



MINUTES
of a meeting of the Governing Body in the New SCR
at 8.30pm on Tuesday 15 November 2016

There were present: The Master, Dr Antler, Dr Bates, Dr Benson, Dr Briggs, Dr Bulag, Professor Butterfield, Dr Button, Professor Cant, Dr Charnock, Professor Chu, Professor Clegg, Dr P. Connell, Dr S. Connell, Mr Downer, Dr Eves, Dr Faul, Dr Howard, Dr Jarvis, Dr Keeler, Dr Kolios, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Professor McFarland, Dr Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Sullivan, Dr Sage, Dr Sampson, Dr Sewell, the Revd Canon Shilson-Thomas, Dr da Silva, Dr Smith, Dr Thompson, Dr Upton, Dr Viejo Rose, Dr Webb, Dr Willis, Dr Wilcox, Dr Woodford and Dr Ye. The MCR President was present for the Unreserved Business, for which the MCR Treasurer was in attendance.

There were absent on leave: Dr Cameron, Dr Hameed and Dr Meer.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

gb2016.37 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.

gb2016.38 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Professor Baert, Dr Beauregard, Dr Bolton, Professor Dennis, Dr Grabenhorst, Dr Halina, Mr Kitov, Dr Nikiforakis, Dr O'Donnell, Dr Rana, Dr Velu, the JCR President and the JCR Treasurer.

gb2016.39 Minutes of the Unreserved Governing Body Meeting held on 14 June 2016
The Minutes were agreed and signed.

gb2016.40 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

gb2016.41 College Holiday Dates

Governing Body noted the dates for College closures in 2017 (**GB2016/12**).

gb2016.42 Development Matters

The Development Director reported that there had been four alumni reunions and a successful alumni day in September, and thanked the fellows involved. Dr Smith had lectured to the alumni in the United States in July, and Development Director and the Senior Tutor had recently visited Mumbai, resulting in funding for two undergraduate bursaries. Two further bursaries had been endowed in Italian and

Chemistry, and the College had received the sum of £0.5m to endow mental health initiatives. Legacy pledges stood at ca. £4m.

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Education Committee

Governing Body noted the minutes from a meeting of the Education Committee held on 31 October 2016 (**GB2016/13**). The Senior Tutor paid tribute to the new Admissions Tutors. He also reminded Fellows of the need to apply for Short-Term Leave if they intended to be absent from Cambridge during Full Term.

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Clubs and Societies Accounts

i. Central Finance Committee

Governing Body approved the Bursar's memorandum dated 20 October 2016 (**GB2016/14**).

ii. MCR Accounts 2015–16

Governing Body approved the MCR Accounts for the Academic year 2015–16 (**GB2016/15**).

iii. JCR Accounts 2015–16

Governing Body approved the JCR Accounts for the Academic year 2015–16 (**GB2016/16**).

iv. Societies and Sports Clubs Accounts 2015–16

Governing Body received and noted the accounts of other Societies and Sports Clubs (**GB2016/17**):

Selwyn College Boat Club
Selwyn College Engineering Society
Selwyn College Football Club
Selwyn College Gender and Feminism Club
Selwyn College Linguists' Society
Selwyn College Medical and Veterinary Society
Selwyn College Mighty Players
Selwyn College Music Society
Selwyn College Natural Scientists
Selwyn College Squash Club

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Snowball 2015 Accounts

Governing Body received and noted the Snowball 2015 Accounts (**GB2016/18**).

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Permanent Henley Fund

Governing Body received and noted the Report and Accounts of the Permanent Henley Fund (**GB2016/19**).

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Investment Committee

Governing Body received and approved the Investment Committee's Annual Report (**GB2016/20**). The Bursar noted that the portfolio had performed well in what he described as an 'exciting' year.



gb2016.48 *Report on Non-Financial Matters*
The Bursar presented the Report on Non-Financial Matters for the Academical year 2015–16 (**GB2016/21**), noting that the accident record had improved, but that the number of fire-alarm-related evacuations had increased. Governing Body approved the report.

gb2016.49 *Ann's Court Phase III*
The Bursar introduced **GB2016/22**, rehearsing the reasons for the development of Phase III. He reported that the estimated cost was £12m, of which approximately half had already been raised. The Development Director reported that an appeal would be needed to raise the remaining sum, with the intention that a further £3m should be raised in its 'quiet phase'. The Bursar acknowledged that there were some outstanding issues with the plans, including the management of latecomers to events in the auditorium. Dr O'Sullivan asked what were the implications of applying anew for planning consent; the Bursar replied that the College would now be subject to the requirement to spend 1% of the building cost on public art, that the temporary car park would be at risk, and that the new consent would cover Phase III only.

Governing Body agreed that the project should go ahead, and approved the spending of up to £350k to bring the project to the planning consent stage. Further iterations of the design work will be brought to Governing Body in due course. Governing Body agreed that the project should remain in the hands of Porphyrios Associates. Governing Body agreed that the basement of Phase III should not house the Archive, and agreed to revisit the question of the long-term housing of the Archive in the future.

gb2016.50 *Accounts for the Year Ending 30 June 2016*
The Bursar presented the College Annual Accounts for adoption (**GB2016/23A–D**). He reminded the Governing Body of their duties as trustees, and the role of the auditors. On the Key Issues Memorandum (document B) he noted that the auditors had raised no issues. 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). He concluded that good progress had been made, and while the College remained vulnerable to external factors, he believed that the Ann's Court Phase III project was affordable.

Governing Body approved the payment of the staff bonus, and approved and adopted the accounts.



gb2016.51 Any Other Unreserved Business

i. 'Prevent'

The Senior Tutor reported that the College's submission to HEFCE had been found to be in order, and that Selwyn was one of three colleges found to be compliant without qualification. A report to HEFCE was to be submitted by 1 April 2017.

