

MINUTES

of a meeting of the College Council at 1:10pm on Tuesday 11 October 2022

There were present the Master, the Vice Master, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor, Dr Bardhan, Dr Beauregard, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Donnell, Dr Reinbold, Dr Young; the JCR President, Ms Bella Cross; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Matthew Hambling, and the MCR President, Ms Elsa Kobeissi. The MCR Treasurer, Mr Stanislaw Banach and (for item cc2022.209) the Snowball presidents, Mr Sam Faheem and Mr Adam Parker were also in attendance. Dr Woodford was in attendance as Secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

cc2022.205 Statement of Conflicts of Interest

It was confirmed that there were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.

cc2022.206 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence. The Master welcomed the newly elected members of Council, Dr Bardhan, Dr O'Donnell and Dr Young, to their first meeting. Dr Bardhan left after item cc2022.210.

cc2022.207 Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 13 September 2022 The minutes were received and signed.

cc2022.208 Matters Arising

i. Three Hostels Update (cc2022.179)

The project's contract administrator issued a notice of non-completion to the contractors on 26 September, and the handover for all three hostels will now take place at the same time, when complete. They are still not ready for habitation. On the matter of the electricity supply, an alternative provider has been identified (Smartest Energy, which already provides electricity to the main courts). The electricity meter and supply is expected to be commissioned within the next week. The students who have been allocated alternative accommodation appear to be content so far with the arrangements.

ii. Freshers' week plans (cc2022.179)It was clarified that the JCR and MCR draft freshers' week plans should be shared with the Senior Tutor at the end of the Easter Term.

cc2022.209 Snowball 2022

Council congratulated the Snowball Presidents on an excellent paper and welcomed the detailed planning for this year's event (CP2022/086). The Snowball Presidents confirmed that they had booked a meeting with the Deans to discuss the arrangements. The launch event had needed to be moved out of College as a result of the altered catering arrangements this term which did not allow for a Wednesday evening dinner. The Senior Tutor thanked the Snowball Presidents for their constructive response to the College on the matter and for making alternative arrangements. The Vice Master offered to review any contracts remaining to be signed. The Chair of the Gardens Committee clarified on the matter of the marquee that the Snowball Committee had been asked to include provision to make good the border of Old Court lawn if it is damaged by the marquee. Admiration was expressed for the Snowball poster.

cc2022.210 College Holiday Dates 2023

The holiday dates for 2023 were received and noted (CP2022/087).

cc2022.211 Multi-Purpose Quiet Space in College

The JCR and MCR Presidents reported that their survey of student views had raised the issue of a quiet space in the College to be used for prayer by students of all faiths. Council suggested that the matter needed further discussion with the Dean of Chapel and the Senior Tutor. It was further suggested that the JCR and MCR liaise with faith groups in the College to ascertain need among current members.

cc2022.212 Any Other Unreserved Business

i. Cripps Water supply

The Senior Tutor reported that the Interim Operations Manager and the Head of Buildings and Maintenance were overseeing the investigatory work to determine the cause of, and to rectify the low water pressure which has affected Cripps Court since the arrival of the freshers. Initial surveys had suggested that the problem lay with the mains water.

ii. Sports Funding

The JCR Treasurer raised the issue of sports funding for junior members, asking if the process of allocation could be brought forward so that sports teams know the level of their funding earlier in the year. The Senior Tutor offered to meet with the JCR Treasurer to review the process.

