



MINUTES

*of a meeting of the Governing Body in the Harrison Room
at 1.10 pm on Tuesday 5 March 2024*

There were present the Master, Dr Al Azmeh, Dr Armitage, Dr Beauregard, Dr Bitney, Dr Briggs, Dr Button, Professor Chu, Professor Connell, Professor Ellis, Dr Eves, Dr Gardner, Dr Hartwell, Dr Haustein, Dr Hopkins, Dr Howard, Professor Keeler, Mr Kitov, Ms MacDonald, Mr Matheson, Dr Milbank Robinson, Professor Moultrie, Mr Nicholson, Professor Nikiforakis, Professor O'Sullivan, Ms Phillips, Professor Sage, Dr Sewell, Dr T. Smith, Professor Tker, Dr Venkateshvaran, Dr Vargas Weil, Dr Viejo Rose, Professor Webb, Dr Wilcox, Dr Woodford, Dr Zhang; the JCR President, Ms Zogi Shala; the JCR Treasurer, Mr Chakravarty; the MCR President, Ms Fox-Wiltshire and the MCR Treasurer, Mr Corcoran. There were absent on sabbatical leave Dr Cameron, Professor Larcom, Dr Reinbold, Professor Velu and Dr V. Young.

UNRESERVED BUSINESS

- gb2024.1 Starred Items*
Governing Body confirmed that starred items should not be discussed.
- gb2024.2 Statement of Conflicts of Interest*
There were no conflicts of interest arising from the Unreserved Agenda concerning any of those persons present.
- gb2024.3 Apologies for Absence*
Apologies were received from Professor Baert, Dr Balakrishnan, Professor Butterfield, Professor Cant, Professor Felli, Dr Filimonova, Mrs Fraser Butlin, Dr Halina, Dr Impett, Dr Kim, Professor Larcom, Dr de Lera Acedo, Dr McDougall, Dr Nowak, Dr O'Donnell, Dr da Silva, Dr D. Smith, Dr Soderman, Professor Stewart, Professor Summers and Dr Thompson.
- gb2024.4 Minutes of the Unreserved Governing Body Meeting held on 14 November 2023*
The minutes were received and signed.
- gb2024.5 Matters Arising*
There were no matters arising.
- gb2024.6 Annual Review of the Risk Register*
The Bursar reported on the annual review of the full College Risk Register, completed by a review group consisting of the Master, the Bursar, the Vice-Master and Mr Matheson (GB2024/001). There was only one red risk, of increased and unsustainable budget deficits (C1). While the risk of weak investment market

performance (C5) continued, and was been upgraded to amber, it was noted that the changed investment arrangements mitigate the risk.

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Six Month Accounts

The Bursar reported on the accounts for the six months ending 31 December 2023 (**GB2024/002**). At the six-month point, performance was slightly ahead of the budget in terms of cash generation, with conference income better than forecast, and two large legacies on the horizon. The capital expenditure has been kept to the budget thanks to effective cost controls.

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Senior Tutor's Report

The Senior Tutor introduced **GB2024/003**. He reported that the College's academic performance in 2022-23 was strong, with the College ranking 12th of 29 Colleges for Firsts, 9th for Good Honours. Selwyn's results revealed that, unusually for the Colleges and contrary to University-wide averages there was no attainment gap between female and male candidates or by ethnicity. Indeed, by average marks, female and ethnic minority candidates performed on average marginally better than the College average, according to the data provided by the University.

In the recent admissions round, Selwyn received 860 applications, a historic high. Planning for a bridging course is ongoing, to take place in September 2024 for students with confirmed offers. It is targeted at those who might benefit from academic support to help them settle quickly into their studies in their transition to Cambridge. The Senior Tutor led a discussion of the upcoming review of teaching, revealing differences between subjects in the amount of work submitted for supervisions and the size of the group, and it was noted that Colleges are a helpful place for such comparisons between subject groups to be facilitated and information on student workload to be shared.

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Development Matters

The Development Director reported that alumni enjoy joining events streamed from the Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium and there have been over one million views collectively of the talks on offer. He noted that Fellows and guests are welcome at all events. He drew attention to the success of the Telephone Campaign in December which had made more than 600 calls and raised around £150,000 including around £60,000 for the Harrison Fund to support teaching in the sciences. The event at the Drapers Hall had been attended by 200 alumni and raised £250,000. The Harrison Fund will be a permanent fund. Lord Rami Ranger has donated £100,000 for Indenture Studies.

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Social Media Policy

The Bursar reported that the College is required by the Charities Commission to have a social media policy (**GB2024/004**). The policy will form part of the staff handbook, and Fellows should also be mindful of it in their use of Social Media.

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Timetable of Meetings 2024-25

The timetable of meetings for 2024-25 approved by College Council was noted (**GB2024/005**).

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Any Other Unreserved Business

There was no other unreserved business.