



## MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council held in the Harrison Room  
at 1.10 pm on Tuesday 2 December 2025*

There were present the Master, Dr Beauregard, Dr McDougall, Professor Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Donnell, Professor O'Sullivan, Ms Phillips, Dr Reinbold, Dr Sewell; the JCR President, Ms Jacques; the MCR President, Mr Pendleton, and Treasurer, Ms Dziekan. Also in attendance were the JCR Vice-President, Mr Benjamin Skidmore, and President-Elect, Ms Lila Mintowt-Czyz; and Dr Howard as Secretary.

### UNRESERVED BUSINESS

*cc2025.261 Starred items*

It was confirmed that starred items should not be discussed.

*cc2025.262 Statement of conflicts of interest*

There were no conflicts of interest arising from the unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.

*cc2025.263 Apologies for absence*

Apologies were received from Mr Kitov and Professor Tasker, and from the JCR Treasurer, Ms Fink.

*cc2025.264 Minutes of the unreserved Council meeting held on 11 November 2025*

The minutes were accepted and signed.

*cc2025.265 Matters arising*

There were no unreserved matters arising.

*cc2025.266 Prevent*

The Senior Tutor reported on the annual Prevent return to the Office for Students, noting that the relevant policies had been minimally revised, and the numbers of matters reported to the OfS in the required categories were at or near zero in all cases. The Terms of Reference of the Prevent and Freedom of Speech Committee had been revised to bring them more into line with the equivalent University document. Council approved the revised policies listed under *cc.2025.273* below, and agreed that the Master could sign off the College's return to the OfS for the period to 31 July 2025.

- cc2025.267 *50 years of Women at Selwyn*  
The Vice-Master provided a verbal update on the plans for celebration of the 50th anniversary of the admission of women as undergraduates at Selwyn, which coincided with the installation of the first female Fellow in 1976. Festivities would take place throughout the academical year 2026–27, following a launch event during the annual Alumni weekend in September 2026. Initial pre-planning had begun under the guidance of the Vice-Master, and a more formal working group with staff and student representation would be established from next term; the Master would take over leadership of the plans in due course as the Vice-Master would no longer be in post after 30 September 2026, and planned to be on research leave for much of the following year. A competition was about to be launched to seek a logo for the celebrations, with entries to be invited from students and College staff. The Head of Communications would be consulted as to the technical specifications to permit broad usage of the logo across printed and electronic media.
- cc2025.268 *Operations Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on 6 November 2025 were received and noted, as were the revised Terms of Reference (CP2025/133).
- cc2025.269 *Library and Archives Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the Library and Archives Committee held on 12 November 2025 were received and noted (CP2025/134).
- cc2025.270 *Access Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the Access Committee held on 13 November 2025 were received and noted, as were the revised Terms of Reference (CP2025/135).
- cc2025.271 *IT and Data Committee*  
The minutes of the meeting of the IT and Data Committee held on 14 November 2025 were received and noted, as were the revised Terms of Reference (CP2025/136).  
The Bursar reported that the ongoing changes to telephony provision were currently paused subject to provision of a satisfactory system for internal call transfers. This pause would also enable monitoring of developments elsewhere in the University. A more detailed update would be brought to a future Council meeting. Council also briefly discussed the ‘penetration testing’ of College’s IT systems provided by the UIS through a JISC-supplied service; the outcome would be reported through IT and Data Committee in due course.



cc2025.272

*Paintings Committee*

The minutes of the meeting of the Paintings Committee held on 18 November 2025 were received and noted, as were the revised Terms of Reference (**CP2025/137**).

Council approved the plans for a short exhibition of the artwork of Dr Tony Hillier (Fellow 1971–98) in the Old SCR during the week commencing 19 January 2025. Dr Hillier’s widow would be invited to lunch with the Committee to mark the exhibition. The idea to display the painting of Millicent Fawcett by Gillian Wearing in the anteroom to the Fellows’ Parlour was noted with approval, as was the suggestion that it be featured more prominently in the plans to mark the 50th anniversary of the admission of women as students.

cc2025.273

*Prevent and Freedom of Speech Committee*

The minutes of the meeting of the Prevent and Freedom of Speech Committee held on 20 November 2025 were received and approved, as were the revised Terms of Reference (**CP2025/138**). As noted at cc2025.266 above, Council approved the following revised documents:

- Chapel Management Policy (**CP2025/139**);
- Faith Groups Policy (**CP2025/140**);
- Events and Speakers Policy (**CP2025/141**);
- Prevent Risk Assessment (**CP2025/142**);
- Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech (**CP2025/143**).

cc2025.274

*Gardens Committee*

The minutes of the meeting of the Gardens Committee held on 21 November 2025 were received and noted, as were the revised Terms of Reference (**CP2025/144**). The Gardens Committee would be kept informed by the Bursar as to the evolving plans for the Ann’s Court North project.

cc2025.275

*Any other unreserved business*

The Master thanked the outgoing Junior Members (the JCR representatives, Ms Jacques and Ms Fink; and the MCR Treasurer, Ms Dziekan) for their service on Council during their periods in office.

