



MINUTES
of a meeting of the College Council in the New SCR
at 1.10pm on Tuesday 1 November 2016

There were present: The Master, the Vice-Master, the Senior Tutor, the Bursar, Dr Beauregard, Professor Cant, Dr Kolios, Mr Matheson, Dr Rana, the Revd Canon Shilson-Thomas, and Dr Woodford. The JCR President and MCR President were present for the Unreserved Business, for which the MCR Treasurer was also in attendance. Dr Thompson was in attendance as Secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2016.203* *Starred Items*
It was agreed that starred items not be discussed.
- cc2016.204* *Statement of Conflicts of Interest*
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2016.205* *Apologies for Absence*
Apologies were received from Ms MacDonald and the JCR President.
- cc2016.206* *Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 11 October 2016*
The Minutes were agreed and signed.
- cc2016.207* *Matters Arising*
- i.* *cc2016.154—Committee on Committees*
Council noted that the Stipends Committee would consist of Professor Sanders (Chairman), Julia Fordham, Clive Lewis, the Bursar and the Senior Tutor, with the Master and Vice-Master in attendance.
 - ii.* *cc2016.193—Sidgwick Avenue Site Plans*
The Bursar introduced **CP2016/93**. He reported that the proposed extension to the Faculty of Music was unlikely to have an impact upon the light in O and P staircases and 17 West Road; that two higher extensions were proposed for the Faculty of Divinity; and that a major extension to the Faculty of Economics might block morning light from the Fellows' Garden.
 - iii.* *cc2016.91.d—Requests for Permission for Events*
E request for permission for a disco in the New SCR instead of in Hall following a Christmas Dinner (external booking) on Friday 16 December 2016 was withdrawn after the meeting.

iv. *Ann's Court Phase III*

Council noted that open meetings would be held on Thursday 3 November and Tuesday 8 November, 13.00-14.00 in the Chadwick Room when the Bursar would present proposals for Ann's Court Phase III.

cc2016.208 *Development Committee*

Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Development Committee held on 11 October 2016 (**CP2016/94**).

cc2016.209 *Meeting of Directors of Studies*

Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Directors of Studies held on 17 October (**CP2016/95**).

cc2016.210 *Congratulations*

Council congratulated Anna McGee (History of Art Tripos, Part IIA) on winning the UL History of Art Curatorial Competition, and noted that her exhibition 'Agnes Miller Parker's wood engravings: bringing the word to life' would run from 7 November to 3 December in the University Library Entrance Hall.

cc2016.211 *King's College—Cranmer Road Plans*

The Bursar reported on King's College's proposed development of Grasshopper Lodge (Grange Road/Cranmer Road). See **CP2016/96**.

cc2016.212 *Investment Committee*

Council received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Investment Committee held on 27 October 2016 (**CP2016/97**) and approved the Annual Report (**CP2016/98**). The Bursar noted that the College's investment portfolio had outperformed the CUEF for the first time. The Master congratulated the Committee for having done such a good job in turbulent times.

cc2016.213 *Central Finance Committee*

Council received and noted the Bursar's memorandum to Council dated 21 October 2016 following the meeting of the Central Finance Committee (**CP2016/99**). Different models for allocation between societies were discussed, but it was noted that they may involve short-term fluctuations in the popularity of certain activities having undesirable long-term effects.

cc2016.214 *Report on Non-Financial Matters*

The Bursar presented the Report on Non-Financial Matters for the year 2015-16 (**CP2016/100**), noting that the accident record had improved but the number of fire-alarm-related evacuations had increased. Dr O'Sullivan asked what percentage of staff in the Housekeeping department had been agency staff; the Bursar replied that figures were not available at the time. The Revd Canon Shilson-Thomas asked that Fellows be informed before key members of staff were due to leave the College. The Master reported that Ms Barnes



was working in a Diversity Plan. The Bursar reported that there would be a Brexit workshop, primarily for staff, on 24 November.

cc2016.215

Accounts for the Year Ending 30 June 2016

The Bursar presented the College Accounts for the year 2015-16 (CP2016/101A–D). On the Key Issues Memorandum (document B) he noted that the Auditors had raised no issues. Dr Sewell observed that the cellar database needed to be upgraded so as to be searchable. On the Accounts (document C), the Bursar noted that the accounting standards had changed. He observed that for the first time in recent memory the College had reported an underlying surplus; but that it was such a small proportion of turn-over that it was effectively to be considered breaking even; and that it was unlikely to be maintained. He noted that there were no distributable, unrestricted reserves. The accounts represented good progress, but the College was still vulnerable to extraneous events. The Bursar explained the causes of departmental variances (document D). Council congratulated the Bursar and his staff on the accounts, which it recommended for adoption by the Governing Body.

cc2016.216

Any Other Unreserved Business

i. Scattering of Ashes

The Revd Canon Shilson-Thomas reported that the ashes of Catherine Hudson (SE 1989) would be scattered outside the East end of the Chapel in the afternoon of 1 November.

ii. Snow Ball

The Bursar and Dean reported that the Snow Ball had requested a second marquee on the Old Court Lawn, and as this had proved problematic on a number of levels, had changed their request to an extension of the existing marquee. Council noted that the request had come rather late, and Dr O’Sullivan undertook to investigate why it was deemed necessary.

iii. Section 29 Covenant

The Bursar reported that a payment of £24,168 was due to the College from the proprietors of 6 Cranmer Road in respect of a Section 29 covenant in the College’s favour. This relates to the enfranchisement of a lease under the 1967 Leasehold Reform Act that took place in 1984, to the detriment of the College’s interest in the freehold of the property. The Act provides the College with the right to repurchase the property and in particular the right for compensation for any improvement to the property that will make any repurchase more expensive in the future. The College has been advised by Messrs Bidwells in this matter.



- iv. *Safeguarding Policy*
The Master reported that a revision of the College's safeguarding policy would be brought to the next meeting of Council.

- v. *Colleges Committee*
The Master reported that the Colleges Committee had discussed the University's target for the increase in Graduate numbers, the successor to the Tomkys Scheme, and whether or not to support the University's signing up to TEF 2. The Senior Tutor reported that the Senior Tutors' Committee was already discussing the latter.

