that it would be appropriate to review the information on the accessibility of the College provided on the AccessAble scheme (<https://www.accessable.co.uk/selwyn-college/access-guides/selwyn-college>) and to ensure that the three newly refurbished hostels are included. Feedback was particularly encouraged from the JCR and MCR Committee on the AccessAble initiative. Council welcomed the implementation of the new scheme for workplace internships for students with learning disabilities from Cambridge Regional College.



- cc2023.33      *Operations Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on 3 February 2023 were received and noted (CP2023/014). The re-starting of the Wayfinding project was welcomed and it was noted that the proposals would be brought to Council for approval. Council endorsed the decision of the Operations Committee to restrict the use of a cherry picker in Old Court to machinery below an agreed weight, in the light of the regular high costs incurred by the College of replacing stone paving broken by the weight of the cherry picker, which recently cost £11.5k. The reach of such a cherry picker would determine the height of the Boston Ivy.
- cc2023.34      *Steward's Committee*  
To receive and note the minutes of the meeting of the Steward's Committee held on 7 February 2023 (CP2023/015a) and to note the report from the Fellows' Steward (CP2023/015b). Council supported the idea of a 'Sustainable' formal hall, which would include a sustainable non-plant-based alternative. It was noted that Appendix 4 of the Fellows' Guide, 'Selwyn College Entertainment List' was last reviewed in 2019 and it was agreed that the Vice Master oversee its updating for 2023 with input from the Fellows' Steward. Council noted that the supervision Room Booking System, and any review of its effectiveness, was a matter which fell under the remit of the Operations Committee. The JCR and MCR were invited to publicise the Elgar Formal Hall grants: students in receipt of a full Cambridge Bursary are entitled to receive up to six free formal hall tickets per year, with three for those in receipt of a partial Cambridge bursary (Undergraduate Guide, 5.9).
- cc2023.35      *Timetable of College Council, Governing Body and College Meetings 2023-24*  
The timetable of meetings for 2023-24 was noted and agreed (CP2023/016).
- cc2023.36      *Any Other Unreserved Business*  
There was no other unreserved business.

