



MINUTES

*of a meeting of the College Council held in the Harrison Room at 1:10 pm
on Tuesday 25 February 2025*

There were present the Master, Dr Beauregard, Mr Kitov, Dr McDougall, Revd Dr Milbank Robinson, Professor Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Dr O'Donnell, Professor O'Sullivan, Ms Phil-lips, Dr Sewell and Professor Tasker; the JCR President, Ms Jacques; the MCR President, Mr Pendleton; and the MCR Treasurer, Ms Dziekan. Dr Howard was in attendance as Secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

cc2025.23 Starred Items

It was confirmed that the starred items should not be discussed.

cc2025.24 Statement of Conflicts of Interest

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

cc2025.25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from the JCR Treasurer, Ms Fink.

cc2025.26 Minutes of the Unreserved Council Meeting held on 28 January 2025

The Minutes were received and signed.

cc2025.27 Matters Arising

i. The College Visitor (cc.2025.7)

The Vice-Master reported progress regarding the office of Visitor during the vacancy of the archbishopric of Canterbury. The appointment of the new Master-elect had been certified in a letter to the acting Archbishop under the College seal. Conversations with Revd Margaret Cave, epis-copal secretary to the archbishops of Canterbury and York, had estab-lished that the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, was willing in principle to deputise as Visitor. Conver-sations were ongoing in relation to the installation of the new Master, pending written confirmation; College stood ready to nominate an alternative deputy should that become necessary. Council empowered the Vice-Master and Dean of Chapel to continue the dialogue in the College's interests.

ii. Statute Reform (cc2025.8)

The Bursar reported on the process for incorporation of the reforms to Statutes agreed by Governing Body on 18 February 2025 (*gb2025.9; cf cc2025.8*). The revisions would now be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor's office and additionally are required to be posted on the College website. The V-C's office would publish notice of the changes in the Reporter, and they would be also be subject to review by the University Commissioners. The final step would be to

seek the approval of the Privy Council. Council mandated the Bursar to begin this process.

cc2025.28 *Six-Month Accounts*
The Bursar introduced **CP2025/010**, briefly summarizing her associated remarks to Governing Body on 18 February 2025 (*gb2025.8*). Council approved the Accounts, and will continue to receive updates at future meetings; the Nine-Month Accounts and an updated forecast will be brought forward in May. The Bursar further noted that the present accounts were the last to be prepared by Mrs Sally Clayson prior to her retirement, thanking Mrs Clayson for her service.

cc2025.29 *Admissions Governance Reform*
The Senior Tutor reported that he had recently voted against the adoption of the reforms in their most recent incarnation at Senior Tutors' Committee. Despite Selwyn being in a minority of two (though two more colleges expressed reservations), the ensuing discussions had revealed a consensus among several colleges sharing Selwyn's concerns. Sub-sequent revision of the proposals had significantly clarified matters including retention of College autonomy over interview format, de-selection criteria and course offerings, and committee structure and voting procedure, such that (subject to further redrafting for greater consistency) Selwyn was likely to be able to support the revised proposals. Council welcomed this outcome and thanked the Senior Tutor for pursuing it so capably. In a brief discussion of entrance criteria it was noted that while College autonomy remained preferable, this may exceptionally be subject in future to the requirements of external regulatory bodies (such as in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Engineering).

cc2025.30 *Timetable of Meetings*
The Bursar introduced **CP2025/011**, and Council approved the second proposed option, to restore the pattern of meetings in Lent term such that Governing Body followed the second meeting of Council a week later, rather than preceding it by a week. The Bursar further proposed to move both meetings later by one week (Council to 17 February 2026, and Governing Body to 3 March) in line with longer-term norms. Council approved this further change; the revised document would be circulated to Governing Body Fellows for information.

cc2025.31 *Sustainability Working Group*
The minutes of the meeting of the Sustainability Working Group held on 22 January 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/012**).

cc2025.32 *Investment Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Investment Committee held on 29 January 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/013**).

cc2025.33 *Operations Committee*
The minutes of the meeting of the Operations Committee held on 7 February 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/014**). In addition, the Bursar notified Council of her intention to seek formal approval for the project to refurbish the hostels at 21 and 23 West Road at the meeting of Council on 17 June, in line with her obligation under Statute 7(4) and Regulation 8(4b) concerning projects involving capital expenditure exceeding £0.5m. Council also briefly discussed the matter of the

Library building lantern light controls, noting that it was essential that the software controls were made operable from within College.

cc2025.34 Steward's Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Steward's Committee held on 11 February 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/015**), and the appended Food Safety Policy was approved.

cc2025.35 Library and Archives Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Library and Archives Committee held on 12 February 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/016**).

cc2025.36 Alumni and Development Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Alumni and Development Committee held on 14 February 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/017**).

cc2025.37 Access Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Access Committee held on 19 February 2025 were received and noted (**CP2025/018**).

cc2025.38 Any Other Unreserved Business

There was no other unreserved business.