

MINUTES

of the meeting of College Council in the Harrison Room at 1:10pm on Tuesday 25 January 2022

There were present the Master, the Vice Master, the Bursar, the Senior Tutor, Dr Beauregard, Professor Cant, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Mr Nicholson, Canon Shilson-Thomas; the JCR President, Ms Bella Cross; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Matthew Hambling; and the MCR President, Ms Elsa Kobeissi. The MCR Treasurer, Mr Stanislaw Banach, was also in attendance. Dr Woodford was in attendance as secretary.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

cc2022.1	Statement of Conflicts of Interest There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
cc2022.2	Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from Professor Ellis.
cc2022.3	Minutes of the Unreserved Council meetings held on 30 November 2021 and 9 December 2021 The minutes of the Unreserved Council meetings held on 30 November 2021 and 9 December 2021 were agreed and signed.
cc2022.4	<i>Matters arising</i> There were no matters arising.
cc2022.5	<i>Covid Update</i> The Bursar reported that since Saturday 22 January 2022, 17 cases of Covid had been reported among junior members. 19 students were currently in isolation, however high levels of vaccination have minimised the numbers required to self-isolate. The cases have been reported to the University's Covid Incident Management Team. There has been good participation in the asymptomatic testing; the programme is in its final week before being replaced by lateral flow testing. No new measures have been proposed in response to the recent cases; while the national Plan B measures are discontinued after 26 January 2022, the College proposes to continue with the measures currently in place. Events with over 50

participants will be separately risk assessed and masks will continue to be required in communal areas such as the Porters' Lodge and the servery. Formal hall will recommence in the week of 31 January 2022. The Senior Tutor emphasised the importance of encouraging junior members to complete or update the vaccination survey. Lateral flow tests will be provided for use in Higher Education Institutions by central government.

cc2022.6 Accommodation Committee

The minutes of a meeting of the Accommodation Committee held on 19 January 2022 were received and noted (**CP2022/001a**). The Bursar reported on the recommendation of the Accommodation Committee to increase rents for 2022-23 by CPI for 2021, minus 1.25%, capped at a maximum of 4%. CPI for the calendar year 2021 stood at 5.4%, and the increase to rents for 2022-23 will therefore be 1.4% below inflation (**CP2022/001b**). The Bursar noted the high levels of inflation in areas which directly drive up the College's costs, including energy prices, building materials and the forthcoming national insurance increases. Council approved the rent increase of 4%.

cc2022.7 Livestreaming and Recording Policy The Bursar reported that audiences in the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium and congregations in Chapel should expect events to be livestreamed and recorded, and the College's website and email or paper invitations to events should make this clear. Council agreed the policy for livestreaming and recording events (**CP2022/002**).

- cc2022.8Hostels Working GroupThe minutes of the Hostels Working Group held on 8 December 2021 werereceived and noted (CP2022/003). The Bursar updated Council onprogress since the meeting. Problems with insulation have been resolvedand three separate ground source heat pumps will service the threehostels, in place of the planned single pump. The contractors are six weeksbehind schedule with completion anticipated for the first week ofSeptember. The refurbishment of 23 West Road will be delayed for a yearto minimise the impact on room availability should the hostels projectoverrun, and plans are progressing to secure 16 rooms in Wolfson Courtfrom St John's College for a further year as a further contingency againstthe hostels not being available for student use in September.
- *cc2022.9 Memorial Service* A memorial service for the Right Reverend Bob Hardy, former Fellow and Chaplain, will be held in the Chapel on Saturday 12 March 2022 at 2.30 pm, followed by refreshments.
- cc2022.10 Any Other Unreserved Business There was no other unreserved business.

