



MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council will be held in the Harrison Room
at 1.10 pm on Tuesday 14 October 2025*

There were present the Master, Dr Beauregard, Mr Kitov, Dr McDougall, Professor Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Professor O'Sullivan, Ms Phillips, Dr Reinbold, Dr Sewell and Professor Tasker; the JCR President, Ms Jacques, and Treasurer, Ms Fink; and the MCR Treasurer, Ms Dziekan. Dr Howard was in attendance as Secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- cc2025.202* *Starred items*
Item *cc2025.222* was unstarred; otherwise, it was confirmed that the starred items should not be discussed.
- cc2025.203* *Statement of conflicts of interest*
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- cc2025.204* *Apologies for absence*
Apologies for absence were received from Dr O'Donnell, and from the MCR President, Mr Pendleton; Dr McDougall left the meeting at 1.50.

Mrs Raine greeted Council on the occasion of her first meeting in the Chair as Master.
- cc2025.205* *Minutes of the Unreserved meeting of Council held on 23 September 2025*
The Minutes were received and signed, subject to the incorporation of revised figures from Dr Beauregard under *cc2025.177* (in the final sentence of which the two figures given now read 3.6 and 2.6 A*s respectively).
- cc2025.206* *Matters arising*
The Vice-Master reported that since Council's resolution regarding the Tower Roof (*cc2025.179*, **CP2025/085**) the need for action had been reinforced by a partial collapse of the ceiling in her office.
- cc2025.207* *Non-financial update*
The Bursar introduced her written report (**CP2025/102**), covering matters including the College estate, staffing, health & safety and fire safety, and data compliance. The latter was a particular concern for small organisations

such as Selwyn; the Bursar was confident that the underlying principles were well understood and upheld, even where the creation and maintenance of suitable systems and infrastructure presented challenges in a fast-moving technological environment. Council noted that the process of consultation over strategic estate planning mentioned under 'Estates' had begun at Governing Body on 24 June, and would be taken forward through a process involving small focus groups and external advice as well as further reports to Governing Body and Council. The precise shape of this consultation and its timetable were still emerging, and would be developed under the oversight of the Operations Committee. More immediately, the recruitment process for a new Head Porter had begun, with an advertisement issued and interviews planned for mid-November.

cc2025.208 College Statutes

The Bursar reported that the Privy Council would not now meet until after the present meeting; it was expected that the proposed revisions to College Statutes would be approved without issue.

[Post-meeting note: the Deputy Clerk of the Privy Council notified College on 17 October that the amendments to Statutes were officially accepted at a meeting on 15 October. All academic staff to be notified when the revised Statutes go public online, and Governing Body informed at the next opportunity on 4 November.]

cc2025.209 Risk Register

The Bursar introduced the termly review of headline risks (**CP2025/103**). As noted under *cc2025.207* above, the main items of interest related to long-term estates policy, sustainability and IT and data security. Dr Reinbold agreed to join a working group to conduct the comprehensive annual review of the Risk Register alongside the Master, Vice-Master and Bursar. Council acknowledged the need to remain responsive to short-term and fast-moving changes, even where experience suggested that many risk factors evolved more slowly.

cc2025.210 Refurbishment of 21 & 23 West Road

The Bursar introduced **CP2025/104**, which detailed the latest progress made by the working group tasked with overseeing the refurbishment project. The current plans, including the most recent drawings of the visual aspect of the new entrance building, were included for information and to facilitate consultation with members of the working group by other interested parties. Council would be asked to approve the progression to an official planning application at the next meeting. Early indications from the pre-planning process were that the relevant officials were receptive to the overall aims of the project; some of the more detailed aspects had attracted comments, which the architects would take into account as the plans developed.



- cc2025.211 *Bank mandate*
Council approved the amendments to the bank mandate (CP2025/105).
- cc2025.212 *FPR dates*
The revised dates for the Fixed Period of Residence in the coming years (CP2025/106) were received and noted.
- cc2025.213 *College holidays*
The dates of College holidays for 2026 (CP2025/107) were received and noted.
- cc2025.214 *JCR, MCR and Sports and Societies allocations 2025–26*
The allocations detailed in CP2025/108 were approved.
- cc2025.215 *Snowball update*
Council received a note from the organisers of the Snowball (CP2025/109) detailing progress since their last report (cc2025.153, CP2025/075). The presence of festoon-style lighting around the edge of Old Court lawn was welcomed and regarded as fundamental to the safe and efficient management of crowds, as well as being desirable from an aesthetic perspective; it was noted that Dr Beauregard was expecting further consultation from the Committee in relation to the use of the gardens. Council noted the importance of convening the usual detailed planning meeting in the coming weeks, with the involvement of the Deans and all relevant members of College Staff; the ultimate go-ahead for the ball would be given by the Deans, contingent on the success of this meeting. Barring unforeseen issues or referral by the Deans or other College officers or staff, Council would not itself require further consultation.
- cc2025.216 *Any other unreserved business*
Mr Nicholson requested that news of College sporting activities and other pursuits be shared promptly with the Development Office and Head of Communications; such news was welcomed by the alumni community as well as being useful in maintaining links with potential donors.

